



SPEAKERS & LEADERS GUIDE



2020 STUDY TOUR: Challenge The Way You Think



Canada Study Tour Guide to Speakers



Alina Deja (Polish Academy of Canada)

She is a passionate Canadianist, energetic English Coach Confidence, Positivity Purveyor, and Passionate Home Cook. I have Silesian-Polish roots, fell in love with Canada, and currently I live in Berlin with my husband where I enjoy the German cultural diversity and share the Canadian values. Her mission is to inspire and empower today's young Europeans to leave a positive impact on our world through their involvement in leadership exchanges. She also dedicates herself to strengthening EU-Canada bilateral relations, by developing multilateral applied educational projects in areas of common interest for both Europe and Canada.



Ian Tyson – Youth Speaker, Co-Organizer of PAC Tour 2018 and PAC advisor, Director of Corporate and Community YLCC

Since his very first show in 1989, Ian Tyson has strived to entertain and inspire people across North America with his unique brand of “Comedy with a Message”. Ian’s passion is always on full display during his presentations, with high energy, humor and heart-warming relatable stories of overcoming obstacles and making a difference in the lives of others. An author, award-winning stand-up comic, master story-teller and insightful entertainer, Ian has performed for millions of people at the middle school, high school,

college/university level and corporate clients in his career across the continent and around the world. His keynotes have been creating positive change for hundreds of thousands of people every year.

A 2009 winner of the “Leader of Distinction” Award, Ian served for 4 years on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Student Leadership Association and was a co-founder of Youth Leadership Camps Canada.

Ian’s book, “Hooray for Everything! The Optimist Manifesto” is a collection of motivational stories, tips, and rants and has been well received across the continent.

Website Links:

<http://youthspeakers.ca/ian-tyson/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=ltVnJ8czSMY

<http://www.iantyson.ca/hooray-for-everything>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13gnjdmwBxY&t=171s>





Stu Saunders - Youth Speaker, Founder and Co-Executive Director of YLLC in Canada

Since 1991 Stu has been traveling North America delivering inspirational and hilarious speeches to over 2 million people in every province, the Yukon, across Europe and over 40 American states. In 2005, Stu was awarded the Canadian Leader of Distinction award recognizing him for his contributions to youth leadership in Canada. In 1999 he was tagged as one of North America's funniest young comedians. Stu also has been named one of the top 30 leadership trainers and facilitators in the world, a list that includes Stephen Covey, Robin Sharma and Tony Robbins. Stu Saunders is the founder and owner of Youth Leadership Camps Canada (YLCC), a summer camp and 2 full service leadership training centers. Stu runs the largest multi day leadership conference

in Canada, the Ontario Student Leadership Conference (OSLC). In 2006 Stu partnered with Robin Sharma who is the founder of one of the worlds most recognized leadership development firms; Sharma Leadership International. Stu has been known for his ability to inspire and connect with the youth and he strives to provoke positive change. He exudes courage and strength with his persona and somehow targets the true inner self within all those that he interacts with.

That's right, not yesterday or some future day, but TODAY!

Too often people of ALL ages wait for something to happen before they decide to make a change or a choice. Stu's keynote program challenges us with powerful examples of people who seize today. His true-life stories are hilarious, thoughtful and full of adventure. Stu encourages his audiences to stop worrying about what they look like amongst their friends and co-workers. He encourages them to start living each day, each hour, each minute, and each second to the fullest!

Website Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHrTZmFgUyQ>

<http://youthspeakers.ca/stu-saunders/>



Dan and Mary Lou Smoke - Adjunct Professors at Western University & Speakers & Award Winners

Smoke Signals and are available at the Aboriginal Resource Centre to provide personal consultation, conversation, guidance and mentorship to First Nations, Métis & Inuit students and the campus community.

Mary Lou is very knowledgeable about the arts and traditional indigenous knowledge systems. She has been singing traditionally in many sacred ceremonies and lodges throughout North America. Dan has been working with traditional knowledge carriers from many Nations which include: Cayuga, Seneca, Oneida, Mohawk, Tuscarora, and Onondaga Nations of the Haudenosaunee. He has also been working with the Ojibway Medicine Man Isaac Day to learn the pipe and the fasting



ceremonies. In recognizing as much, the City of London, Ontario named Dan and Mary Lou Smoke to the 2001 Mayor's New Year's Honors List in the "Humanitarian" category. Since 1991 Dan and Mary Lou Smoke have been the hosts of the First Nations radio program "Smoke Signals" (CHRW 94.9 FM Radio Western, University of Western Ontario), a radio newsmagazine program that bridges the gap of understanding between Native and non-Native world views. They are also commentators on the local London TV station, CTV which is owned by the CTV Bell Globe Media Family. Mary Lou, a member of the Ojibway Nation, is a gifted writer, singer, guitarist and traditional drummer who willingly volunteers and shares her talents with the community at large. Mary Lou has performed internationally (Germany, Holland), nationally (1976 Olympics) and locally (Grand Theatre, London and Ontario Place, Toronto). She also performs at traditional pow wows and Aboriginal Music Festivals.

Website Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubyozti2TCA>



Ericsson Sing (Student at University of Toronto)

Ericsson is a 2nd year student at the University of Toronto double majoring in International Relations and European Studies with a minor in Slavic Languages & Literature: Polish. After graduating secondary school, he pursued a gap-year in Poland working as an English teacher and in other capacities. A student leader, he volunteered in leadership positions at his high school and is currently the Vice-President of the Polish Students' Association, Secretary of the European Studies Students Association and Vice-President of Communications at the University of Toronto chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. He hopes to pursue a career in the private sector and to open a business in Poland.



Bob Kline, Leadership Teacher, Speaker, PAC Advisor

He discovered his passion for leadership when he co-founded his school's grade nine orientation and mentorship program; a co-worker asked for help at a staff meeting and he stepped forward. Bob never imagined that he would stumble upon his kindred spirits in the Student Activities world; it just takes a moment for something wonderful to unfold. He now teaches a dynamite Leadership program involving over 150 students at Huron Heights Secondary School in Kitchener, Ontario. Bob's students, the Huskies, were recognized three years in a row at the Ontario Student Leadership Conference for having the 'Most School Spirit.' Bob has spoken about what he calls



'the human curriculum' at school assemblies, professional development sessions, graduation ceremonies, a Gay-Straight Alliance conference, and most notably a powerful TED Talk called "Kids These Days." His mission is to spread the good word about today's positive school culture and to share what he has learned about developing young leaders.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=21&v=KoXdjyJyxbE

www.klinespeaks.ca

<http://www.klinespeaks.ca/thoughts>



Nick Foley, We Be Us Community

Nick Foley is the founder of Good Sport, the non-profit organization Move for Inclusion, and is a co-founder of WE BE US. All are initiatives that motivate and empower people of all ages to make a difference by propagating good through action. Nick has had the privilege of speaking all over North America to a variety of different audiences. He is also the author of two books: "Act Like You've Been There: Rules For My Brother," a guide to living with integrity and perpetuating good citizenship; and most recently the children's book "Kapernakus" (Ka- pern-a-kus) which focuses on self-esteem and inclusion.

