



## Motivational Madness E-Newsletter

### Fundamentals of a Sound Presentation



Georgia RVI Officers & Advisors

State officers representing VOCA and RVI came together recently to participate in Paul's two-day training entitled, **"Fundamentals of a Sound Presentation"** in order to sharpen their presentation and communication skills. The two leadership organizations from the State of Georgia strive to teach students leadership skills including: respect for others, the ability to work with others in a friendly and peaceful manner, strength of conviction, and open-mindedness. In addition to leadership skills, each of these organizations also concentrates on strengthening communication skills.

During the two-day event, Paul coached and encouraged a number of students in three key areas: how to create and complete an effective message, how to passionately deliver the message, and how to react and read the audience's response. Paul had the opportunity to work with each student one-on-one while other students critiqued each element of their presentation.

**"Fundamentals of a Sound Presentation"** is one element of the *Game Day Series*, which Paul is presenting to high schools and colleges across the United States. It was a thrill for Paul to have the opportunity to work with Marcia Strickland, VOCA/RVI State Coordinator and her young student leaders. Their talent, willingness to learn and enthusiasm for life is remarkable.

### Capstone Leadership Assembly For Students

The University of Alabama recently hosted the Capstone Leadership Assembly for students across the State of Alabama. **"It's Your Life - Dominate It"** and **"Are You Puzzled by the Puzzle of Life?"** were two of the programs presented by Paul to an audience of over 500.

Paul had the opportunity to emphasize important fundamentals that directly affect the lives of students through interaction with the attendees both in his breakout session and keynote presentation. CLASS recognizes high school students who have excelled in leadership activities at their respective schools. Working with the University of Alabama's administration and the parents and students in attendance was a pleasure. Upon completion of the conference, University of Alabama student Sheena Quizon stated, "I was contemplating whether or not to attend the leadership conference this past Saturday, but thanks to you I'm glad I did. Since I live on campus, it would have been easy for me to sleep late, however, if I had, I would have missed your message. Thank you for reminding me why I am a leader and helping me to realize that everything I do is my choice and that my decisions have a direct reflection on my name."



University of Alabama Leadership Team

#### Vital Information

##### Did You Know?

*Employers are less willing to hire people with criminal backgrounds:*

Finding a job is hard enough, let alone when you have been convicted of a crime. More than 40% of employers nationwide would not be willing to hire an applicant with a criminal record, according to a recent USA Today study.

*1 in 4 People Have in the USA have a Bachelor's Degree:*

High School - 80%  
 Bachelor's - 24%  
 Master's - 6%  
 Doctorate - 1%

##### Thoughts to Ponder

A leader's role is to raise people's aspirations for what they can become and to release their energies so they will try to get there.

*-David Gergen*

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.

*-Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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