



Motivational Madness E-Newsletter

Greek Orientation in Jayhawk Country

Over 700 new members of the **University of Kansas** Greek Community attended the *GO Program* recently where Paul delivered a power packed presentation on fraternity and sorority life.

During his fifty-minute presentation, Paul shared valuable information regarding accountability, an everlasting legacy and overcoming obstacles while reinforcing the benefits of joining a fraternity or sorority on the campus of **KU**. *"The influence you have on others is tremendous and serves as an incredible opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of so many,"* Paul said as he fired-up the group. *"You have been extended the opportunity to learn and practice good scholarship, effective leadership and meaningful service while developing everlasting bonds with others."*



The *GO Program* (Greek Orientation) allows new Greek members the chance to interact with one other and ask questions about what they can expect during their time as associates leading up to active membership. From Paul's keynote presentation to a number of breakout sessions throughout the day, the students' excitement was evident as they embark on a new adventure in "Jayhawk Country."

SAU Equals Excellence



Southern Arkansas University prides itself on academic excellence. That was obvious during the recent SAU Leadership Academy held for incoming freshman who gained entry to the University on scholarship.

Paul was provided the opportunity to return to **SAU** to work with the students in the areas of leadership and motivation. The message in his presentations encouraged students to not be passive, but proactive towards their journey to accomplishment. Audience members were called on throughout both days of the academy for their opinions and ideas. Paul was able to use their feedback to incorporate a number of role-play scenarios that made a connection with the student leaders.

*"It is always a thrill for me to have the chance to work with the students and staff at **Southern Arkansas University**,"* Paul said during his last presentation. *"When you see progress in people, excitement will surely follow; that is what I see here today."* This year's leadership academy demonstrated once again that year after year, **SAU** remains a leader in academic excellence.

Courage and Leadership at USF

The **University of South Florida** recently welcomed Paul as part of their Fall 2004 University Lecture Series. *"Are You Puzzled by the Puzzle of Life?"* was the presentation of choice as Paul kicked-off the Series at **USF**.

The crowd in attendance consisted of upper classman, non-traditional students, educators and those students just beginning their journey on the road towards excellence. *"I was thrilled with the turnout and the willingness of audience participation,"* Paul commented as he completed his message. *"The exchange of views and opinions during Q&A was fantastic."*

Paul's message focused on different elements that define the pieces of each of our puzzles. From "leading-by-example" to "living a courageous life," Paul encouraged his audience not to give up on their dreams and aspirations. It is so easy to allow life to beat us down, however, there is a choice each of us can make. Either we can continue to roll in the dirt, or get up and brush ourselves off. The choice is simply ours. Paul enjoyed his time on the campus of **USF** and is appreciative of the wonderful opportunity.



Vital Information

E-Letters from Paul

To ensure that you continue to receive your e-mails from Paul, please add vitale@aristotle.net to your address book or safe list. Thank you.

Making a Difference

A wise man was taking a sunrise walk along the beach. In the distance he caught sight of a young man who seemed to be dancing along the waves. As he got closer he saw that the young man was picking up starfish from the sand and tossing them gently back into the ocean.

"What are you doing?" the wise man asked.

"The sun is coming up and the tide is going out; if I don't throw them in they'll die."

"But young man, there are miles and miles of beach with starfish all along it--you can't possibly make a difference."

The young man bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it lovingly back into the ocean, past the breaking waves. *"It made a difference for that one,"* he replied.

That young man's actions represent something special in each of us. We are all gifted with the ability to make a difference. Each of us can shape our own future. Each of us has the power to help those around us reach their goals.

Vision

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world."

Joel Arthur Barker

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