

Paul did a *remarkable* job relating to our staff \ *dynamic* and delivered with such *zest* \ *thought-provoking, humorous*
It is amazing what an *impact* Paul can have in a young professional's life \ His *energy* and enthusiasm are contagious \ *enthusiasm,*

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Motivational Madness E-Newsletter

Grasping Greatness through FCCLA

Students from all around America were recently challenged by Paul to make the most of their leadership potential during the FCCLA National Cluster Meetings, held in three major cities that hosted the nationwide training conferences. Criss-crossing the United States over an eight-day period, Paul presented his signature message, "A Hero Within, Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders" to over 5,200 students during the Grasp Greatness Cluster Meetings held in Washington, DC, Salt Lake City, Utah and Louisville, Kentucky.



2009-2010 FCCLA National Officers & Paul

Attendees at the conferences participated in a weekend of sessions that challenged, informed, and motivated members and their advisers to continue being leaders through FCCLA. Driving home points such as increasing your leadership role, pinpointing new opportunities and recognizing individual and shared goals, Paul's message also addressed how to respect diversity and encourage individuals through positive actions.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. (FCCLA) is a nonprofit national Career and Technical Student Organization for young men and women in public and private schools through grade 12. Over 220,000 members in nearly 7,000 chapters are active in a network of 50 state associations, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FCCLA has involved more than 10 million youth since its founding in 1945. National Cluster Meetings provide an opportunity for students and advisers to come together to expand leadership skills, explore career pathways, and discover new ways to put FCCLA's national programs into action.



FCCLA National Cluster Meeting, Washington, DC

"It was a privilege to have the opportunity to speak to the student leaders of FCCLA," stated Paul. "As they chart their future course, they have the chance day in and day out to grasp greatness and make each moment of their lives count for something special. I hope to have the privilege of working with FCCLA again in the future."

Nonprofits First Rises to the Challenge

Prior to the new year, Paul had the pleasure of returning to West Palm Beach to work with Nonprofits First, an organization whose vision is a community in which all nonprofits meet their highest level of success. Presenting "Energize the Enthusiasm...That Exists Within" during the GoLead Leadership Colloquium, Paul

Vital Information

Did You Know?

The Association for Career and Technical Education was founded in 1926.

ACTE's core purpose is to provide leadership in developing an educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce.

ACTE's exclusive Achieve 100 Award recognizes schools and institutions that have 100% ACTE membership participation from each and every member of their career and technical staff.

ACTE's Institute for 21st Century Leadership is based around the concept of preparing students to be "work-life-college ready" and incorporates the philosophy of rigor, relevance and relationships.

Expand Your Vocabulary

Tautology
taw-tol-uh-jee

1. Needless repetition of an idea
2. An instance of such repetition

Vaticinate
vuh-tis-uh-neyt

1. To prophesy, foretell
2. To be a prophet

had the distinct pleasure of working with the dedicated nonprofit leaders of Palm Beach County.

Maximizing the impact of a nonprofit's reach, the Leadership Colloquia focuses on core competencies such as using strategic and critical thinking in decision-making; fostering team performance to maximize efficiency and productivity; applying creative thinking techniques to real world challenges and cultivating the next generation of leaders and policymakers.

In addition to Paul's role in the colloquium, he had the opportunity to work with the **Nonprofits First** 2010 class of Rising Leaders. A program for middle managers to move to the next level of personal and collective effectiveness as nonprofit leaders in Palm Beach County, Paul's presentation of "Inspired Teamwork and Leadership" provided a sound base for these individuals to excel in their roles as nonprofit visionaries.

Rising Leaders equips participants to build more strategic organizations, form strong partnerships, and influence policy in education, health and human services. Paul's message reinforced the core program that addresses challenges such as the need to understand and shape organizational culture and to motivate employees, the necessity to understand and manage politics and conflict between individuals and organizational units, and the need to understand and manage diversity.

"Each time I return to Palm Beach County, I am amazed at the level of dedication and vision these nonprofit leaders possess," Paul said upon his return. "It is an honor to be associated with a group of this caliber!"

Catching the Rhythm in Nashville

Thousands of like-minded educators, committed to providing the best education and career training to youth and adults, gathered at the Opryland Hotel for ACTE's Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo. It was Paul's privilege to present "Legendary Leadership in Action" to the educators who are passionate about career and technical education while recognizing its importance to our nation's future.



Association for Career & Technical Education

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. This outstanding annual Expo provides attendees the chance to discover new approaches to career and technical education, find solutions to their shared challenges, collaborate and share their best practices with colleagues, and leave with new ideas to take back to their schools. Educators were encouraged to "Catch the New Rhythm" while gaining valuable insights and proven strategies that improve programs, increase student achievement and help find funding solutions.

During Paul's session, he reinforced the idea that throughout generations there have been those called on to lead, courageous individuals who have taken great interest in the well-being of others. In "Legendary Leadership in Action," Paul demonstrated concepts crucial to becoming a legendary leader. Ideas that might seem basic at first glance such as expressing genuine interest in mankind, encouraging steady streams of dialogue and igniting the eagerness in others are vital for the continued success of any individual. Paul's thought-provoking and energetic presentation delivered on ACTE's promise to give attendees engaging and informative content that can be implemented immediately upon returning to their schools.

"My work with **ACTE** on a regional as well as national basis has been both rewarding and inspiring to me," said Paul after his session. "Having the opportunity to work with an organization whose core purpose is so crucial to our future is an honor."

Vital Information

Know Your Nation

Louisiana

Louisiana has the tallest state capitol building in the nation at 450 feet.

The Lake Pontchartrain Causeway is the longest over-water bridge in the world at 23.87 miles.

The first bottler of Coca-Cola, Joseph Biedenharn, lived in Monroe and was one of the founders of Delta Air Lines.

Louisiana's 6.5 million acres of wetlands are the greatest wetland area in America.

Tabasco, a Louisiana pepper sauce, holds the second oldest food trademark in the U.S. Patent Office.

The International Joke Telling Contest is held annually in Opelousas.

Quotes to Ponder

Pressure is something you feel only when you don't know what you're doing.

Chuck Noll

What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.

Pericles

Passion, resilience and the willingness to learn are common denominators that equal accomplishment.

Paul Vitale