

Jim Key, 2003 World Champion of Public Speaking

Bio

Jim Key comes from a background in computer technology, sports, music, leadership, and public speaking. After entering the world of Information Technologies in 1987, Jim developed an IT consulting practice, working with leaders and managers from national non-profit organizations, manufacturing companies, and service companies across the United States. Additionally, he has volunteered for many years in his community and church, working with children and teenagers in various capacities for 20+ years.

Jim's volunteerism and information technologies background converged in 1996, as he brought much needed automation to a national youth development program. His efforts led to an invited position of serving 6 years on the national steering committee for this youth program, and to a cutting edge computerized solution that is still in use today. Additionally, participation in the program more than quadrupled during those 6 years of Jim's influence and involvement.

Simply put, Jim is a difference maker. He believes in pursuing excellence unapologetically, and without reservation. This passion for excellence enabled and drove him to become an award-winning speaker. Reaching the finals of the World Championships of Public Speaking an unprecedented three consecutive times, Jim set an unparalleled mark for continued presentation excellence on his way to becoming the 2003 World Champion of Public Speaking. He currently serves as an adjunct professor of communications at West Coast Bible College and Seminary.

Though Jim speaks to a variety of audiences, he always speaks from his heart directly to the hearts of the audience members. His presentations include examples to which everyone can relate, as he blends everyday humor with messages of gravitas to produce programs that yield results. You can expect his uplifting message to inspire your people to higher levels of achievement in your organization.

On a personal note, Jim is a devoted husband and father. He has three children: Jay (31), Michael (27), and Veronica (20). He has been very active in coaching soccer, baseball, and basketball with kids in the YMCA sports program.

Keynote address: Hitting the Mark: The Quest for Excellence

Would you like to know how to be more successful in your personal pursuit of excellence? Having high and focused expectations, along with goal-oriented “stick-tuitiveness” are part of the answer. For more, join Jim Key, the 2003 World Champion of Public Speaking, as he shares the rewarding lessons about excellence he learned on his journey to the championship; lessons that apply to you. (Includes his Championship presentation, "Never Too Late".)

Educational Session: Maximum Value: Getting the Most from Your Toastmasters Membership

Why do some Toastmasters clubs struggle to maintain healthy membership roles and hold meetings that are both enjoyable and productive? Why do some members fail to see consistent progress in both their communications and leadership skills? Join Jim Key, the 2003 World Champion of Public Speaking, as he shares methods and materials which will help your club maintain a health and vitality, and help you move forward in your personal development and growth.