

CALIPH ASSAGAI

Youth Motivational Speaker



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ABOUT CALIPH



I'm a speaker dedicated to helping students understand the power of the choices and decisions they make every day. From Kindergarten to Seniors, I have a passion for helping students be their best selves and inspiring them to reach for their dreams.

As an attorney, I know what it takes to decide what you want and then get it. But as a kid, I didn't understand the power I had to direct my life. Education was my ticket to creating the life that I wanted. But that didn't come without its challenges.

I know what it's like to have difficult experiences in school and at home, and my goal is to help students navigate the difficulties of childhood and adolescence to grow into healthy adults.

Having experienced abuse in the home, bullying at school, and being exposed to drugs at an early age, it's a miracle that I've been able to achieve all that I have. Addiction was an everyday reality for me as my mother toiled with alcoholism & depression and my siblings with drug addiction.

I thought this meant that addiction and depression were my destiny. But what I realized is for years I blamed other people for my suffering--when the reality is that I had far more control over my situation than I was willing to admit. I **chose** how I saw myself, I **chose** how I treated others, and I **chose** how I treated myself.

After being exposed to drugs at a young age, I decided to continue to use to deal with my pain and to fit-in. As an adult, I hit rock bottom with addiction after starting my first business. In order to change my life and get sober, I changed my story and realized that these were my decisions and I had to own my journey, my recovery, and my happiness.

I know if I made different choices at a young age, my path would have been different. As a speaker, I help students understand the agency they have in creating their lives, I teach them how to tap their true potential, and through my experiences, I warn them of the dangers of substance abuse and not taking care of their mental health.

Finally, I help them understand the value of their educational experience and how it plays in to them creating the life they desire.

PRESENTATIONS

Caliph's varied experiences, struggles, & successes allow him to speak on a wide range of topics that directly touch on the lives of students in and out of the classroom. From drug prevention to leadership, Caliph shares experiences that will guide your students in the direction of their best lives!

#YouDecide

*Keynote Presentation Covering
Drug Prevention, Bullying, & Mental health.*



Caliph's life story is a harrowing tale of a young man gripped with drug culture and drug addiction at a very young age, who had to overcome addiction, bullying, depression & crippling anxiety to ultimately achieve his dream of becoming an attorney.

Interestingly, Caliph's story of addiction and mental health issues actually starts with the bully who most shaped his life--not a bully at school, but a bully in the home. Facing bullying in school and at home, and ultimately becoming an emotional bully, Caliph used drugs to cope with his pain.

In this presentation, Caliph shares his journey into addiction and recovery. Along the way, he recounts the characters in his life that shaped him and the lessons he learned. He talks about first using drugs to stop the abuse of his sister, and then using them to fit in and build community; and, finally using them to cope with the pain of losing his mother. He became FREE when he almost lost his life and realized that using drugs was his decision, not the result of his circumstances, or even that he was at one time forced by adults to consume drugs. **And if he could decide to use, he could decide to change.** He recounts the day he changed his life and decided to never use drugs again, and what was at stake if he did not do that. Finally, he shares his journey of healing and developing a **new mindset** that has allowed him to stay sober and succeed in business and in life.

Students will leave with an understanding of the power that they have to choose their own destiny, the consequences of choosing drugs, and the benefits of a drug-free life. Caliph will never tell your students not to use drugs. His message is simple: #YouDecide what kind of life you want to live. And by his example, he shows that a drug-free life is the best possible option.

This talk is most appropriate for Junior High and High School Students and can be delivered to younger students with omissions. This speech is also appropriate for education professionals, delivered from the perspective of what adults could have done to help him avoid his poor choices.

PRESENTATIONS

Choosing Character

Keynote Presentation Covering Bullying Prevention, Mental Health, & Character.

The choices we make today - even as elementary, middle and high school students - will be with us forever. Some of those critical choices are *what we choose to believe, how we choose to treat others, and, importantly, how we choose to treat ourselves.* We all want to be remembered for being a positive influence on others, but we don't always meet that standard.



In this speech, Caliph chronicles the difficult path to learning to treat himself and others well. After having his self-esteem destroyed by a bully, he took his pain out on others. It wasn't until he healed himself that he was able to see what an impact bullying had on his life; and how his behavior impacted others. Students will leave with a sense of the standard they should have for developing good character and treating classmates, teachers, guardians and themselves with respect. *Versions of this speech are available for TK-12th-grade students.*



I Know I Can

Keynote Presentation To Inspire Young Students To Reach For Their Greatness

Are your students truly convinced of their power to reach their true potential? Are they dreaming big enough? Do they know what they do, even at this young age, really matters to the course of their life?

In this talk, Caliph shares anecdotes about how he discovered his true potential, and how students can, too. He covers self-confidence - why it's important, and how to develop it; having a vision for the type of person you want to be and the type of life you want to live and how to create it; and work ethic - what it really takes to get what you want. By the end of this speech, your students will be inspired to dream bigger, work harder, and become the best version of themselves by reaching for **destination greatness.**

PRESENTATIONS

Your Vision Is Your Mission

Keynote Presentation Covering College Preparedness, Success & Life After College

Students know that they should go to college, but if you ask them what comes next, most would draw a blank.

As a result of this, students arrive at college without a plan or real understanding of the valuable role college plays in achieving their dream. They don't know how to maximize it until it's too late.



This talk teaches students how to create a vision for their life after college, and gives students a good reason to maximize high school in preparation for college. It teaches them the mindset they must develop to bust through the barriers they will face and create the life of their dreams with college as their foundation. *This speech is most appropriate for high school students.*



Born to Lead

Keynote Presentation on Leadership in School & in Life.

When did you realize you were a leader? In reality, we are all born leaders in some fashion or another. *Leadership is simply the ability to influence the life of another.* And the extent to which we use this ability is up to us.

In this talk, Caliph shares hilarious anecdotes about how he discovered he was a leader in the most unlikely of ways. Realizing his *power*, he sought out opportunities to expand his influence and impact, ultimately serving as President of the Associated Students at UC Davis, and being a leader in his chosen profession. He connects students to their **leader within and their purpose for leading** and shares with them the tools necessary to step fully into their power as leaders and impact change in their school, community & the world. *This speech is most appropriate for middle and high school students.*

BOOK CALIPH!



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- Date of the event.
- Type of event.
- Size of the audience.
- Budget.
- Presentation requested.
- Name and phone number of primary contact.

The students were engaged and were hanging on to every word!

Lysette Lemay, Vice Principal, John Earhardt Elementary

I've never seen our students so engaged!

Joanna Paun Head Counselor, St. Vincent De Paul High School

It was an awesome day for the kids!

Michael Nafarrete Counselor, Granger Junior High School

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