

Shattering **Stereotypes**. Triumphant over **Adversity**. Soaring towards **Success!**

## Dr Paul Stuart Wichansky

A motivational speaker and author who has triumphed over cerebral palsy and a hearing loss, Dr. Paul instills in students the resilience and perseverance needed to help his audiences soar towards success. During the past 42 years, *since age 10*, he has hosted an estimated 7600 presentations on the topics of diversity and disability awareness, character education, anti-bullying, and empowering our youth. He encourages his students to ensure their names become symbols for success as they embrace those ideals of leadership that help make their lives a success story.



## Topics include

Disability Awareness · Character Education & Development  
 Self-esteem Enhancement · Anti-Bullying Strategies  
 Peer Leadership & Resilience · Parent Workshops  
 Building Empathy & Respect · Overcoming Adversity  
 Staff & Professional Development Keynotes

## Biography

Since age 10, Paul has hosted presentations and keynotes where he shares those experiences that have allowed him to triumph over his challenges, emerge from his wheelchair, and reach an ambitious goal -- to learn to walk. These assemblies help instill in youth the courage, confidence, and optimism to excel in their studies; treat their peers with respect; develop character and resilience that are the hallmarks of leadership; and be inspired to realize their dreams.

Dr. Paul has been invited by the State Police each summer to host programs on leadership, resilience, and perseverance with high school seniors interested in a prospective career in law enforcement and/or public service. He has also keynoted at youth peer leadership conferences, motivated thousands of coaches and athletes at the Special Olympics, and hosted diversity seminars at Vanguard Financial and Novartis.

He has shared his story of disability awareness, anti-bullying, and overcoming adversity with an estimated **1M+** children, teens, and professionals during the past 42 years, since age 10.

## Testimonials

"Paul Wichansky's presentation was the ABSOLUTE BEST assembly program I have EVER seen in 30+ years in middle school education!" - *Richard McMahon, Principal, Manhasset NY Middle School*

"You are something I always wanted to be, Dr. Paul. A hero. Not someone flying around in tights and a cape, but someone who can change the world, one person at a time. I hope to inspire others just like you have inspired me during my week at boot camp."  
 -- *Trooper Youth, 87th class*

"Using powerful imagery, Paul explained how the pain of negative words never really goes away. His message taught the students that everyone has something wonderful to offer. We all have special gifts inside waiting to be shared. Kindness and understanding can help those gifts be revealed."  
 -- *Noreen Daniel, Califon PTA*

"From the bottom of my heart, Dr. Paul, thank you. You gave me courage today, you gave me hope, and you made me smile again." -- *11th grader*

"Paul was warm, sensitive to the childrens' questions, informative, inspirational, and displayed a wonderful sense of humor. Children are already comparing him to some of the 'heroic characters' they read about in literature this year." -- *teacher, Red Bank NJ school*

For additional info and video testimonials,  
 visit Dr. Paul at his uplifting web site:  
**www.JustTheWayYouAre.com**