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Objective

- To encourage people to make the most of their time on earth by helping them see the positive results that come from a life examined.

Professional Qualifications

- Recognized national speaker having done more than 1,200 presentations to over 600,000 students around the country. Topics have included racism, violence, and bullying.
- Special ability to lead small groups, teach classes, tutor students, mediate conflicts, and give one-on-one mentoring.
- Ability to relate successfully with a wide range of students including those of varying ethnic groups, socioeconomic backgrounds, and diverse subcultures.
- Well recognized as an expert on race relations among teenagers.
- Experienced in working with students struggling with drug and alcohol problems, sexual issues, suicidal tendencies, and a wide variety of other adolescent problems.
- Facilitator of teacher training in many school districts on how to recognize and work with students who are prone to hatred and violence.
- Frequent volunteer in the church and community.

Professional Highlights

- Featured expert on teenage race relations for the CNN documentary, *The Noose: An American Nightmare*; also a featured expert on race relations in media outlets including *Comcast Tonight*, *NPR*, *Rebel's Cause Radio* and *The Ed Norris Show*
 - In the wake of a major racial event at Penn Manor High School in the fall of 1997, developed a program working with both victims and perpetrators of the incident. The program known as "Quay's Club" was considered by Ann Van Dyke of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission as a "working model for many other districts."
 - "Quay's Club" featured in two videos produced by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission on how to combat hatred, prejudice, and violence in school. The videos were endorsed by then Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge.
 - Developed similar programs at more than twelve Pennsylvania schools from the years 1998-2014 and have continued to work in three of these school districts: Penn Manor, Upper Adams, and Greencastle-Antrim. Additionally, have helped dozens of other schools recover from major incidents by giving assemblies, working with small groups, and doing teacher training.
 - One of only 300 invitees to the 2006 White House Summit on School Violence hosted by then President George W. Bush
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- Personally witnessed several students leave organized hate groups as a direct result of our work together in clubs and groups.
- Endorsed by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the Pennsylvania Center for Safe Schools for my work with alienated young people
- Since 1997, have been a regular guest speaker in cross-cultural graduate courses at Millersville University.
- Recognized with the *Child Abuse Prevention Award* by the YWCA for work done in keeping young people from committing acts of violence against one another.
- Recognized with the *Human Relations Award* by the National Conference of Community and Justice for “efforts on behalf of brotherhood” and “work facilitating weekly groups of disenfranchised students.”
- Recently featured in the textbook *Public Speaking and Civic Engagement* (Published by Pearson Education) in a section entitled, “Speaking With Conviction.” The section concludes with this quote: “Quay’s conviction, his complete commitment to his topic, is a critical part of his exceptional success.”

Work History

1997-present

Speaker

Have given more than 1,200 presentations to over 600,000 people in more than 500 elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges around the country. Also a frequent speaker for teacher in-service days, keynote presentations, and many other events.

1997-present

Author

Author of the book *Bus America: Revelation of a Redneck* which chronicles my nine-week journey around America by Greyhound bus. Tells the story of a small-town country boy seeing America for the first time and the dramatic changes I went through as my views on race were radically changed.

1997-present

Consultant/Mentor

Although primarily focused on race relations the first few years, have now become a consultant, mentor, and group leader to many students representing a wide variety of subcultures in many school districts. Consulting is often focused on race relations, but also groups consisting of students that show anger management problems, drug and alcohol struggles, and other teen issues.

Education

- **B.A., English**, 1992 Bloomsburg University
- **World Travels**, 1993-present All 50 states, 27 countries, 5 continents