

About the Speakers

Ms. Marjorie Savage

Mentoring Your Child During the College Years

Thursday, August 27, 2009

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center



Marjorie Savage is the Parent Program Director at the University of Minnesota, serving as the liaison between the University and the parents of its 29,000 undergraduates.

Marjorie has done research on the growth and development of parent services in higher education, and she routinely conducts assessments of her own program in order to measure the success of services and to better understand the concerns of college students and their parents.

She has done consulting for colleges and universities both nationally and internationally, and she is a frequent speaker on the topic of college-parent relations. She has recently been writing and presenting on the generational transition of college parents from a population of all Baby Boomers to a mix of Boomers and GenXers.

She has written numerous articles on college parenting and is the author of *You're on Your Own (But I'm Here If You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child During the College Years*, Simon & Schuster Fireside Edition, second edition 2009. She also co-authored with Katherine Wartman the ASHE monograph, *Parental Involvement in Higher Education: Understanding the Relationship Among Students, Parents, and the Institution*, 2008.

About the Speakers

Mr. Joe Mull

The Truth

Friday, August 28, 2009

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Over the past 9 years Joe Mull has accumulated an impressive array of experience as a professional in the field of Student Affairs. In various capacities at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, the University of Toledo, Ohio University, West Liberty State College, and the University of Pittsburgh, Joe has accrued practical experience in residence life, learning communities, Greek life, leadership development, LGBT programs and services, health education & promotion, academic advising, new student orientation, and judicial affairs.

As a teacher, programmer, facilitator, lecturer, and first-responder, Joe has regularly challenged students to “go deeper” when examining their attitudes, beliefs, and decisions regarding alcohol. With undergraduate degrees in the performing arts (Joe is a classically trained singer with an undergraduate Music degree in Vocal Performance) and almost a decade of experience in student development, Joe has a proven track record for developing and delivering impactful programming to college students throughout his career.

In recent years Joe has developed a reputation as a dynamic, engaging speaker on campus alcohol issues. His is a harm-reduction approach that simultaneously challenges students to deconstruct where their expectations come from regarding college alcohol use.

Joe currently serves as the Director of Health Education & Promotion at the University of Pittsburgh where he chairs the university’s Alcohol Task Force, teaches courses for the Health and Physical Activity department, and serves as a member of the university’s New Student Orientation Team. He is a proud member of the American College Personnel Association and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

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Mr. Michael Poll

Straight A's Won't Get You the Job

Friday, August 28, 2009

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Michael Poll is an author, entrepreneur and compelling campus speaker.

He's authored several books for students. *Ka-Ching! How To Make \$1,000,000 After Graduation (without lying, cheating or stealing)* is based on his work with corporations and associations. He dispels myths of what students mistakenly believe employers look for when hiring (he knows, because they tell him) and outlines what students need to do to best prepare for getting a job after college. Nearly 20,000 students have attended his presentation "*Straight A's Won't Get You The Job*" based on the book.

He holds a BS from Towson State and an MS from Eastern Illinois. He served on the Board of Directors for NACA and has volunteered with MGCA, SEPC, ACU-I, ACPA, NCSS and higher education associations.

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Mr. Bob Hall

Non-Violent Sexuality

Friday, August 28, 2009

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Bob Hall is the founder of Learning To Live With Conflict, Inc., a company he established in 1987 to provide education and training in the analysis and resolution of conflict. His academic background includes a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from the Rochester Institute of Technology and a Masters Degree in Conflict Resolution from Antioch University; as well as a host of informal study and research on sexual violence, human sexuality, addiction, non-violence, and Girardian theory on mimetic rivalry, sacrificial violence, and scapegoating.

He has lectured on over 800 college campuses throughout the United States and Canada and has been nominated three times for the National Association for Campus Activities "Lecture Program of the Year."

Hall's introduction to the conflict field came in 1981 through work with self-defense education and violence prevention. He holds a black belt in judo and has been active in the sport as a competitor, instructor, coach and organizer for over 30 years.

Bob has volunteered as a family and community dispute mediator through the New York State Unified Court System since 1988 and was the first man to serve on the Board of Directors for the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault in 1997. Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, Bob makes his home in the village of Geneseo, located in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of Western New York; affectionately known by the locals as 'the center of the universe' with the maps to prove it!

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Mr. Michael Dean Ester

The Reason You're Here

Saturday, August 29, 2009

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Shortly after birth (sometimes earlier), children begin to hear about the importance of pursuing an education. This handy bit of guidance is perhaps the only thing a child hears more than “No!” Unfortunately, the obvious question is the one nobody ever asks: WHY? What is the point of pursuing an education beyond high school and how does it figure into becoming a success?

Comedian Michael Dean Ester guides audiences through the age-old pressures placed on today’s college-bound generation. His goal is to help young adults arrive at the true meaning of success and demonstrate how a college education can help them define success in their individual lives. Using his own life as an example, Michael encourages students to discover their own particular skills and interests as the basis for a fulfilling career. (Do Your Thing!) After all, those who are passionate about their work are the richest people indeed because they don’t really work at all.

This laughter-filled presentation is a must for students embarking on a college education. In an era where so much emphasis is placed on the need to plan for college, a staggering number of students forget to plan for what comes afterward. Throughout a decade of performing as a comedian at college campuses nationwide, Michael has spoken with literally thousands of students who profess no clue whatsoever what they’re doing there. Put simply, this presentation is the clue that solves the puzzle. By placing the college experience in its proper context as a pathway to a rewarding career, Michael challenges his audience to engage their imaginations as well as their brains. College is more than a time for learning. It is a time for dreaming big. Of equal importance, it is a time to build foundations for those dreams. It is a time for defining and living up to the only set of expectations that truly matter: your own. When you discover your passion, you unleash a whole new motivation for pursuing an education. You finally understand why you started hearing about it the moment you were born. You learn the real reason you go to college: YOU.

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Dr. Gary Sailes

From the Classroom to the Real World
Saturday, August 29, 2009
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center

Making Your First Year Matter
Saturday, August 29, 2009
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center



Gary Sailes, Ph.D. knows a thing or two about succeeding. An award-winning professor at Indiana University, author and professional sports coach, he has built his consulting company around the principles of Peak Performance. After spending time working in commercial sports, Doc realized that his students needed to be better equipped to make the transition from college to the working world. What began as a class at Indiana University became a program that has reached thousands of students across the country. Doc's popular teaching style, combined with his knowledge of "*Mental Toughness*," creates a dynamic leadership program that covers the unconventional.

Doc has appeared on national television and radio, is quoted extensively in the press and has presented at hundreds of high schools, colleges, universities, and sports teams and organizations across the country and abroad. Doc has won several teaching and community service awards and is a frequent keynote speaker at conferences and meetings. A dynamic, enthusiastic and entertaining motivational speaker, Doc is the perfect choice for your next campus event.

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Mr. Brian Johnson

Reel Diversity

Saturday, August 29, 2009

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Brian C. Johnson's creative presentation, Reel Diversity, frames the diversity conversation through modern film. By sharing clips of well-known films and discussing the messages they consciously or unconsciously give, Brian allows every student to see himself or herself as diverse. Students laugh and remember some of their favorite movies, and from there, an interactive presentation about multiculturalism can begin.

Students learn about the concept of "diversity" – its associated values, expressions of identity, similarity, and the devaluation of "different." They are asked to consider the concept of "culture" – its symbols, language, norms, and values in American society. The audience is challenged to care about "social justice" – power, oppression, ethnocentrism, stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination. Students are asked to make personal judgments about these issues and recognize that the opportunity for change exists within each of us.

Committed to fostering intercultural relationships and community development, Mr. Johnson specializes in diversity education. Having earned both the bachelors' and masters' degrees in English from California University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Johnson has completed all coursework towards the doctor of education at Nova Southeastern University in the field of children, youth, and family studies. His research is in the area of racial identity development.

Mr. Johnson is also an ordained minister and serves on the ministry team at Revival Tabernacle in West Milton, PA.

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Mr. Tom Baker

Get Involved! Making the Most of your 20s and 30s

Saturday, August 29, 2009

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Tom Baker, MA, is the Vice President of Programs for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh. He is the President of Baker Leadership and is author of "Get Involved! Making the Most of Your 20s and 30s." Tom's previous professional experience includes serving as Executive Director of Healthy Teens, Inc., as a Family Recruiter at Three Rivers Adoption Council, as a Career Counselor at Carnegie Mellon University's H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management, and as Director of The Learning Ladder Child Development Center in Lancaster, PA. Tom has served on a number of boards for non-profit organizations including Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project (President), Greenfield Organization, Pittsburgh Cares, Life Span, Inc. (Secretary), Pittsburgh Singles Volunteer Network (Vice President), Coro Pittsburgh Alumni Council, and National Student Partnerships (Chairman). He was Student Body President and President of Lambda Chi Alpha while earning his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Millersville University and served as President of the Associates for Student Development during his graduate studies in Student Affairs in Higher Education at Indiana University of PA. Tom is a proud member of Homestead-Amity-McCandless Lodge 582 of Free and Accepted Masons, the Monroeville Rotary Club, and lives with his wife, Erin, in Pittsburgh, PA.