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BIO: LIVING MY LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS

Michael Kalberer is a native Long Islander with Cerebral Palsy and lives with a retinal degenerative disease which slowly robbed him of usable sight. Michael earned his BA in Psychology and Speech Communications from Hofstra University as well as his Master's degree in Social Work from Adelphi University. Michael has a passion to empower all individuals and embraces every opportunity to educate, inform and interact with family, friends, students and audiences. Anyone who's had the pleasure of knowing Michael acquires knowledge on how to enjoy life and transcend their limitations, while experiencing the unconditional support and friendship Michael extends to all.

A New York State Licensed Social Worker, Michael has given lectures on a multitude of topics such as stress and time management, the transition to college life, and disability etiquette. As a guest lecturer at Hofstra University and other Universities, Michael specializes in helping those who wish to sustain relationships with him, reach their full potential. Michael removes social stigma and continues to change the medical and societal definition of disability through his belief that Humanity brings us together and unites us more than any group of limitations segregates us.

Michael has appeared on national TV, speaking in an effort to end prejudice. He continues to capture and inspire audiences to whom he speaks, through his use of humor and his authentic nature.

Michael's presentation was fantastic! He used the perfect amount of colloquial language and scientific wordage to clearly convey to his audience what living with CP and a retinal degenerative disease is truly like. I felt very comfortable throughout his presentation and his encouragement to ask questions allowed all of the future teachers to really touch upon how we can best serve the persons with disabilities population in our profession. I would highly recommend Michael as a speaker to any group yearning to learn more about disabilities. He was extremely fun, dynamic, light-hearted, and easy to listen to. Overall, a wonderful human being to get to know. - Alexandra

REMOVING RESTRICTION CULTIVATES CASH

Key Point: The concept of the least restrictive environments conducive to team work are not only physical, but social.

THE ART OF COLLABORATION: AUTHENTIC WORKPLACE COMPLIANCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Key Points: Communication etiquette during interactions between business and consumer.

Provide examples of effective communication in individual and group interactions through personal experience.

Will teach audience members how to adjust lighting and other environmental factors, including proxemic and spatial communication, body language and greeting those with disabilities.

A brief overview of Legislation and Government entities designed to assist individuals with disabilities in the acquisition of gainful employment.

Creating the least restrictive environment not only with the design of office space, but with an attitude of collaboration and compliance.

True workplace acceptance. The vocational assessment process must be continuous and remain in the spirit of collaboration. A straight-faced perspective on disability is the cornerstone of this portion of my presentation. Examples of the unique strengths and abilities of everyone

will be briefly discussed. Short anecdotes as to my success as an entrepreneur, educator and tutor will show audience members how to join their recipients of service, and colleagues in assessing work readiness and removing barriers to productivity.

THE PROVISION OF PERSON-CENTERED CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Key Point: Altering the physical and social environment to achieve financial success for company and consumer.

APPRECIATING DIVERSITY WHEN COMMUNICATING FROM A STRENGTHS-BASED PERSPECTIVE

Key Point: There is far more that unites than divides us. Every individual has unique abilities that allow them to contribute to business growth as a consumer or employee.

