

# Michael Kalberer

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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 J. Kalberer - intelligent, compassionate, conscientious, dedicated - these are only some of the character traits possessed by our nephew and Godson. Watching Michael grow throughout the years into a fine, trustworthy young man devoted to family, friends, and his profession has consistently proven that he brings a well-respected voice to many of the issues that will enlighten professionals in their respective fields on how to interact with people with disabilities. Michael's enthusiasm and charisma as an educational speaker will be the force behind positive change for all people with whom he engages. It has and will continue to be an honor knowing Michael and to observe all of his future endeavors. - Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kalberer

### **EMPOWER YOURSELF BY TRANSCENDING LABELS**

**Key Points:** Being authentic, The Power of the Personal Narrative, Icebreaker, Creativity and Artistic Expressions as Effective Outlets for Self-Awareness and Mental Hygiene.

Physical Activity and Benefits for Mental Health.

Mindfulness and Guided Meditation.

### **THE PROVISION OF PERSON-CENTERED CULTURAL COMPETENCE**

**Key Points:** Empowering and teaching others on how to live their day to day lives with the new transition.

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, housing, benefits advisement, government assistance and more.

Michael shares his personal story of being both a recipient and a provider of counseling and case management services in these areas. Creating the least restrictive environment, not only with the design of office space, but with an attitude of collaboration and compliance. Anecdotes of life experience will be provided from assisted technology, headsets, adjustable desks, voice recognition software and more.

Examples of the unique strengths and abilities of individuals with "limitations" 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.

### **TEAMMATES FOR LIFE: A TRANSITION PLAN**

**Key Points:** The objective of this presentation is to enhance the connection and communication of individuals with "limitations" through the venue of physical activity, community integration and more.

This presentation will illustrate the impact of personal choice on lifelong friendships, comradery, trust, and collaboration. This will be emphasized through learning how to view each other as individuals and teammates who contribute to the greater good.

### **THE ART OF COLLABORATION: AUTHENTIC WORKPLACE COMPLIANCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

**Key Points:** Communication Etiquette during professional and interpersonal interactions.

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

