

Rich Ruffalo

Rich Ruffalo is a dynamic motivator, author, educator and internationally recognized athlete who inspires a wide range of audiences everywhere, from children to adults and students to business gurus. Ruffalo is a true role model for all ages. Available for Staff Development, Conferences, Keynotes.

Topics Include

- Team Building • Leadership
- Change • Communication • Disability Awareness



Program Titles

- The Seven P's To Positively Enhance Performance
- Tools For Success in Sales and business
- Discovering The Champion Within
- Turning Obstacles Into Opportunities

Biography

At age 32, Ruffalo lost his eyesight but never lost his "vision." At the Walt Disney Company/McDonald's American Teacher Awards, Ruffalo was named both the Outstanding Coach of the Year and the Outstanding Teacher of the Year of 1995. Vice President Al Gore presented the award to him on nationwide television. Ruffalo continues motivating every audience to a high level of inspiration while speaking to Fortune 500 companies, schools, and conventions. In 1994 he was selected as one of five educators from the United States to be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

In addition, Ruffalo has won numerous honors and awards for his athletic ability. He is the winner of four different world titles in shot put, discus, javelin, and powerlifting. He has earned 14 international gold medals, won 32 national titles, set 9 world and 15 national records, and has won 13 USA Track and Field Master's State Titles against sighted competitors.

In 1988, the United States Olympic Committee named Ruffalo as the Disabled Athlete of the Year for athletic, civic, and professional accomplishments. He is a three-time winner of the coveted Governor's Cup Award and winner of the Victor Award, the Academy Award of Sports, as the nation's most inspirational athlete of 1989. In 1994, he was also inducted into the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame.

Testimonials

Thank you for speaking at the IBM Worldwide Education Forum in Atlanta. Your remarks on how to discover the hidden champion in each of us was truly an inspiration. Your determination and energy to keep pursuing your dreams was a great message for my team to hear.

-Anne-Lee Verville, General Manager, IBM

Your presentation to my group was nothing short of fabulous! Many of our team members made positive statements regarding your comments and some even told me they are now more convinced than ever they can accomplish their goals in life. Working with you was certainly a pleasure. Because you took the time to discover pertinent information about Merck, your tailored presentation, peppered with great humor, served to inspire all attendees. Best wishes for success. I know you'll continue to motivate everyone fortunate enough to cross your path.

-Jo C. Jerman, Vice President, Merck & Co

"Light the hearts of others", you said at our Kick-Off meeting earlier today. Talk about practicing what you preach! Rich, you truly lit the hearts of everyone in attendance at our Financial Advisors North Market Group meeting and every attendee is a little bit better today than they were yesterday thanks to your inspirational message. Your concept of selective amnesia, there is one thing that myself and all of the others in attendance won't ever forget...you! **-Terence P. Reilly, Marketing Manager, American Express Financial Advisors**