

# You won't want to miss this year's awesome VSCA Convention speakers!

Often referred to as “Dr. Mike”, Dr. Michael Thomson is an author, therapist, coach, educator, university professor and internationally admired public speaker who specializes in motivational presentations and workshops for students of all ages, their parents, teachers and coaches. Known as “America’s #1 Sanity and Character Coach,” Dr. Mike’s *Strategies for Saving Your Sanity in the Classroom* and *It’s All About Character in Education* professional development programs have been so popular that they are now provided as online graduate-level courses. Based on years of knowledge and hands-on experience in a variety of settings, Dr. Mike brings his unique blend of energy, wit, humor and insights to the stage as he discusses best practices in building and refining exceptional character education in the school setting, with a special emphasis on the importance of character in educational leadership at all levels.



Patrick George began speaking in front of groups at his grandmother’s church at the age of five and has been encouraging and motivating people of all ages since then. Patrick was speaking semi-professionally while still in high school as a student leader involved in Student Council, JROTC, Future Educators of America and several other organizations. He was awarded the Miami Herald’s Silver Knight Award for his volunteer work speaking with elementary and middle level students in both leadership and drop-out prevention programs. Patrick has delivered over 1,500 motivational presentations at conferences, colleges and schools throughout the United States and Canada on topics on a wide variety of topics, such as facing your fears, proactive setting goals and challenging his audiences to be leaders who make a difference in the lives of other people. By interjecting humor, realism, honesty and thought-provoking insights, Patrick always challenges his audiences to be the best they can be.



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