



On August 21st, 2009, **Richie Contartesi** achieved his first major goal, earning a full D1 football scholarship in the SEC (South Eastern Conference) at Ole Miss standing 5'7" and 150lb. More importantly, he learned how to re-ignite a relentless resilience which has allowed him to continue to succeed in other areas of his life. He went on to achieve many of his biggest goals like becoming a starter at Ole Miss, playing Arena football professionally, writing a #1 bestseller, building a successful speaking and training business, a real estate investment company and now is the owner of a CrossFit gym. Richie doesn't just speak about football but shares how the person you become in pursuit of going after a major goal is more important than just achieving the goal itself.

Who is Richie Contartesi? He is never the smartest, the biggest, the most talented, or the most gifted and in spite of all his childhood issues like failing 5th grade, watching his parents get divorced, and almost taking his own life. You will see a man who looks in the face of adversity and says "Bring it on". You will see a kind and loving man with a big heart. You will see a man who laughs in the face of fear and you will be inspired by his relentless resilience to succeed.

It all started in May of 1998. After Richie failed 5th grade and almost took his own life. He went on the internet and looked up the academic requirements to play college football, his childhood dream. That night he had no idea what he was doing, but when he printed out those requirements, what he did was write down his goal and his life changed forever.

His dad always said to him "Have the dirtiest uniform on the field, listen to your coach, and keep your mouth shut." Richie followed that mod...

Testimonials

“ Race, teamwork, bullying and work ethic are topics which sometimes need to be delicately handled. Richie does an awesome job of hitting critical points, treading on water and making a lasting impression. My teams not only perform better, but have a new attitude when Richie is through. ”

- Cardinal Newman High School.

“ Richie's story and book lit a fire within me. His drive, passion, and relentless will to succeed was reminiscent of my time at Notre Dame. At 5'7" and 155 pounds, Richie overcame the obstacles and the naysayers to earn a full SEC scholarship and a place in Ole Miss tradition. ”

- Rudy Ruettiger.

Richie Contartesi

Speech Topics

- Sports
- Sales
- Personal Growth
- Peak Performance
- Overcoming Adversity
- Inspiration

