

**Kevin Hines** is a global speaker, best-selling author and mental health advocate who reaches audiences with his story of an unlikely survival and his strong will to live. Two years after he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder (at 19 years of age), he attempted to take his own life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. He is one of only thirty-four (less than 1%) to survive the fall and he is the only Golden Gate Bridge jump survivor who is actively spreading the message of living mentally healthy around the globe.

In 2012, he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding work as a suicide prevention advocate and speaker by the National Council of Behavioral Health. He has also been recognized by SAMSHA as a Voice Awards Fellow and Award Winner, an Achievement Winner by the US Veterans Affairs, and he has received a Three Star Marine General's Medal Award in addition to his numerous accolades.

Kevin's will to live and stay mentally well has inspired people worldwide. His compelling story has touched diverse, global audiences with university campuses, high schools, corporations, clergy, military, clinicians, health and medical communities, law enforcement organizations, and various conferences.

Kevin sits on honorary boards of both the International Bipolar Foundation (dedicated to healing from Bipolar Disorder) as well as the BridgeRail Foundation (dedicated to ending suicides at the Golden Gate Bridge). He is currently a member of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's Consumer Survivors Sub-Committee. Kevin was a two term member of San Francisco's Mental Health Board and has spoken in congressional hearings alongside Patrick Kennedy in support of The Mental Health Parity Bill. He sat on the San...

## **Testimonials**

I just wanted to send you and Kevin a HUGE THANK YOU for all that you did to make our event successful last Thursday. Kevin's story is so touching and the reason why ONE Health Ohio has made behavioral health an integral part of our healthcare delivery model. Everyone was touched by his remarkable story and I am so honored he was a part of our special celebration! THANK YOU for all that you both do to spread Kevin's message around the globe and the efforts you make to change lives through his story.

- Director / ONE Health Ohio.

"Enthralling! Your program gave us new insight which we can bring back to our jobs and use when dealing with students. Highlight of our conference."

- Director of Pupil Services / William Penn School District.

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## **Speech Topics**

Personal Growth Overcoming Adversity Motivation Mental Health Inspiration Attitude





