

**Karl Mecklenburg** rose from a college walk-on and a 12th round draft pick to a pro career that included six Pro Bowl and three Super Bowl appearances. Considered the NFL's most versatile player, Karl played all seven defensive front positions. Bronco coaches wanted him at the point of attack and would move him throughout the game. There were games where Mecklenburg played all 7 positions in the course of a single game.

Since retiring from pro football in 1995, Karl divides his time between motivational speaking, family, and his ongoing charity involvements. Karl and his wife Kathi have three children and still live in Colorado. In 2001, Karl was inducted into the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. Mecklenburg was a Pro Football Hall of Fame Semifinalist for eight consecutive years.

Karl is a Certified Speaking Professional and a longtime member of the National Speakers Association. He has enjoyed speaking to a variety of groups over the years, and his story is both humorous and inspirational. The lessons life in the NFL taught him can be applied anywhere. He approaches his speaking career with the same intelligence, passion, and intensity that punctuated his great football career.

Karl has hosted radio programs, done television sideline reporting and studio work, written columns for the Denver Post and had magazine articles published. He is the coauthor of *Meck For The Defense* and the author of *Heart of a Student Athlete: All Pro Advice for Competitors and Their Families.* This book awarded the Mom's Choice Awards® Gold Recipient and the 2010 Mensa Sharp Writ Book Awards: Best Book for Young Adults, offers advice to young athletes and their loved ones about what it really takes to...

## **Testimonials**

"Karl is an amazing speaker and was so nice to change up his speech to fit our event/organization. By doing that he really helped get the message across to the audience the importance of their support of youth and our youth program in particular."

- Boys & Girls Club of Cheyenne, WY.

"It was clearly demonstrated that you took the time to do your research about our organization and to prepare your presentation. It was refreshing to hear such a customized and targeted talk . . . The talk was exactly what I had in mind."

- Centerra Wine Company National Sales & Marketing Meeting.

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## **Speech Topics**

Teambuilding

Sports

Motivation

Celebrity

Attitude



