

Col. Nicole Malachowski, USAF (Ret.) defies stereotypes. Yes, she was a jet fighter pilot, but if you think you know her based on that, you'd be wrong. A leader, a combat veteran, the first woman pilot on the Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron, a White House Fellow, and an inductee into both the National Women's Hall of Fame and the Women in Aviation International Pioneer Hall of Fame, Nicole's distinguished 21-year Air Force career exceeded her wildest dreams. But the dream came to an end when a devastating tick-borne illness left her struggling greatly to speak or walk for almost nine months. An indomitable spirit, Nicole fought back against overwhelming odds and prevailed. Drawing on stories from her career and personal life, Nicole inspires audiences to rethink the challenges they face every day. She urges them to go beyond resilience and become resurgent. Nicole's empowers people with three key beliefs: failure and risk is the price of entry for achieving something great; sometimes you need to yield to overcome, and her personal mantra - "nobody wants to lead a scripted life."

Nicole brings her experience to the stage and holds audiences spellbound with an easygoing authenticity of someone who's achieved greatness. She's been a member and leader of exceptional teams. She has faced overwhelming challenges and adversity and has come out on top.

While other high school students were practicing for their driver's license, Nicole was accumulating flight time. She was sixteen years old when she took her first solo flight and from that point on there was no stopping her. While in high school, she joined the Civil Air Patrol and participated in Air Force Junior ROTC. Nicole's professional story began when she earned her commissio...

Testimonials

""I'm sure you won't be surprised to hear that Nicole was an absolute home run. I know her message made a profound and lasting effect on many of my colleagues, including me. Plus, she is just so nice and human. It's really special. I'm not sure how I will top her for future events!"

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"Thank you so much for the amazing speech you gave at our event in Vegas! I wanted to wait to reach out because I've been getting comments from our postconference survey and you're by far the highlight of the conference! Everyone left inspired by you and have continued to express how your message resonated and left them inspired! "From a planner standpoint, you were amazing to work with and I would highly recommend you to any group. You were thoughtful and professional from our first call and I was so impressed that you had researched about our company prior to our conversation. I was even more impressed when you continued to incorporate our company values and culture guide into your presentation. Thank you for creating a presentation for our meeting based off our first call. That was going above and beyond!!! You're going to be a dynamic speaker for years to come and I am fortunate to have worked with you so soon!!"

Nicole Malachowski

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