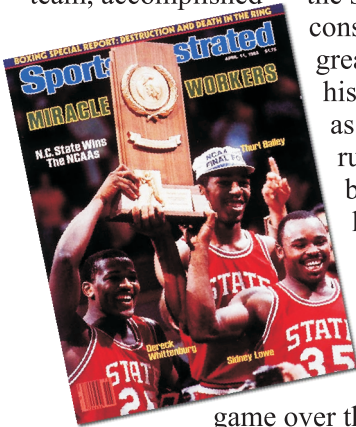


Speaker • Entertainer

# Thurl BAILEY

Thurl Bailey understands what it means to be a champion. In the 1983 NCAA Basketball Tournament, Thurl and the rest of the North Carolina State Wolfpack team, accomplished the seemingly unthinkable. It is considered by many, one the greatest Cinderella stories in the history of sports. ESPN ranks it as “the most improbable title run ever with perhaps the biggest upset in tournament history.”

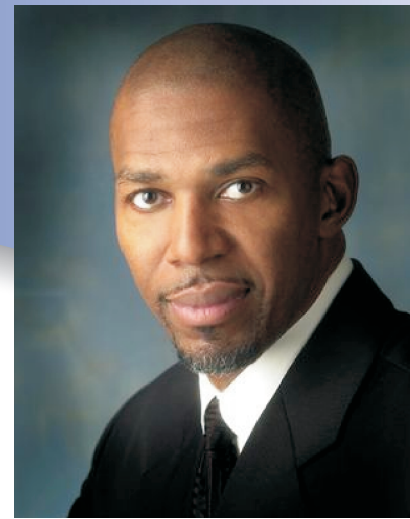


North Carolina State, coached by Jim Valvano, won the national title with a 54-52 victory in the final game over the University of Houston.

The ending of the final is one of the most famous in college basketball history, with a dunk at the buzzer off an airball shot from 30 feet. The final dunk and coach Valvano's running around the court in celebration immediately after the game have been staples of NCAA tournament coverage ever since. As a senior and co-captain of that championship team, Thurl went on to enjoy a 16 year professional basketball career, 12 of those in the N.B.A. with the Utah Jazz, and the Minnesota Timberwolves and 4 years in the Greek and Italian Leagues.

Since retiring from Professional basketball in 2000, Thurl has been leading a busy life as an inspirational speaker and entertainer, a basketball analyst for Utah Jazz TV and the owner of two successful companies, Big T Bailey Productions: Producing uplifting music and programs for kids and adults and Elegant Apparel: A custom clothing line for business executives and professional athletes.

When you meet Thurl Bailey you first notice the 7 foot athlete. But he is a man of as much depth as height. From the youth to the corporate world, Thurl Bailey inspires others to win whatever the odds or disappointments. Master storyteller and accomplished speaker and singer, he inspires companies and individuals to focus on what matters most; to persevere, be team players teams, encourage peak performance, develop leadership, and discover opportunity in change and adversity.



Thurl “Big T” Bailey

With his unique and engaging style Thurl takes his audiences on a thought provoking journey of self discovery, challenging them to focus with determination, to lead with a clear vision and to always believe that they can win whatever the odds.

## WHY meeting planners hire Thurl Bailey:

**Value:** A celebrity speaker that works within your budget and makes it “more than worth the investment.”

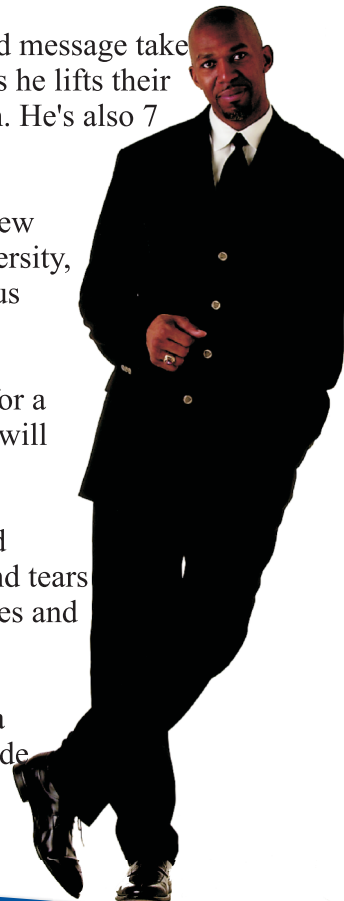
**Unforgettable:** Thurl's music and message take audiences on an emotional ride as he lifts their spirits and revives their optimism. He's also 7 feet tall! Who could forget that?

**Opportunity:** Individuals gain new perspectives on dealing with adversity, beating the odds, and how to focus personally and professionally.

**Diverse:** Whether your looking for a keynoter or an entertainer, Thurl will deliver!

**Reactions:** “Thurl's multi faceted abilities brought us to laughter and tears as we connected with his messages and songs of hope”.

**Results:** Audiences leave with a committed and enthusiastic attitude that locks in the theme of your event.



*Popular Keynotes include:*

**Potential**

“I See Potential in You”

**Leadership**

“Begin with the End in Mind”

**Focus**

It's the Game Winning Free Throw, There's One Second Left On the Clock and There's 20,000 Screaming Fans That Would Love to See You Miss It! Do You Want to Take The Shot?

**Success/ Motivation**

“What Hurt's The Most, Failure or Failing to Learning from It?”

**Teamwork**

“Our Winning Defied All Logic”

*“We sincerely appreciate your contribution and enjoyed very much being with you at the conference. You did a tremendous job. You are a great talent.”*

**Senator Orrin Hatch**

*“You challenged us to envision our purpose, focus on our goals and stretch our imaginations”*

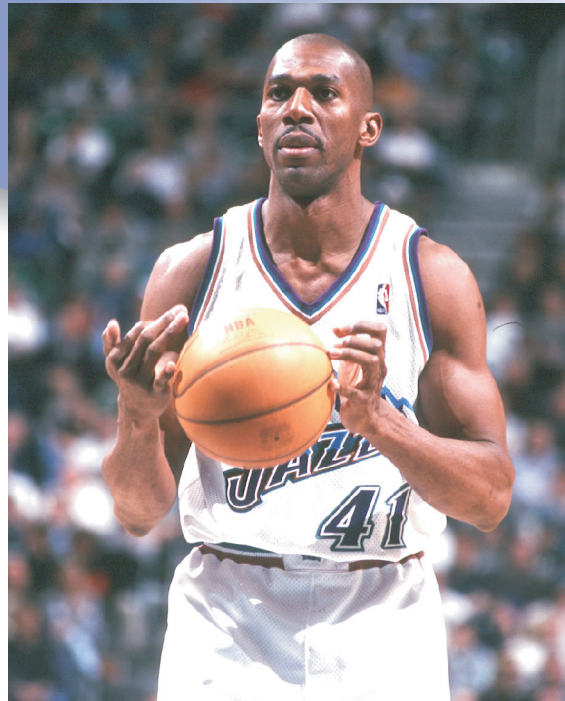
**Jill Smith, UVSC**

*“Everyone in attendance was truly touched by the words that were spoken, I felt uplifted as a person and know that I can overcome any challenges that come my way.”*

**Marilyn Pearson  
Utah League of Credit Unions**

*“We have had many performers in the past, but none with the charisma and interaction with the audience that Thurl had.”*

**Steve Johnson  
Simmons Media Group**



**Some of Thurl's clients include:**

- Cargill*
- Ohio State University*
- The Internal Revenue Service*
- Xango*
- USANA*
- Grubb & Ellis*
- Coldwell Banker*
- The Elizabeth Smart Welcome Home Event*
- University of Wyoming*
- Indianapolis Transportation*
- Stamp'n Up!*
- Habitat for Humanity*
- Laidlaw*
- The Breeder's Cup*
- Home Depot*
- 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City*
- ESSROC*
- North Carolina State University*
- Wolfpack Club*

