



Recommendation for Warren Macdonald

On May 26 and June 2, 2003 it was an absolute pleasure to welcome Warren Macdonald as the keynote speaker at our company retreat. Warren's comfortable speaking style and sense of humour held the audience's attention as he walked us through the accident that caused him to lose both legs and change his life forever.

Warren has had a longstanding passion for the environment, the outdoors, hiking, and bushwalking. The accident that took his legs also threatened to take the lifestyle he had grown to love. Where others may have chosen to give up, believing that their passion had been stolen from them forever, Warren chose instead to challenge the universe that had dealt him an unfair and undeserved blow. Through his indomitable spirit, his strong will, and his courage he chose not only to survive but to overcome. The word inspiration has become all too cliché these days. Warren can far better be described as a goal setter extraordinaire, a conqueror, an achiever, and an accomplishment personified.

Warren was a delight and a professional to work with. He asked pertinent questions about our company culture and the business challenges that we faced, working all of these into his presentation. We appreciated the time he spent getting to know about our company and our employees. Our organization has been fortunate over the years to see many fine speakers. Warren is one who continues to stand out in the minds of our employees. He received a standing ovation after his presentation and was more than willing to spend time speaking individually with each person who approached him. I can sum up the employee response with a comment from one of our long-term employees who said, *"On a scale of 1 to 10, Warren was a 20. This is a presentation and a life lesson that I will never forget!"*.

I highly recommend Warren as a keynote speaker for any organization. For those that may be facing hurdles that seem insurmountable, Warren will be the key that opens the door to what is possible when you confront challenges and move forward with determination and resolve.

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