Wilson Kubwayo works with organizations that want to overcome obstacles so that they can reach their fullest potential.

WILSON KUBWAYO, MBA., is an inspirational speaker, educator and social justice activist. Drawing from his personal experiences as they relate to displacement as a refugee youth, scholastic struggles, and various others, Wilson’s message of Climbing the Walls of Greatness has been acquired by numerous of schools, organizations and corporations across the country.

Originally from Burundi, Africa, Wilson spent his entire childhood in a Tanzania refugee camp where he grew up for more than 10 years. His family first resettled in Tucson, Arizona—after residing in South Dakota and Minnesota throughout his college years, Wilson is now based in Portland, Oregon.

As CEO of his consulting firm, Wilson Inspiration, LLC., clients describe Wilson’s message as “sincere” and “eye-opening.” Wilson has been asked to present at an all-staff school district welcome assembly, keynote speaker at sporting events such as an IFL football game, corporate workshops, fundraising events, leadership conferences, K-12 school assemblies and colleges.

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**Education**
As a former substitute teacher within the Sioux Falls School District, Wilson’s highlight was taking attendance of students (when he himself used to skip classes). From being labeled as an at-risk student, experiencing scholastic struggles and attempting to quit school at age 13, Wilson’s recent academic achievement was the MBA Excellence in Academics Award—a medal that shows a distinguished honor from the University of Sioux Falls in South Dakota.

**Leadership**
Wilson is the Director of Community Engagement at the Refugee Center Online—an international non-profit organization that uses the power of technology to provide online resources for refugees and immigrants.

**Social Justice**
Wilson is also the founder of Our Growth Project, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to discovering greatness in youths through “edutainment”: a combination of education and art that is delivered in the form of entertainment.
“Life without vision is like walking in the darkness without a light.”

TESTIMONIALS & STORIES

“I had Wilson come up and speak to our entire school staff. All employees, about 3,400 people in August of 2016. I didn’t know the impact of that conversation until Wilson was actually on the stage in front of those folks. What I was hoping was that our teachers would see, our peers would see, our cooks and our custodians would see a former student who had gone out and done well. What I didn’t realize was all of our employees, whether they were administrators, teachers, cooks and custodians or otherwise what they were going to see was somebody who could speak:

• Firsthand about growing up in poverty
• Firsthand talking about diversity
• Firsthand talking about overcoming challenges
• Firsthand talking about perseverance and being successful.

All of those things and many others were woven into this one incredibly powerful speech. He had his former teachers, everybody who knew him, and those who didn’t know him eating out of his hand. He just did a remarkable job of speaking to the hearts of everybody in attendance. He had us all really well prepared to go out and do our job.

What I found since that point in time is the person that I heard who engaged, entertained, and educated us. I’ve heard him going out and do that in the community. I’ve heard him do that in our schools on a smaller level and impact the lives of our kids. I’ve seen this one young man impact the lives of our adults, the lives of kids, and be equally impressive regardless of our group. It truly was my good fortune to meet Wilson and my good luck to invite him to speak to our entire workforce, and finally, it is my personal good luck to get to know him over the last couple of years.”

—Dr. Brian Maher, Superintendent, Sioux Falls School District, South Dakota

“I had the opportunity to hear Wilson speak at a corporate audience. He was engaging, interesting, and inspiring. I look forward to hearing what he has to say next.”

—Steve Parker, Healthcare Executive, Austin, Texas
“Thank you so much for coming to our school Wilson. And I say that with all my heart. You are a true inspiration to all of us and your presentation wasn’t just as good it was amazing!! What I loved the most was that you actually interacted with the crowd, you made songs, you got us on our feet, and you stayed afterwards to give hugs and high fives. I have already changed so much! I have started getting more sleep, I’ve been studying harder, and I don’t have a single grade lower than 100%!! So I just wanted to say thank you so very much for coming to our school and we all miss you and want you to come back soon!!”
—Memorial Middle School Student

“You inspire me so much, I’m so glad you came to my school to present, you are the best motivational speaker I’ve ever heard, I don’t get inspired a lot! You have made me the person I’m going to live up to today. A strong independent girl who has way more to live for. Thank you I will never forget you!!”
—Winona Senior High School Student

“Wilson comes with passion and inspiration when he speaks. After listening to his story and motivational words, I couldn’t help but make changes to better my own life and those around me. He had everyone in the room laughing and crying with powerful life experiences that encourage you to move to a greater you.”
—Chase Ward, Resident Director at the University of Sioux Falls, Founder of Simba Educational Ministries

“Being honest man, your speech wasn’t good... it was freakin’ LEGENDARY. Awesome job!”
—Business conference attendee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
“Our dreams and aspirations are defined by the effort we put in to achieve them.”
—Wilson Kubwayo

CWG ACADEMY
PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Climbing the Walls of Greatness
• Overcoming challenges both in life and in the workforce
• How to find motivation and become productive
• The key to effective change, perseverance, and discipline
• The secret to Climbing the Walls of Greatness no matter the obstacle
• Learn three things you do everyday that could be gamechangers if you became aware and utilized them the right way

Unleash Your MUFASA for Academic Success
• Tips and life experiences on overcoming adversity
• Life lessons and what we can learn from the Lion King character Mufasa
• How to network effectively and the importance of your circle of influence
• Three kinds of friendships and take control of your emotional destiny
• Healthy ways to avoid negative influences and own your future

Coming to America: A Refugee Story
• Sharing experiences of growing up in the refugee camp for over 10 years
• Develop a better understanding of the refugee crisis and immigration
• Dialogue on how to work with minorities, refugees and immigrants
• How to deal with diversity, equity and social inclusion with a new lens

Side Hustle: How to start your own project or business
• Balancing life while reaching new heights

Learn how to execute the START Theory
• Set realistic high expectations, turn on your inner focus, avoid distractions
• Read books to aid your learning and do your best
• Fundamentals of business innovations (idea lab)
• How to write a simple business plan that gets the job done
• Marketing your project and finding the right people to help it grow

Create Your Own
Wilson will work with you to create a speech that best fits your needs
CLIENTS
Wilson has served many clients, including:

- Avera McKennan Hospital
- Augustana University
- Golden Living Centers
- South Dakota State University
- University of Sioux Falls
- SFCS Sioux Falls Catholic Schools
- South Dakota Farmers Union
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- DECA

MEDIA EXPOSURE
Wilson has been featured on the following media:

- Keloland Television
- KSFY
- KDLM News
- SDPB
- Leader Media
- The Collegian
- Refugee Council USA
- SCJ
- SD Voices For Peace
- The Immigrant Story
- Voice of America
- Voices of Youth

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