

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John Kriesel

Motivational Speaker and Author

Co-Author "Still Standing"

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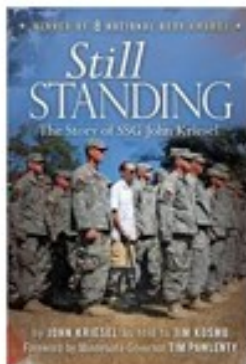


John Kriesel may have lost his legs and three close buddies in Iraq, but he came home with a powerful message of hope and living testimony to the value of a positive attitude to overcome any challenge.

John served as a NATO peacekeeper in Kosovo in 2004 before volunteering for deployment to Iraq. On December 2, 2006 his team struck an improvised explosive device (IED) and he was not expected to survive. He died three times in the operating room, but 35 surgeries and nine months later he walked out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He retired as a sta sergeant following 10 years in the Army National Guard receiving the Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and other awards.

In 2010 he was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives, but decided not to seek re-election when his family said they wanted to spend more time with him.

He is director of veterans services for a County in Suburban Minneapolis, MN, a part-time personality on KFAN Radio, motivational speaker, and co-author of the book, "Still Standing: The Story of SSG John Kriesel," republished in 2018 and winner of 8 national book awards.



Attendees will receive a free autographed copy of John's book!

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Jamie Guite

Leading Edge Coaching &
Development

*“Driving Employee
Engagement through
strengths-based leadership*”

Jamie Guite is thrilled to be a member of the Leading Edge Coaching & Development team. Bringing twenty years of teaching experience and running professional development programming on arts integration, Jamie combines her love of theatre and teaching to offer a humorous and memorable experience.

Jaime has served as a teaching artist for numerous arts organizations including, Hartford Stage, Hartford Children’s Theatre, Neighborhood Music School, The New England Actors Theatre, LEARN, Oddfellows Playhouse, MAPA, the Greater Hartford Arts Academy, and the Independent Day School, as well as teaching throughout the New England area to educate teachers on how to build fertile learning environments and raise student interest by incorporating the arts into their curriculum.

A veteran improvisational performer, Jaime studied at Upright Citizen’s Brigade in New York City. As the Director of Client Humor, Jamie works to deepen the level of comedy in every Leading Edge workshop, creating hilarious and sometimes poignant scenes that are customized to the client.

When not spreading the Leading Edge magic, Jaime can be found performing improv, writing plays, and cherishing family time with her loving husband and three beautiful children.

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Cindy Maher

Leading Edge Coaching &
Development

*“Communicating with multiple
generations”*

Cindy Maher is a co-founding partner and President of Leading Edge Coaching & Development. She leads a powerhouse of talented and comedic instructors who focus on bringing unique leadership learning experiences to Fortune 500 companies, government agencies and universities around the U.S. and abroad.

With more than 25 years of experience in leadership education, executive team development, and performance management strategies, Cindy has executed hundreds of organizational development projects for organizations across the globe including: Aetna, the FDA and National Institutes of Health, the States of Connecticut, Minnesota, and California, Case-Western University, US Bank, and many more. Cindy brings best practices and an innovative approach to all of her work, whether she is working with a team of senior leaders, delivering keynotes at international conferences, or implementing organization-wide employee engagement surveys.

Prior to starting up Leading Edge in 2004, Cindy led leadership development programs at ING North America and held a number of senior HR positions at Aetna that included talent management and succession planning for the top 200. You can see Cindy performing improvisational comedy in venues around Connecticut. The combination of her expertise in business, leadership practices, coaching, organizational development and an infectious brand of humor sets her apart from other leadership consultants in the marketplace.

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Jerry Bridge

Speaker, Trainer, and Author

"If Healthcare is about well being, why am I so stressed out"

Jerry Bridge is a speaker, trainer, author and advocate for the healthcare industry. Over the last three decades Jerry has helped tens of thousands healthcare workers reduce their stress, increase well-being and improve productivity

A baby boomer from Baltimore, Jerry's never lost his fondness for his hometown teams, blue crabs and Maryland hospitality. Jerry has travelled the world running marathons, raising money and resources for ending hunger. He is a drummer, knows his way around a kitchen, and has performed standup at the world-famous Comedy Store.

Jerry's book, *Who Cares? The Give and Take of Family Caregiving* is widely recognized by healthcare professionals as an inspiring, uplifting memoir for anyone with a family caregiving challenge or story.

Above all else, Jerry's passion is to deliver inspiring, engaging presentations while having lots of fun in the process.

SESSION SPEAKERS



Corey Walton

U.S. Department of Labor

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Corey Walton has been with the U.S. Department of Labor/Wage-Hour Division for 22 years. He spent 15 years as an investigator investigating hundreds of cases under several laws including the Fair Labor Standards Act, Davis-Bacon and the Family Medical Leave Act. Over the past seven years, Corey has served as the Community Outreach & Resource Planning Specialist (CORPS) in Wage and Hour's Minneapolis District Office. In that capacity, Corey spends most of his time conducting and organizing DOL educational and training events throughout the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Grant Collins

Labor & Employment Shareholder
Felhaber Larson Law Firm

Legal Update

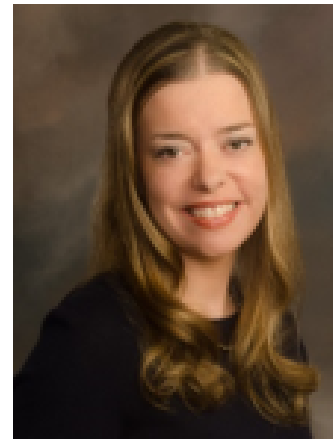


Grant Collins practices in both employment law and traditional labor law. On the employment side, he defends complex wage-and-hour lawsuits, including resisting class certification, and advises clients on issues of termination, severance, and compliance. Grant's traditional labor practice involves advising clients on a variety of labor-related issues, including the recent phenomenon of employee social media use, responding to unfair labor practice charges, and handling grievance arbitrations.

Grant stays current on labor and employment law by serving as co-editor of Minnesota Employment Law Report, an up-to-the-minute blog on the latest developments in labor and employment law in Minnesota and throughout the country. Through this work and his professional experience, he is a frequent commentator in the news media on labor and employment cases.

Dr. Kristin Furan
Cuyuna Regional Medical
Center

Employee Mental Health



Dr. Kristin Furan is a clinical psychologist with Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby, MN. She provides general outpatient therapy services for the community as well as EAP services for CRMC employees and other agencies offering EAP services and contracting with CRMC. She uses a compassionate, collaborative and mind-body-spirit approach and incorporates insight-oriented, CBT, DBT, solution-focused and mindfulness-based interventions to treat individuals, couples and families. She has previously worked and/or trained in settings including group private practice, crisis intervention, hospitals, the VAMC, day treatment, forensics and a substance abuse treatment center. She has previously spoken at conferences on various topics including supporting mental health and well-being in the workplace.