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"I am a Leader, You are a Leader"

Nationally recognized motivational, inspirational, and educational guest speaker and author Bobby Petrocelli made a powerful presentation to both students and teachers at the Manatee County CTSO Leadership Rally recently. His message was heartfelt and delivered with humor and tears.

"In life, pain is inevitable—suffering is optional," Bobby said. Other memorable quotes include, "How we respond to pain determines our success or failure." "In life, offenses are inevitable—forgiveness is optional. Do you take ownership of the offense? Was it personal? You can choose to take offense or not." "There is power in forgiveness—mentally, spiritually, and physically." "In life, change is inevitable—growth is optional." "In reality, there is adversity. Are you going to stay with what's comfortable, easy, and normal? Or are you going to break out of the box and be willing to work with change?"

Bobby challenged students to become leaders and to make good decisions; that their future depends on it. Bobby's incredible story can be found in his book, "10 Seconds Can Change Your Life Forever." See <http://www.10seconds.org>

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"S.W.O.T."

Christy Windham, speaking to over 200 high school Career and Technical Student Organization students, kept the audience captivated with an energetic, interactive presentation. She stressed character, leadership, and how to exert influence in everyday life. Students participated in interactive scenarios designed to help them learn about themselves. They practiced an "S.W.O.T. analysis"—a powerful technique for identifying personal **S**trengths and **W**eaknesses, and examining **O**pportunities and **T**hreats that students might face. Students examined how they could use their strengths, improve weaknesses, take advantage of opportunities, and minimize or mitigate each threat to personal leadership and development.

Character and leadership are qualities Christy has been working on since she joined FFA in the third grade. FFA is a national agricultural education organization dedicated to developing students' potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success. Christy served as the former State FFA President in Mississippi and as a National FFA officer for the southern region of the U.S. She is currently working on her Master's degree with a goal of becoming a voice for farmers and agriscience in the legislative policy arena.

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Students Get Pumped for Leadership

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are memory-making, skill-building, leadership-sharpening, fun-filling, career-driving, professional-polishing, sometimes-wild-and-crazy-making groups of students like you!

Over 500 spirited middle and high school CTSO members filled the Braden River High School auditorium on a recent Saturday morning. Two riveting guest speakers encouraged the students. One challenged students to reach "epiphany" moments by embracing change, forgiving offenses, and choosing to overcome life's challenges. Another spoke of the importance of developing strong character to be a strong leader.

Here's a big **CONGRATULATIONS** to Braden River High School and Haile Middle School, this year's winners of the Spirit Stick. And students, it's not too late to join a CTSO at YOUR school. High school students, ask your career and academic advisors about which CTSOs are active on your campus, and come join a winning team!

"I enjoyed the activities and will use the SWOT program in the future."
Alex from Bayshore High School FBLA

"The opening speaker was awesome! I liked the variety of activities."
Casandra from Braden River High School FBLA

"I liked the fact that the information was useful for the rest of life."
Kaitlynn from Palmetto High School FCCLA

"Everything was great. I love America. The color guard was great."
Joshua from Southeast High School SkillsUSA

"I learned today that I want to try turning an obstacle into an opportunity."
Ashleigh from Manatee High School FCCLA

"I liked everything about the program. I'm going to try and make more goals for myself. Thank you!"
Linda from Lakewood Ranch High School TSA

"I thought Bobby was funny and inspiring. What I learned is that I want to always lend a person ahead."
Jessica from Sugg Middle School FCCLA

"I liked playing the telephone game and learning how to be a leader."
Mason from Johnson Middle School TSA

"I liked the guest speaker and playdough activity. I learned more about running a meeting and to be nice to people."
Meg from Nolan Middle School HOSA

"I liked the guest speaker the most and I want to try some of the fundraising ideas."
Dakota from Buffalo Creek Middle School TSA

"I liked the activities the best. Bobby is the Bomb! I'm going to try leadership for myself."
Katie from Haile Middle School FFA

"I liked drawing our wanted poster best. I want to try the fundraiser ideas."
Carleigh from Lincoln Middle School FBLA

"I liked the confidence of the speaker and I want to try more leadership skills."
Anthony from Harlee Middle School TSA

"I thought the program was very exciting with a lot of activities. I learned what an epiphany is and how to use it to encourage people."
Charlotte from Braden River Middle School FCCLA



Braden River High School spirit stick winners. Photo compliments of Business Technology Education teacher Digital Dan Crumpler.



Haile Middle School spirit stick winners. Photo compliments of Business Technology Education teacher Digital Dan Crumpler.

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CTSOs with Active Chapters in Manatee County

Check out the following websites:



Career Education Clubs of Florida (CECF) www.cecf.org



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) www.floridafbla-pbl.com



Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) www.deca.org



Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) www.flhosa.org



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) www.flfcla.org



National FFA www.flaffa.org



Florida Public Service Association (FPSA) www.fpsa-inc.org



SkillsUSA www.skillsusa.info



Future Builders of America (FBA) www.futurebuildersofamerica.org



Technology Students Association (TSA) www.floridatsa.com



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