



## **David Mouser**

**Speaker - School Administrator - Pasted FFA President**

David is a product of the agricultural industry and career and technical education. He has a long history in leadership that began with serving as the Illinois State FFA president in 1993-94. As an award winning educator, his agriculture/science program grew exponentially in only a few years. As a school administrator, he worked with teachers to earn a National Blue Ribbon High School designation. His presentations focus on making a positive IMPACT in the lives of others as a means to success. Thank you for visiting our website. Please contact us to find out how David can help your students, teachers, or organization make an IMPACT.

David Mouser grew up on a grain farm in Normal, Illinois. He graduated from Normal Community High School. David is a graduate of the University of Illinois with bachelors and masters degrees in education. He also holds an advanced certification in Educational Administration from Illinois State. He is married to Amie. They have two children, Morgan and Brady.

As an educator, David was responsible for turning around an agriculture program with only 25 students in 1997 to a program with over 165 students only a year later. The FFA chapter ranked among the best in Illinois and the United States. He continually had students that succeeded locally and at the state level in various contests and activities. David was named the McLean County High School Teacher of the Year in 2001. He was named to the top 20 under 40 by the Bloomington, Illinois Pantagraph in 2010. He currently serves as the Principal at Tri-Valley High School in Downs, Illinois. A year after his arrival, Tri-Valley High School was named a Chicago Sun Times top 50 high school in Illinois. In 2010, Tri-Valley High School was awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award as one of the top high schools in the Nation.

David has had a long history in public speaking by being State FFA President in 1993-94 and participating in various speaking contests. He won state and national competitions. Since that time, he has spoken to thousands of people from different groups and organizations that include adults and students. David has provided keynote addresses and workshops to agricultural organizations, business groups, educational organizations, teachers, and schools throughout the Midwest.

David's messages focus on leadership, motivation, and the importance of finding purpose through impacting others in a positive way.

### **"Focus on Impact: Maximizing your Talents to Benefit Others"**

This high-energy presentation is designed for students in junior high through college. By sharing his experiences, David Mouser effectively relates his secrets of success in school and in life. This inspirational and humorous presentation, which has been heard by thousands of young people at leadership conferences, school assemblies, and workshops, focuses on the importance of goal-setting, personal initiative, leadership, and self-esteem. David's wisdom and awesome stage presence combine to deliver a touching message that has the power to change young people's lives.

### **"Do you have a rooster to wake you up?"**

Heard by thousands of agriculturalists, David Mouser shares his diverse array of agricultural experiences from growing up on a farm to teaching high school agriculture students. This past State FFA President provides a humorous insight into the agricultural industry while also providing the inspiration necessary to remain enthusiastic about the most important industry in the world. Through his humorous and sincere message, David, a national award-winning speaker, illustrates how the image and outlook of the agricultural industry can be improved.

### **"Focus on Impact: Teaching the Lessons that Matter?"**

David Mouser, an award-winning speaker and educator, shares his unique insight into the profession of teaching with this presentation. Through his experiences as a practicing teacher and school administrator, David delivers a message that is both entertaining and inspirationally powerful. In "Focus on Impact: Teaching the Lessons that Matter?" David shares his secrets for creating success in the classroom and maintaining a positive attitude through even the toughest of situations. This presentation is sure to inspire educators and remind them why they entered the profession.

"Workshops focusing on communication skills, effective teaching, and building leadership capacity are available upon request. "

"I've hired David Mouser many times as a keynoter and highly recommend him. I invite him back because he delivers real content in a very personable manner. His stories touch your heart and leave an impression. Most important he is the same person on the platform as off the platform. He always receives very high evaluation marks. David is very good!" - Patty Hendrickson, Certified Speaking Professional

"As a Superintendent of Schools in the state of Illinois, I am always looking for ways to motivate our staff and help them seek venues for honing their skills as educators. Though we as educators intrinsically know what it is that we need to be doing to relate to students and help them achieve success both in the classroom and in life, sometimes we need that little extra nudge of inspiration. Dave Mouser, in his presentation to professionals, provides this nudge and so much more. At a recent township wide in-service in our community involving about four hundred teachers, Dave Mouser entertained, educated, and inspired our staff with personal stories from his experiences as a principal at a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon High School to personal anecdotes about himself growing up as a student. I have had numerous staff members come up to me and tell me that they appreciated his message and really enjoyed it for both its content and entertainment value. His themes are universal and built on the successes that he has experienced as an educator and I am positive, without hesitation, that any educator that is privy to his message will walk away with a more positive outlook on their importance in the classroom." - Patrick Martin, Superintendent of Schools, Washington, Illinois

"Dave, from someone who hires LOTS of speakers, I have to tell you that you did such a fantastic job speaking to our students at our leadership conference! Your presentation was one of our top ranked sessions and the kids left saying things like "He was so interesting and engaging; I hope his passion for education is contagious; good outside the box ideas; very inspiring!"

Your energy and charisma is so refreshing and your combination of entertaining through story-telling, giving advice and instilling inspiration was more than I could have asked for. You truthfully added a tremendous amount to the value of our event and I can't thank you enough for leaving lasting impression on our students!" - Jodie Brooks, Illinois Grain and Feed Association

"David Mouser has spoken for Illinois Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) on many occasions and our students always enjoy his message and ask for him to return. David is an impressive professional and a high school principal that has an uncanny ability to motivate and resonate with people. David's message is one of action and change. Students who hear David's message walk away wanting to do more and be a better individuals. He is a product of career and technical education and understands the importance of CTE in the education process. David is one of the best speakers we have share with our students, because of his belief in young people and their ability to make a difference!" - Marta Lockwood, FCCLA Illinois Associate Director

"When it comes to engaging an audience and conveying a message that will impact a crowd from teenager to adult, Dave Mouser is the one to call. He is a tremendous speaker who can truly relate to all audiences and keep them hanging on his every word. After having Dave speak at a career

conference for high school students, those students shared that "Mr. Mouser was 100% the best part of the day."

Every student who attended the conference rated him a perfect score of EXCELLENT! Student's shared; "He's a 10 out of 10." "He's fun and he cares." "Love that guy."- Mindy Bunselmeyer, Field Agent: Facilitating Coordinators for Agricultural Education

"Dave Mouser is an educational leader with a relentless interest in issues of improving opportunities for every student to excel. As principal of Tri-Valley High School in Downs (IL), Mr. Mouser models innovative leadership with a laser-sharp focus on improving teaching and learning - for every student.

In our Administration of Human Resources doctoral-level class, Dave described how he removed all basic track courses when he arrived as high school principal. He is adept at building trusting relational networks, and builds systemic capacity for shared leadership. He is an early adopter of cutting edge technology, and models a tireless passion for continuous learning and possibility. He began his formal leadership training as a high school student, when he served as the State's President of the Illinois FFA organization. - Dr. Kristina Hesbol, Professor Illinois State University

"Dave Mouser's presentation was outstanding. He had a very difficult crowd (Friday afternoon before a 3 day weekend)! I think all of us can learn from this how important it is for students to feel important and that they matter. Dave's speech really pumped me up and made me feel as though what I did made a difference in student's lives. His humor was a great addition! What a great way to begin the weekend!" - Jen Tallman, Teacher Washington Illinois School District

"Dave Mouser's presentation was incredible!! He definitely relates to teachers and understands what we do. It was great to hear his stories of a teacher that impacted his life and to also hear how he impacted hers. His presentation reiterated the importance of what I do and why I do it! I loved the humor in the presentation! I laughed out loud many times because the situations and stories were real and I have been in situations like those before! I left this presentation feeling so good about what I do and excited all over again about the difference I make in the lives of my students! Thank you, Mr. Mouser!!!!" - Jennifer Miller, Teacher District 50 Schools Washington, Illinois

"Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, FCAE, has utilized David Mouser for numerous speaking engagements. On every occasion, he has captivated his audience during the entire presentation and left the participants extremely motivated. David is exceptionally good with students and adults, energizing the crowd while presenting his message about developing personal character and dedication toward achieving goals. As the State Coordinator for the Illinois State Board of Education FCAE project, I have high regards for David's speaking ability and am confident he will "shine" at any event." - Jay Runner -Facilitating Coordinator for Agricultural Education State Coordinator