



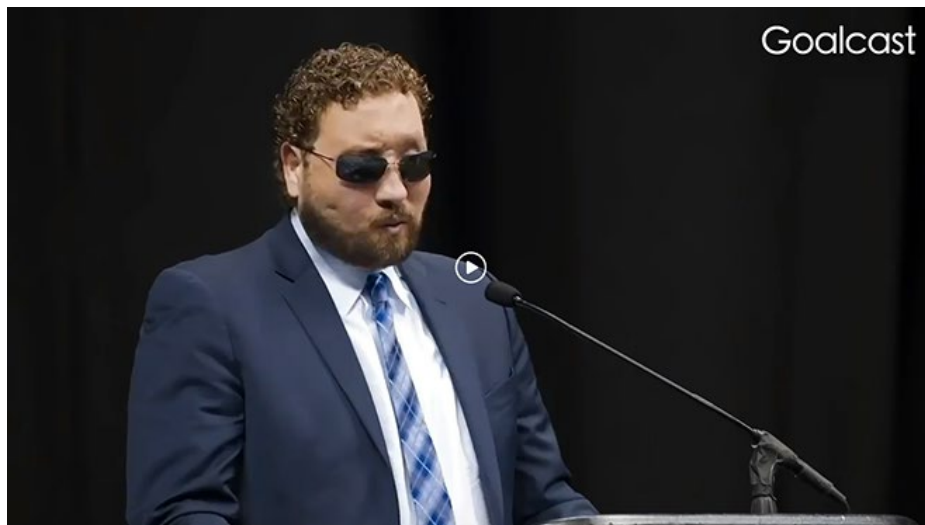
KHA Convention News
July 24, 2024

Speaker: Marcus Engel

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[The Other End of the Stethoscope](#)

[9:00 to 10:00 a.m., Friday, Sept. 6 5](#)



The Other End of the Stethoscope reminds health care professionals of the vital role they play in patients' healing process. This keynote details the experience of a young patient during hospitalization, the care and compassion shown by health care professionals, and the importance of health care professionals being safe, secure and appreciated in their role within this sacred field.

Participants will also come away with an understanding of each patient and co-worker's individuality and unique differences and an appreciation for the role every health care employee plays in the healing of patients and their families. The patient and family experience is absolutely vital in quality, competent health care.

Marcus Engel, MS, CPXP, CSP, is a certified speaking professional and author renowned for his insights into excellent patient care. His keynote presentation, *The Other End of the Stethoscope*, has impacted tens of thousands of health care professionals, and his books are widely used in nursing and allied health programs. Despite being blinded and nearly killed by a drunk driver as a college freshman, Marcus emerged from extensive rehab and facial reconstruction with a profound understanding of patient care. He holds degrees from Missouri State University and Columbia University, with an honorary doctorate from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Currently, an adjunct professor at the University of Notre Dame, Marcus resides in Orlando, Florida, with his wife and James, his seeing eye dog. He remains passionate about connecting with health care professionals nationwide.

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Speaker: KC Wolf, Dan Meers

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[Dan Meers, "KC Wolf"](#)

[Courageous Leadership – Living a Life of Influence](#)

[10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 6](#)



On Nov. 23, 2013, Dan Meers, "KC Wolf" came within inches of losing his life while practicing a bungee jump and zip line stunt at Arrowhead Stadium... home of the Kansas City Chiefs. What Dan anticipated to be the thrill of a lifetime ended up being the spill of a lifetime. The stunt went terribly wrong and Dan plummeted 75 feet before crashing into the stadium seats. Miraculously, Dan survived. He spent nine days in the hospital and got some really big scars. Dan smiles when he says, "Scars are just tattoos that come with a cool story." During this powerful presentation, Dan shares his incredible story and the important lessons that he learned during his long road to recovery about leadership and life.

Dan Meers is more than just a man in a suit – he's a mascot, motivational speaker, author and devoted family man. Starting his career as Truman Tiger at the University of Missouri, Dan quickly rose to become one of the nation's top college mascots. Graduating with honors, he transitioned to become Fredbird for the St. Louis Cardinals before ultimately donning the costume of KC Wolf, the beloved mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs. Beyond entertaining crowds, Dan is a sought-after speaker known for his humor and inspiration. He resides in Kansas City, MO, with his wife and three children.

--Hayley Finch-Genschorck