

# INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKING PRESENTATION:



## *Achieving The Impossible*

**How is it that a select few athletes, and/or teams, are able to accomplish things that some see as impossible?**

**What does it take to achieve athletic success and “beat the odds” even when facing tough adversity?**

**Are there key features, special traits, or certain perceptions successful athletes have that increase their overall chance of athletic achievement?**

It is these questions, and more, that Kirk answers for athletes, parents and coaches.

Inspiring and challenging his audience with activities, videos, and a personal story, Kirk brings home to all what they need to **know** in order to achieve any goal they set.



### Testimonials

*“...a story of true rarity, he focuses on success as a product of pure inner will and determination giving a real life perspective to any high school athlete.”*

*Michael McGinnis  
(Vars. Basketball Coach)*

*“A must see presentation for any athlete looking to improve their potential both on and off the field. Kirk has the unique ability to share his amazing personal story of athletic triumph relating it to the needs of today’s athlete.”*

*Jon Stapleton  
(Varsity Soccer Coach)*

*“...a message of hope, inspiration and courage for aspiring athletes and an assertion of possibilities, outcomes and commitment for coaches.”*

*Peter Freischlag  
(Varsity Tennis Coach)*

*“Coach Mango is a tremendous inspiration to young athletes. He is a living example of how hard work, iron determination, and self confidence can turn an average athlete into a champion in the truest sense of the word.”*

*Dr. Mark McDonald  
(H.S. Superintendent)*

**Don't miss the opportunity to motivate your athletes to higher levels of performance.**

**Contact Kirk directly for availability!!!**

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**Honors & Awards on Reverse Side**

# Inspiring Athletes From WITHIN



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### Kirk Mango: Honors & Awards

- High School:
- **State Champion**
  - **All-American**
  - **Inaugural Hall of Fame Inductee**  
(Along with 4 professional athletes, one of whom pitched in the final game of a World Series.)
- College:
- **Division I National Champion**  
(Competing against & defeating several Olympians)
  - **Two-Time College All-American**
  - **Current Northern Illinois Record Holder**
  - **Two-Time Northern Illinois University Hall-Of-Fame Member**  
(2000 & fall of 2010)
  - **#8 on Northern Illinois University Top 50 Best Husky Athletes of All Time**  
(A list consisting of NBA & NFL players, Heisman Trophy Candidates, and other elite level athletes)
- Coaching:
- **Head Coach of 3 Illinois Elite 8 Gymnastics Teams**
  - **Selected Illinois Gymnastics "Coach of the Year" 1992**
  - **Head Coach:**
    - **1992 Illinois Gymnastics Team Champions at the National High School Girls Gymnastics Championships**
    - **Individual State Champion, All-American, Hall of Fame Inductee**
  - **Assist. Coach - National All-American Team Award (1983-84)**
- Misc.:
- **Father of Two D-I Scholarship Athletes** –Volleyball & Soccer
  - **Author:**
    - ***Becoming a True Champion: Achieving Athletic Excellence From the Inside Out***  
(Rowman & Littlefield, 2012)
    - ***The Athlete's Sports Experience: Making a Difference***  
Tribune's ChicagoNow blog network
    - **Articles at Weplay Mom's (Weplay.com)**  
***Expert Advice For Sports Parents***

### More Testimonials

*"Kirk's enthusiasm for doing your best on your own behalf or on your team's behalf is inspiring. Student athletes benefit from his words of encouragement."*

*Steve Bild  
(H.S. Principal)*

*"...he touched an emotional chord with my cross country team. Kirk's message is applicable to any sport or team situation where athletes are required to possess dedication and a self-motivated work ethic."*

*Doug Plunkett  
(Varsity Cross Country Coach)*

*"Kirk invites every high school athlete to enter into his story no matter where they are in their own athletic accomplishments. Students leave Kirk's presentation knowing the power of choosing excellence and how this choice shapes their future."*

*Vince Walsh-Rock  
(Assistant Principal)*

*"Kirk's use of inspirational videos about real athletes overcoming major challenges sets this presentation apart from all other motivational speeches. Student athletes leave this presentation forced to look deep within themselves."*

*Colleen Reagan  
(Head Volleyball Coach)*