

Kendall C. Wright Among The Most Interesting In Tri-State Accentuating Personal Responsibility In Change Management



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Our cover story on the most interesting people in the Tristate
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What makes you interesting?

For the 20 local people highlighted here, in Cincy's Most Interesting People feature, the question is an easy one. Their answers are sure to keep you riveted, whether they're hosting tours of haunted houses, using a squirt gun on a raucous crowd, or exploring ancient waterworks.

The non-boring bunch was chosen from more than 100 nominations. While you probably haven't heard of most of them before, we hope you eventually get the chance to run into them at a party. When you do, we guarantee you won't be bored.

Kendall C. Wright
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Why he's interesting: Wright has traveled around the globe as a motivational speaker, working with Fortune 500 companies and anyone who wants to become a stronger speaker and leader. He calls himself "The Actualizer." To actualize, he says, is to move from possibility to reality.

Winner: Wright grew up heavily involved in church and was exposed to public speaking early in life. "I had an aptitude but not an affinity for speaking," Wright remarks. But he realized he had talent in the seventh grade, when he won best of state in an Ohio speech contest.

Stepping up: As the first African-American president of the Ohio chapter of the National Speakers Association, Wright increased overall attendance and diversity at meetings.

Travels: Wright's speaking commitments have found him in places such as England, India and Singapore. Kendall recalls his thoughts the first time he gave a seminar in London's Ludgate Circus: "I'm Kendall Wright from Middletown, Ohio, and people are listening to me."

Staying grounded: For the most part, he has — except for the time he went skydiving.

Fundamentals: Wright's message is that "the reward is on the other side of the risk." Rewards are within reach for anyone willing to step up to the challenge, he says.

— Lauren Brunck

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