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# **2018 ELKS PATH to LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**YOUTH AND ELKS LEADING THE WAY  
Saturday, February 3, 2018  
at Elks Camp Barrett, Annapolis Maryland  
Registration 8:30am**



**MAKING GOOD CHOICES  
SERVING OUR  
COMMUNITIES**



**Specifically designed for Youth Peer  
Leaders and Adults involved in youth  
education and programs**

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What's it All About?

Since 1983 the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks has been involved in the war on Drugs. We believe that the more tools we can give our youth to enable them to make good choices for themselves and inspire their peers, the better our successes will be in our battle against drugs and their destruction of our communities.

In this conference, we will provide peer leaders with specific tools and resources to implement action plans in their own communities, thus creating a network of youth with the ability to educate groups, schools, and towns.

Participants, both youth and adult, will benefit from our program and the top rated inspirational speakers simulcasted live from the 30th annual Peer Leadership Conference in Long Branch New Jersey sponsored by the New Jersey Elks Association.

Local Adult educators are encouraged to attend the conference to benefit from the exceptional presentations and speakers.

Our Program Agenda

- 8:30am Registration and Light Breakfast
- 9:45am Opening and Welcome -  
Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., GER
- 10:00am **Keynote Ben Glenn** "Simply Special -  
Finding Your Place in the World" (Live)
- 11:15am **Craig Jandoli** "Embrace Who You Are" (Live)
- 12:30am Lunch Break Group Discussion/Activity
- 1:45pm Assorted Presenters "Breaking the Cycle of  
Violence" (Taped)
- 3:00pm Break
- 3:30pm **Matt Maher** "The Other Side of Reality"  
(Live)
- 4:45pm Happy Birthday Elks. Everyone Wave.  
Directory and Group Photo

## Our Speakers

- **Ben Glenn** Ben struggled with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) throughout his formative years, ultimately finding it impossible to stay interested in school and leaving following his junior year in college. Although his ADD caused him to struggle academically, it proved to be a perfect companion in his career as a performer, creator, and educator. Rather than let it hold him back, he chose to be inspired by his condition. He uses it as a tool for writing, speaking, and making videos focused on ADHD and personal development.
- **Craig Jandoli** Craig is a High School English teacher with Paramus High School. Following his popular workshop in 2016, Craig returns to the NJ Elks Peer Leadership Conference this year to talk with participants about how to recognize who they are, what their strengths are, and how to use those strengths to help others.
- **"Breaking the cycle..."** Violence affects each of us every day, but it rarely begins with knives and gun; that's just when it makes headlines. Mostly it begins with angry feelings, words or texts. Breaking the cycle of violence stress honest communication and forgiveness as an alternative to conflicts. Presented by:
  - \* **Hashim Garrett**, CEO of his own consulting company "Wisdom & Understanding" and a motivational speaker, who was paralyzed from the waist down at age 15 by a gang related shooting that almost ended his life.
  - \* **Sergio Argueta**, former gang member, lost two close friends to gang violence partly due to his poor decisions. In response, he founded S.T.R.O.N.G Youth Inc., one of the leading gang prevention agencies in the Northeastern United States. He now serves as Uniondale High School Attendance Coordinator. Sergio works tirelessly to save the lives of teenagers caught up in gangs.
  - \* **Ann Marie Daliso** lost her son, Pat, to suicide in 2004 at 16 years of age. Together she and her husband worked through the trauma that ensued. Ann Marie is now active in suicide prevention and speaks in schools, advocating forgiveness
- **Matt Maher** Matthew has been on the soccer field, pro. He has been behind a prison wall, con. Now he is back from the grave of failure to inspire conscience, influence conduct, and instigate conviction. As an author and instigator, Matthew leverages his past as the catalyst to influence the audiences that he addresses nationally. His programs are sure to challenge your perspective and charge you with purpose.