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National Speakers Association Announces Induction of Newest Members into the CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame at Influence 2024

Denver, CO – August 19, 2024 – The National Speakers Association (NSA) proudly announces the induction of five (5) outstanding speakers into the prestigious Council of Peers Award for Excellence (CPAE)[®] Speaker Hall of Fame during the annual Influence conference held in Denver, Colorado. This year's inductees—John Register, CSP, CPAE; Linda Swindling, CSP, CPAE; Jon Petz, CSP, CPAE; Cy Wakeman, CSP, CPAE; and Don Yaeger, CSP, CPAE—join an elite group of speakers who have made significant contributions to the speaking profession and have demonstrated excellence in their craft.



John Register, CSP, CPAE, is a decorated U.S. Army Gulf War veteran, Paralympic Games silver medalist, and a sought-after keynote speaker who inspires audiences to overcome life's hurdles. His journey from an elite athlete to an amputee is a powerful testament to resilience and determination, showing leaders how to transform adversity into an advantage.



Linda Swindling, CSP, CPAE, is a former attorney, author, and expert in negotiation and workplace communication. Her impactful presentations help leaders and teams achieve higher levels of performance and productivity. Swindling's work has empowered countless professionals to navigate complex business environments with confidence.



Jon Petz, CSP, CPAE, is a former corporate executive turned magician and motivational speaker who captivates audiences with his unique blend of humor, magic, and powerful messages. Petz is known for his ability to engage and inspire, helping individuals achieve their full potential through the art and science of Amazement.



Cy Wakeman, CSP, CPAE, is a renowned leadership expert, author, and speaker who focuses on reality-based leadership, helping organizations and individuals eliminate drama and achieve results. Wakeman's innovative approach has transformed workplaces and influenced leaders worldwide.



Don Yaeger, CSP, CPAE, is an award-winning keynote speaker, New York Times bestselling author, and longtime Associate Editor for Sports Illustrated. His expertise in sports leadership and teamwork has made him a sought-after speaker for corporate and sports audiences alike. Don inspires teams and individuals to unlock their full potential, igniting unparalleled growth and success.

The CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame is one of the highest honors awarded by NSA, recognizing speakers who have reached the pinnacle of their profession. Inductees are selected based on their professional speaking experience, reputation, and contribution to the industry.

For more information about NSA, the CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame, or Influence 2024, please visit NSAspeaker.org or contact Brittany Pepper.

About the National Speakers Association:

The National Speakers Association® (NSA) is the leading organization for professional speakers. NSA's thousands of members include experts in a variety of industries and disciplines, who reach audiences as trainers, educators, humorists, motivators, consultants, authors, and more. Since 1973, NSA has provided resources and education designed to help anyone become a better speaker and build a better speaking business. Visit NSA's website at NSAspeaker.org.

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