

SPEAKER PRESS KIT: DANIEL WONG

Learning & Teen Expert

Daniel Wong specializes in empowering teens to become both happy and successful. He shows parents how they can help, too.

Biography



Daniel Wong, bestselling author of *The Happy Student: 5 Steps to Academic Fulfillment and Success*, graduated *summa cum laude* from Duke University. He is also the co-author of the extremely popular e-book, *Singapore Scholarship Guide: The \$500,000 Decision*. Born in South Africa, he lived in Hong Kong and Singapore before heading to Duke University on a full academic scholarship. He currently resides in Singapore.

Daniel is a learning and teen expert, as well as a certified youth counselor. He has given talks to thousands of people in countries like Indonesia, Singapore and the United States. He has spoken at institutions such as the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), Indonesian Creative School, Northland Secondary School, Dunman High School, Raffles Institution, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Innova Junior College, Tampines Junior College, Serangoon Junior College, Anglo-Chinese Junior College, National Junior College, Victoria Junior College, Management Development Institute of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University, Singapore University of Technology and Design, and Duke University.

Daniel has also spoken to employees of Singapore Airlines about how to maximize their happiness through changing the culture at work. He has also given a TEDx talk at Duke University entitled *Realistic Idealism: Seeing People as People*, and a TEDxYouth talk entitled *People: Sweet Dreams Are Made of This*. In addition, Daniel has spoken at Great Eastern Life, All In! Young Writers Media Festival and the Asian Parents Forum.

Daniel is a member of the Global Speakers Federation and the Asia Professional Speakers – Singapore (APSS) Association. His work has been featured on The Huffington Post, Yahoo!, 938Live Radio, Channel NewsAsia, Mediacorp Channel 5, The Straits Times, TODAY and Shin Min Daily News, among others.

He is a voracious reader, having read hundreds of books on learning, teen development, psychology, education, and more. In his free time, he enjoys juggling, lifting weights, and playing basketball.

Talks

1. Title: *Your Happiness, Your Choice*

Purpose: Empower the audience with tools to become both happy and successful, and to see happiness as an intentional choice

Audience: Teens

Key topics:

- Making excellent life decisions
- Taking full responsibility for your life
- Conquering your fears and limiting beliefs
- How to increase your self-confidence

2. Title: *Making a Winner Out of Every Student*

Purpose: Equip the audience with effective principles and techniques to help their students find enduring success

Audience: Parents and educators

Key topics:

- Common mistakes people make with students
- Easy and effective ways to show students that you care
- Strategies for getting through to unmotivated students
- Cultivating a love for learning in students

3. Title: *Dream Big, Start Small, Act Now*

Purpose: Teach the audience, using practical strategies and tips, to find their dream, pursue it, and achieve it

Audience: Teens

Key topics:

- The importance of having a dream
- Why people need to be at the center of your dream
- The three crucial questions to ask yourself in order to achieve a meaningful dream
- Things you can do today to discover your dream

4. Title: *Finding Success On Your Own Terms*

Purpose: Reexamine the notion of success and failure, and show the audience how to develop their own personal definition of success

Audience: Teens

Key topics:

- Why you need to define success for yourself
- How to deal with the pressure of trying to live up to the expectations of others
- Overcoming setbacks and disappointments
- How to develop and effectively utilize your personal definition of success

5. Title: *From Idea to Publication: What Writing a Book Will Teach You About Life*

Purpose: Share with the audience the struggles and joy of writing a book, and inspire them to embark on their own journey as a writer

Audience: People who want to know more about the book-writing process

Key topics:

- An overview of the process of getting a book published
- Why Daniel considers himself an accidental author
- The benefits of becoming a published author (it has nothing to do with money!)
- The importance of beginning with the end in mind

6. Title: *What Every Student Ought to Know About Scholarships and Choosing a Career*

Purpose: To help students (and their parents) make an informed decision about scholarships and their future career

Audience: Students who are thinking of applying for a scholarship or who are confused about their future career choices

Key topics:

- Questions to ask yourself before applying for a scholarship or a course of study
- Alternatives to getting the “overseas experience” other than taking up a scholarship
- Key considerations before making any decisions related to your future career
- Practical ways to prepare for your future career, starting today

Workshops

1. Title: *The Exam Excellence (TEE) Workshop*

Purpose: Equip students with both the motivation and know-how to attain academic excellence

Audience: Students aged 15 and up, through tertiary institutions

Key topics:

- Finding intrinsic motivation for academic excellence
- Proven studying, note-taking and listening techniques
- Exam preparation tips from a lifelong straight-A student
- Effective stress management

2. Title: *The Happy Student (THS) Workshop*

Purpose: Give clarity to students who are about to go through a major transition in life, who have experienced significant setbacks, or who want to excel in their student life

Audience: Students aged 15 and up, through tertiary institutions

Key topics:

- Clarify your direction in your education and life
- Develop powerful tools such as your personal definition of success and personal mission statement
- Breaking free from the “rat-race” mindset
- The keys to finding both happiness and success

Speaker Testimonials

“This talk showed Daniel's heart for people. He really shared from his heart. Good job and keep at it!”

- *Fion Lim, teacher*

“Daniel is an inspiring speaker who captured the hearts of the students. He shared useful studying tips, and he challenged students to break through their barriers and step out of their comfort zone to achieve their dreams.”

- *Esther Foo, Serangoon Junior College teacher*

“The seminar was encouraging and inspiring.”

- *Lynn Lee, RSAF Pilot*

“The talk was engaging and entertaining. The content was very relevant. Daniel really connected with the students.”

- *Xinhao, student*

“Daniel, you rock!”

- *Crystal, Integrated Programme student*

“The message was delivered in an interesting and personable fashion, and with deep conviction.”

- *Priscilla Lua, lawyer*

“This is the first talk where all the students stayed awake!”

- *Cindy, student*

“Daniel, I think you're a wonderful speaker who really speaks from the bottom of your heart. Keep it up!”

- *Ng Wen Han, Nanyang Technological University student*

“Very inspiring delivery of the message.”

- *Samantha Seet, NUS architecture student*

“I liked how Daniel used personal anecdotes to show how he is leading a purposeful life. This gave the talk a firm basis.”

- *Shaun Lim, A*Star scholarship recipient*

“An interesting and useful workshop.”

- *John, student*

“Very inspiring talk. I'm now able to look at life from a different perspective.”

- *YL, student*

“This seminar really gives the extra push for people to follow their personal mission and think about the distractions in their lives. It's a good seminar for people to reflect.”

- *Gregory Wu, DBS employee*

Credentials at a Glance

Areas of Expertise:

- Empowering teenagers to find new meaning and motivation in their education
- Training teenagers to embrace the right mindset and methods necessary for long-term success
- Certified youth counselor
- Equipping parents and educators with tools to help teens find happiness and success
- Has mastered countless memory, learning, and productivity techniques, and is skilled at teaching them to teens

Clients and Audiences:

- Teenagers
- Parents and educators

Education:

- Raffles Institution
- Victoria Junior College
- Duke University, *summa cum laude*
- Recipient of full academic scholarship

Professional Organizations and Awards:

- Global Speakers Federation
- Asia Professional Speakers – Singapore (APSS) Association
- JCI Singapore – Ten Outstanding Young Persons (TOYP) Merit Award

Contact

If you are interested in booking Daniel for a talk or workshop, please send him an email at Daniel@Daniel-Wong.com to find out more.

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