

Cam Armitage

Cam is a Firefighter, author and speaker. He studied business in the United States and graduated with a degree in business and economics. He wrote his autobiography "the comeback" where he candidly opens-up and recounts his life in a compelling true story. He shares how he was labelled a "high school dropout", wrestled with substance abuse and a temptation to join the criminal world. During a single life altering moment, Cam decides to reclaim his life. What Cam did not anticipate was the disappointment, failure, and pain that would parallel his efforts to overcome adversity.



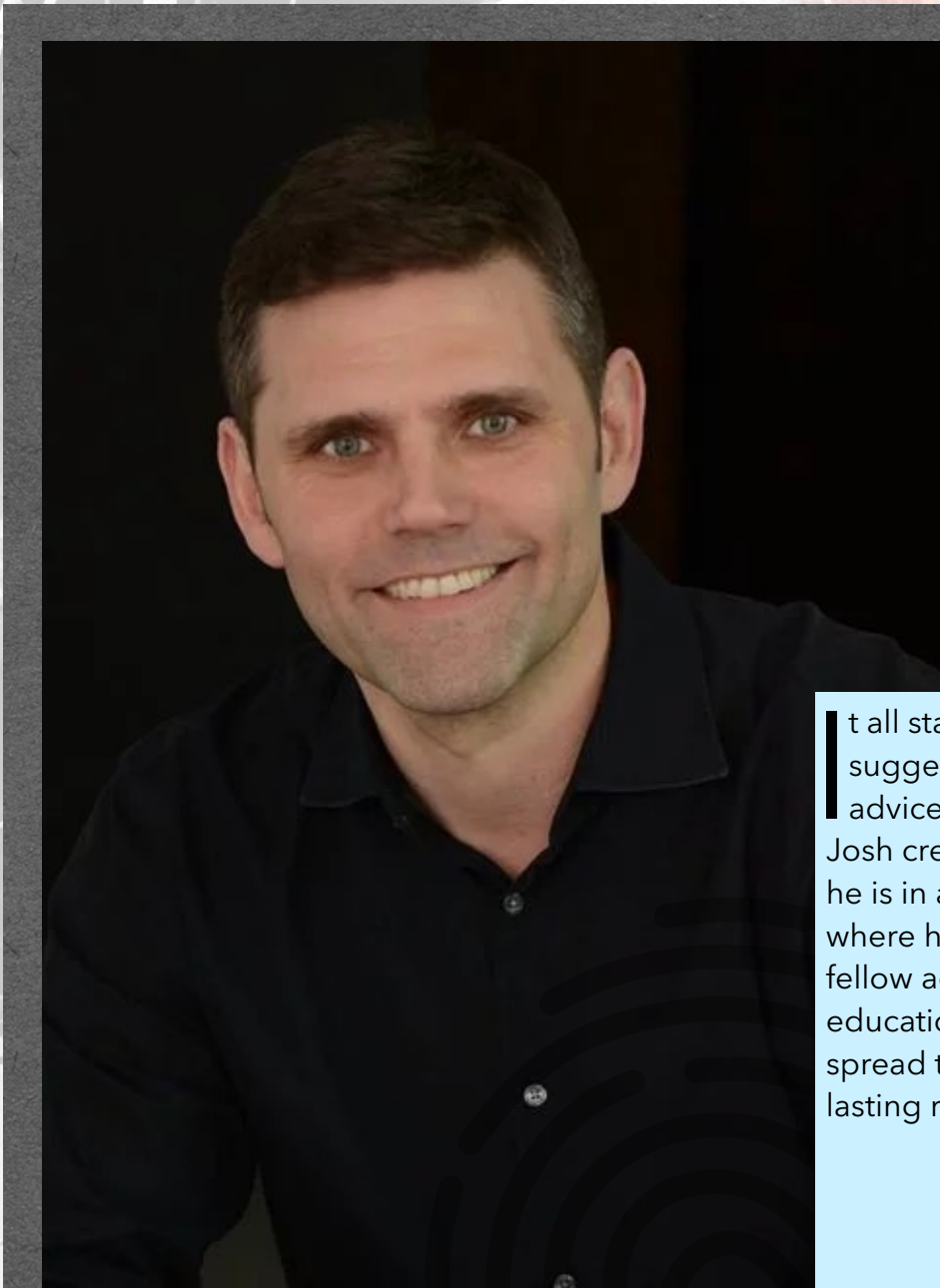
Francesco Aquilini

Francesco is a Managing Partner of the Vancouver-based Aquilini Group, a private, family-run business founded over 50 years ago by his father Luigi Aquilini. The Aquilini Group continues to be led by Luigi along with Francesco and his two brothers: Paolo and Roberto. The company is one of Vancouver's most diversified and is best known for owning the Vancouver Canucks franchise and Rogers Arena. Francesco was born and raised in East Vancouver, where he attended Templeton Secondary and now supports the East End Boys Club as a principal donor.



Paolo Aquilini

Amidst all of his business ventures with his brothers Francesco and Roberto, Paolo is dedicated to the betterment of community life. Driven by an underlying passion and focus to help others, Paolo has served as the President of The Canucks for Kids Fund (the charitable arm of the Vancouver Canucks) since the Aquilini Group purchased the team in 2005. He is also involved in a variety of meaningful community organizations like the East End Boys Club.



Josh Bath

It all started when his taekwondo instructor suggested he go into real estate sales. This advice turned out to be right on the money as Josh created a life long passage out of it. Today he is in a position of service to his industry where he shares his extensive knowledge with fellow agents through his real estate educational seminars. It fills him with great joy to spread the wealth while creating bonded and lasting relationships.



Arjan Bhullar

Arjan was born in Vancouver, British Columbia and is an Olympic Wrestler and MMA World Champion. Following his capture of the Battlefield Fight League world title Arjan was signed by the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), becoming the first fighter of South Asian descent in the company. After finishing his contract he chose to sign with ONE Championship promotion where he soon won the world heavyweight title. Living every aspect of his life as a Champion, his focus continues to be to create a lasting legacy that his wife, children, and entire Bhullar family are proud of once the final chapter of his story has been written.



Brian Paes-Braga

Brian is a passionate entrepreneur who learned the value of hard work and humility from his parents. Brian realized that, despite his financial success, he was personally bankrupt and this started him on a journey to balance his wellbeing with financial achievement. Today, Brian is an advocate for a more conscious kind of capitalism. A proven business leader who has built multiple mission-driven companies, Brian's passionate about sharing his wisdom with the younger generation to help them navigate the ups and downs on their journey towards authenticity and a meaningful life.



Ali Chaudhry

Ali is an actor who also works in the finance industry for the community centred credit union Vancity. He has coached basketball for his community and was also a coach at Camp Choice Summer Camps. Ali is a former student of Jim Crescenzo's Theatre, Film and East End Boys Club programs.



Gin Cheng

Gin is an Enterprise Content Management expert with a Bachelor of Finance from UBC's Sauder School of Business. His work with the East End Boys Club and other youth began in 2017 at Camp Choice-BC and he has since come to know quite a few of the members over the years. Furthermore, he grew up in the East End and reflects back to those days very fondly. He believes that growing up in the East End, he was often just a few bad decisions short of causing profound negative impacts on his life.



Mark Curtin

Mark is a North Vancouver firefighter with 13 years of service. His wife is a high school teacher and together they have two children, ages 12 and 14. One of his life's missions is to give back. He is grateful that during his early childhood, and teenage years, he has had a few impactful mentors that helped shape his destiny. Mark was raised by a single parent; and did not meet his father until he was 15 years old. In high school, he slept on a couch, struggled academically, and started getting into trouble. Mark credits the guidance, support, and love of his mentors for where he is today.



Wayne Deans

Wayne is a leading Vancouver finance professional, author and important supporter of the East End Boys Club, in addition to many other local causes. In 2011, Wayne Deans, made a \$2.2 million gift to establish the Wayne Deans Investment Analysis Centre at UBC's Sauder School of Business. He has had a longstanding commitment to business education and when he was asked about his inspiration for establishing the centre, Deans said he wanted to give students a tool that would benefit them in their studies and in their careers after graduation.



Dr. John Demartini

Dr. John Demartini is a polymath and a world-renowned human behaviour expert. He has over 4 decades of research across multiple disciplines. His work has been described by students as the "most comprehensive body of work", "an extensive library of wisdom" and "wisdom of the highest and most valuable order". He's an internationally published author, a global educator and the founder of the Demartini Method, a revolutionary tool in modern psychology.



Jay Demerit

Jay went from living in friend's attic, struggling to make it in the Pub League to The Premier League and the 2010 World Cup with self-belief, self-leadership, resilience, and a lot of hard work. He went on to become the inaugural Captain of the Vancouver White Caps and retired as the team ambassador. Today Jay has committed his life to his many business including his youth camps "Rise and Shine", of which he is a heavy collaborator with the East End Boys Club.



John DeSantis

John is a Canadian actor, best known as Lurch of the Addams Family. He has starred in countless film and TV roles including Disney's Touchstone Pictures film The 13th Warrior, in which he played a Viking warrior named Ragnar the Dour. John has overcome significant personal adversity in his childhood, experiences he now uses to connect with youth during speaking engagements.

A portrait of Ami Dolenz, a woman with long, wavy brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a black sleeveless top and leopard-print pants. She is sitting and looking directly at the camera against a blue background.

Ami Dolenz

Ami Dolenz is an actress and producer, known for *Can't Buy Me Love* (1987), *Pacto de sangre 2 - La maldición de la bruja* (1993), and much more. Passionate about art and working with youth, her and her husband Jerry Trimble teach many youth programming for the East End Boys Club as resident youth mentors.



Bibiano Fernandes

Bibiano is a professional mixed martial artist who has competed for K-1, DREAM, ONE Championship and King of the Cage. He was the first DREAM Featherweight Champion and DREAM Bantamweight Champion, and is currently in his second reign as the ONE Bantamweight Champion. He grew up in Brazil to a poor family where his mother battled depression and passed away when he was seven. Unable to raise his children, Bibiano's father sent him and his siblings to live with their aunt in the Amazon rainforest. Bibiano did not attend school until he was 9. At the age of 13, he was introduced to Brazilian Jujitsu, where his instructor trained him for free in exchange for cleaning the gym. This gave Bibiano a profound respect and gratitude for the gym and what it taught.



Jacob George

Jacob is an undefeated boxer from the Coast Salish, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and is the direct descendent of the great Chief Dan George. Jacob and his family offer their traditional land to host the East End Boys Club summer fitness program where the youth have access to a beautiful waterfront boxing ring. Jacob openly shares his tragic story of his mother's addiction, neglect, abandonment and eventual passing. After a life of anger and resentment, he now chooses to find peace in forgiveness.



Frank Giustra

Frank is a Canadian businessman, mining financier and global philanthropist, who also founded Lionsgate Entertainment. He is a strong believer in philanthropy and devotes much of his time to a variety of causes both locally and globally. For over two decades the Giustra Foundation has supported innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing humanitarian and economic challenges -- focussing on women and children, health and education, homelessness and refugee resettlement. Frank has been a principal donor for the East End Boys Club for over a decade, and he often expresses that it is his favourite organization of those which he supports.



Mike Halligan

Mike is an American politician from the state of Montana. He served in the State Senate from 1980 to 2001 where he was the minority leader for two years. An attorney, Halligan attended the University of Montana, where he earned his J.D. degree and was deputy Missoula County Attorney from 1985 to 1990. Mike served in Vietnam as an infantry combat platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division. There he learned that many of his soldiers came from underprivileged backgrounds, many of which were African Americans. He was profoundly moved by the bravery of these soldiers that it sparked his passion to give back to underprivileged communities. He now serves as the Executive Director of the Kyle Washington Foundation, a principal donor of the East End Boys Club.



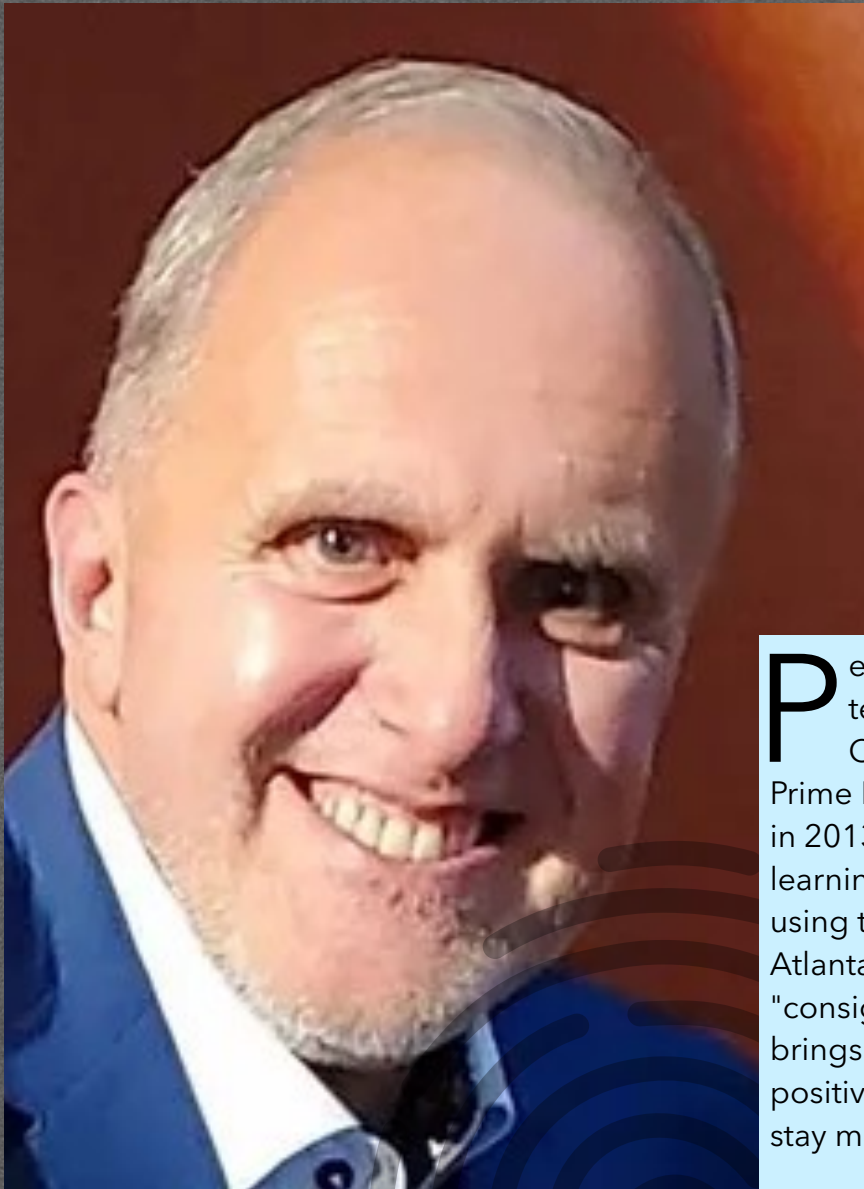
Dr. Anthony Hutchinson

Dr. Anthony Hutchinson is a versatile social work and health care professional who specializes in areas of psycho-social forensic and clinical assessment and treatment. Over his career, Dr. Hutchinson has overseen & completed a range of Case Management, Program Evaluation, Project Management, and Applied Research undertakings over the past 15+ years across Med-Legal, Personal Injury, Criminal Law, Civil Litigation & Community Development sectors. In addition to being a well-regarded, dynamic & engaging university professor, Dr. Hutchinson is also a multiple time judicially-qualified Expert Witness at Ontario Court of Justice and Superior Court of Justice levels in areas of: gang language, culture, graffiti (tags) & hand signs; codified language; urban street language; psycho-social assessment; and, socio-cultural assessment.



Darren Jacklin

At the age of one, Darren lost his four-year-old sister from complications due to open-heart surgery. Later in life Darren was diagnosed with ADHD, prescribed Ritalin, failed grade one and after his parents' divorce, both his high school teacher and guidance counsellor told him that he would not go far in life. In his early twenties his belonging were repossessed, bank accounts frozen, and was evicted from his home. A lifetime of low self-confidence and failures lead Darren to multiple suicide attempts as rock bottom had him forced to collect welfare, live on the streets and eat from the trash. However, he found hope as these early challenges set the scene for a remarkable transformation which lead him to a Toastmasters course where he was eventually mentored to become a World Class Professional Speaker. For the last two decades, Darren has travelled the world and trained over 1 million people in over 48 countries and works with the largest companies in the world.



Peter Katsionis

Peter is a retired secondary school history teacher who received the Government of Canada History Award in 2016 and the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2013. Peter pioneered on-line and blended learning in B.C. and has presented papers on using technology in the classroom here and in Atlanta. We are pleased to have Peter as the "consigliere" (legal advisor) to the EEBC. Peter brings years of experience to his work and his positive rapport with our boys helps them to stay motivated and engaged in their studies.



Jun Kim

Jun is a teacher for the Surrey School District and an award-winning filmmaker. He has a deep connection with community outreach as his parents served over 10 years as missionaries. Jun decided to join the East End Boys Club as a mentor to give back to his community and provides an opportunity to connect with their youth in a totally different way. His hope is to instill a positive outlook on life through collaboration, discussion, and communication with the young adults of the East End Boys Club.



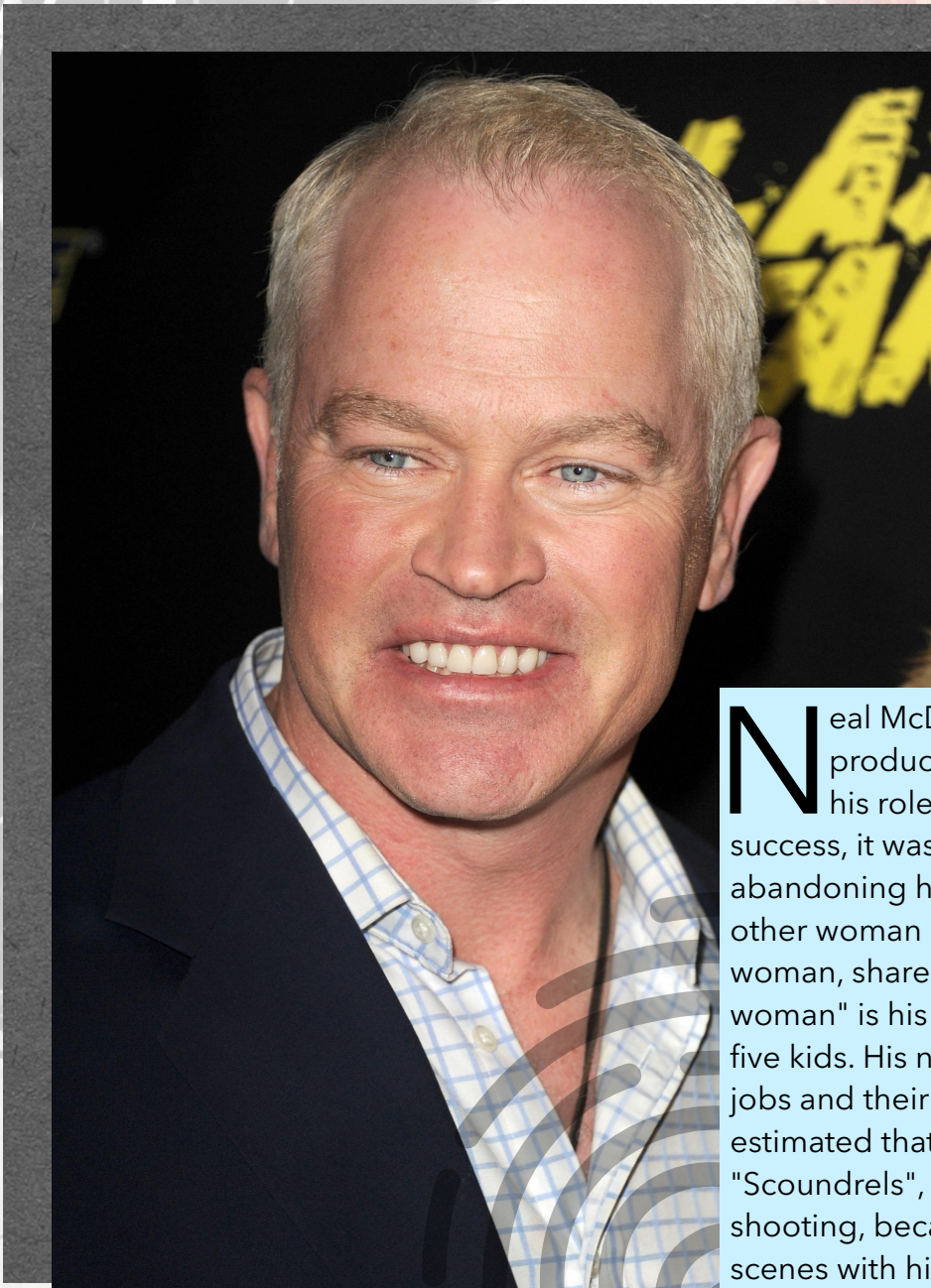
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Dr. Lennox Lewis

Boxing Legend Lennox Lewis has accomplished more in one boxing career than most people can imagine. He is known for his calculated fighting style and grace in the ring. Muhammad Ali famously said to Lewis, "You're the greatest one there is, like me." George Foreman has described Lewis as "beyond doubt, the greatest heavyweight of all time." Lewis' decision to retire as the reigning heavyweight champion of the world in 2004 reaffirmed his reputation as a man who makes decisions for himself and sticks to his principles. He retired with an impressive record of 41 wins - 2 losses - 1 draw, 32 wins by knockout. Before turning pro, Lewis held a remarkable amateur record of 85-9, which he capped with a gold medal for Team Canada at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.



Neal McDonough

Neal McDonough is an American actor and producer known for countless roles, including his role in HBO's *Band of Brothers*. Despite his success, it wasn't long ago that Neal considered abandoning his career as an actor. "I won't kiss any other woman because these lips are meant for one woman, shares Neal, a devout Catholic. That "one woman" is his wife of 18 years with whom he has five kids. His no-kissing stance has meant that some jobs and their lucrative paycheques are off-limits. It's estimated that he lost a \$1 million role on "Scoundrels", after he was let go three days in to shooting, because he was asked to act in intimate scenes with his female co-star. "It was a horrible situation for me. After that, I couldn't get a job because everybody thought I was this religious zealot," shares Neal. However, staying principled has since earned him the respect of Hollywood over the years, and he has since gone on to appear in everything from TV's "Suits," to the big screen's "Captain America: The First Avenger".



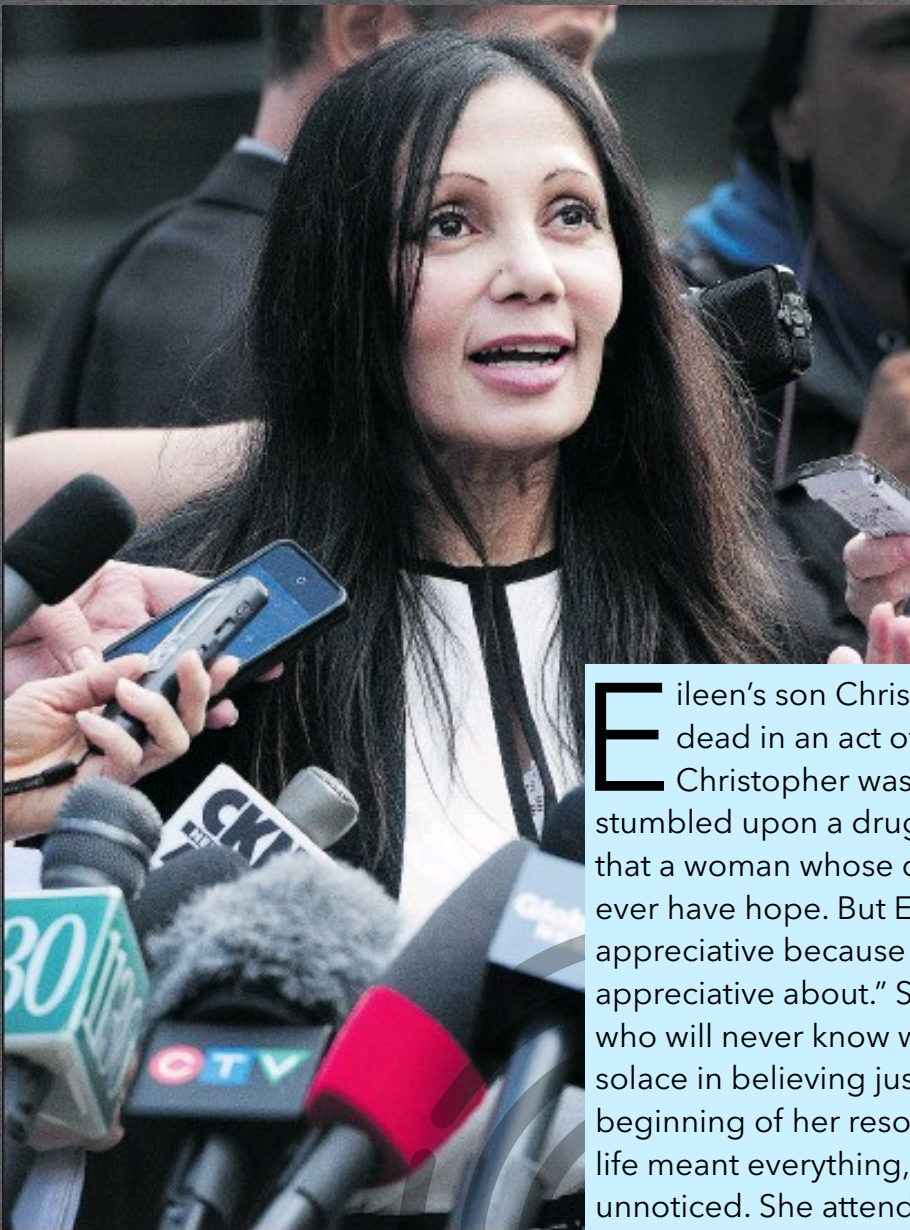
Hugo Aparicio Mendoza

Hugo Aparicio is a Quality Control Technician for LafargeHolcim Ltd and a former student of Jim Crescenzo's Theatre, Film and East End Boys Club programs. At 24 years old he moved to Kitimat, BC to work on the Rio Tinto Alcan Aluminium Smelting plant. This opportunity unexpectedly lead him to a salary that was well above average for guys his age and he quickly realized how rewarding working in the trades could be. When he returned to Vancouver he jumped on the opportunity to give back to his community by volunteering at the East End Boys Club. As he is now able to give back to his community, he advocates its youth to consider careers in the trades.



Junior Moar

Ralph “Junior” Moar is the Canadian light weight champion. He grew up in the North End of Winnipeg, Manitoba, a working class area, rife with gangs and violence. Junior was able to avoid trouble by spending his free time in the boxing gym. However, after much success, he found it came with new friends. Soon, Junior was hanging out with the wrong crowd and became a gang member. His life in the fast lane wouldn't last long, after a shoot out with a rival gang, Junior went from the sports page to the front page, and was sentenced to 4 years in prison. There he was stabbed and spent nearly twenty seven months in solitary confinement. Upon release he decided to turn his life around and gave boxing one more shot. He moved to Vancouver where he connected with Canadian boxing great Manny Sobral (former IBO and Canadian champion), who mentored him and helped him to win the Canadian light heavyweight championship. Today Junior spends his time speaking to youth about the dangerous of gang life, and the importance of mentorship and healthy life choices.



Eileen Mohan

Eileen's son Christopher, 22, was one of six men shot dead in an act of gang violence on Oct. 19, 2007. Christopher was an innocent victim who accidentally stumbled upon a drug hit in progress. It seems impossible that a woman whose child was executed in cold blood could ever have hope. But Eileen Mohan does. "I want to be very appreciative because I don't have very many things to be appreciative about." She explains that there are other families who will never know who killed their loved one. And she takes solace in believing justice will be served. It was just the beginning of her resolve. She would fight for Chris. Just as his life meant everything, the way he died would not go unnoticed. She attended every moment of the public trial, advocating for the victims of gang violence. She didn't care how long it took, just that it's done right and those who are found guilty were sentenced. Since the tragedy Eileen has become a local hero and symbol of hope, speaking to groups to share her story. "Honestly, I don't know what my tomorrow will look like, but I've left my tomorrow for the universe to look after me. "Like the universe is looking after me, the universe will take care of everyone else."



Phil Moore

Phil Moore has been a realtor with RE/MAX Central Burnaby for over 30 years and has served as the Immediate Past President of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver for the last 8 years. He was instrumental in the creation of Camp Choice BC and currently serves as its Vice President. In 2020, he won the REBGV President's Club Award, which recognizes the top 1% out of 14,000 realtors and was also elected by 138,000 realtors to the position of Director at Large for his national association of realtors. Phil also served 8 years as a policeman for the Vancouver Police Department and is a father of 3 and grandfather of 5.



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John Patricelli

John Patricelli has been instrumental in helping build and sustain programs at Templeton and John Oliver Secondary schools. He is an admirable mentor who is honest about his own personal adversities. Now, as a successful businessman and realtor who is in the top 10% of his industry, John's actions speak louder than his words. John is the recipient of the Realtor's Care Award for 2018, one of only 14,000 realtor's receives this award annually. He is also the Lead Facilitator for Camp Choice and gives his time to help individuals in substance recovery programs.



Aleks Paunovic

Aleks' journey to becoming a professional actor was a lot different from many of his contemporaries. He began acting while partaking in his other two passions, boxing, and music. He was the Canadian champion in amateur boxing before injuring himself in the 1999 Pan American Games. Aleks faced much adversity during his childhood, where he was bullied relentlessly. Today he is a vocal anti-bullying advocate and says, "Everyone's going to be faced with obstacles. Everyone's going to face tragedy. There's no easy way through suffering. You still need to mourn. Even if you lose your job or something like that, you need to mourn it because it meant something to you. But then you can say, "Ok, I've mourned. Now we can move forward."



Angus Reid

From a physical and talent perspective, Angus Reid had no business playing professional football for 13 seasons, earning multiple all-stars and winning two Grey Cup Championships. It was through his relentless determination and the extensive guidance of others that his dream became a reality. Today, Angus travels North America speaking with companies, schools, and teams about what it really takes to make it and win. His successful TEDx talks, "Why We Need High School Football" and "Mastering the Skill of Trust" have garnered him both praise and respect.



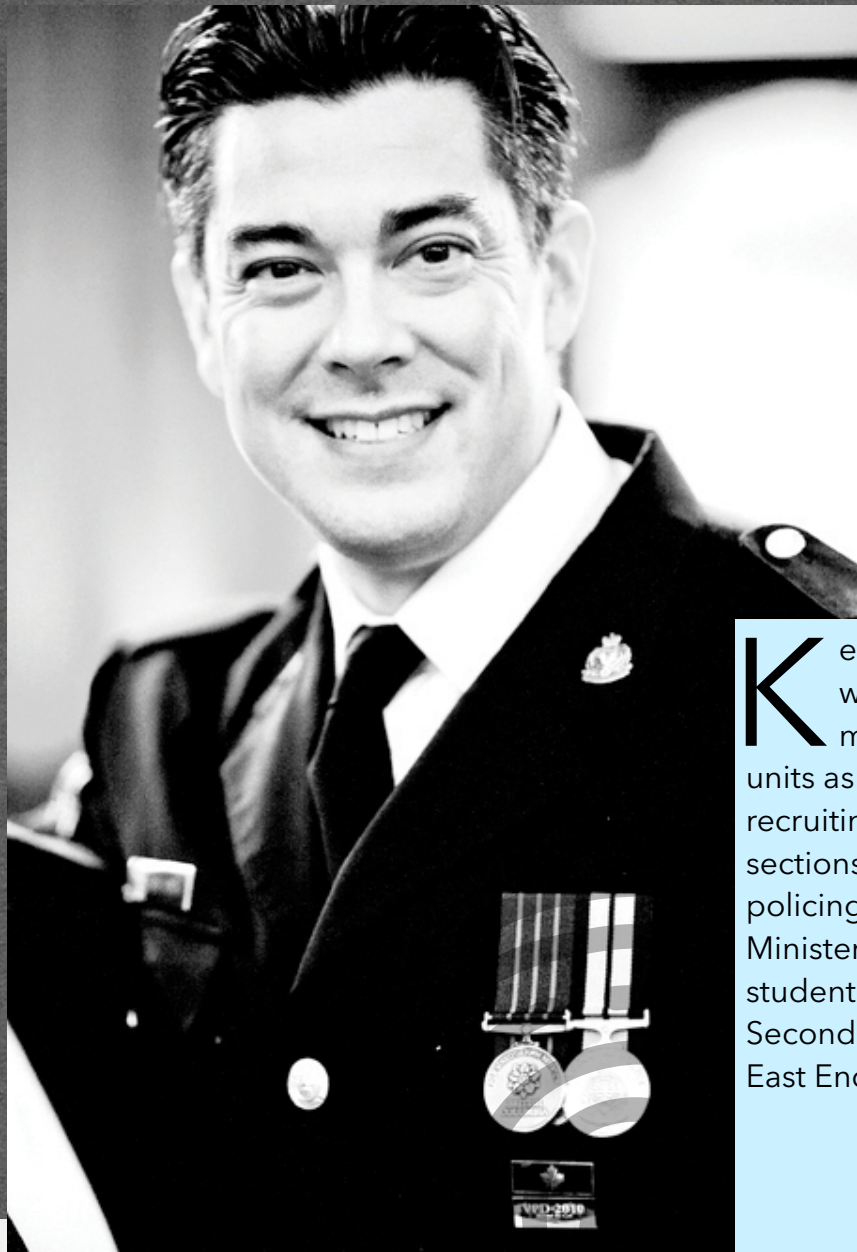
Brian Scudamore

Brian started his business in Vancouver, Canada at the age of 18, and later went on to franchise 1-800-GOT-JUNK? as a way to expand operations. Today, he has 1000 trucks on the road throughout 180 locations in Canada, the United States, and Australia. Brian has received wide recognition in the media and business community. In addition to interviews and guest appearances, Brian contributes written articles on building a business and entrepreneurship to many national magazines. As a public speaker, Brian is a strong believer in personal and professional development and has brought his entrepreneurial success story to many conference stages, including the Fortune Small Business Magazine's national conference.



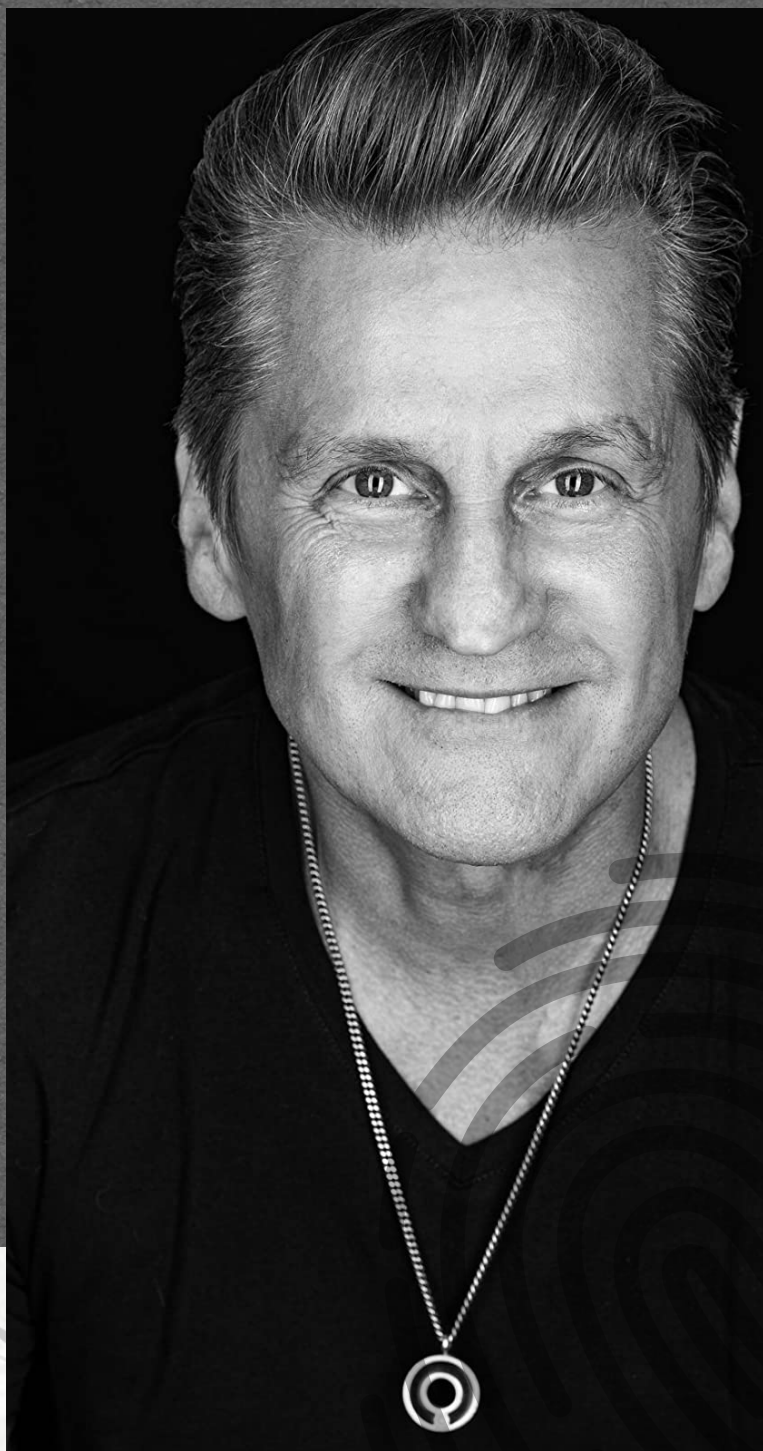
Manny Sobral

Manny Sobral is a Canadian boxing great, former Canadian Boxing and IBO Super Welterweight World Champion who also represented Canada at the 1988 Olympic Summer Games. He holds a Masters Degree in Counselling Education and is a former student of Jim Crescenzo's at Templeton Secondary. Manny now teaches for the Vancouver School Board, where he works with highly at-risk students in their SUMMIT program.



Kevin Torvik

Kevin has been a police officer for 23 years working in patrol, drug, outlaw motorcycle gang and gang enforcement units as well as having supervisory roles in the recruiting, human resources and school liaison sections. In that time, he took a leave from policing to be a senior adviser to Canada's Minister of National Defence. Kevin is a former student of Jim Crescenzo's at Templeton Secondary and an invaluable supporter of the East End Boys Club.



Jerry Trimble

Jerry "Golden Boy" Trimble is the former PKA and PKC World Kickboxing Champion of the world and was inducted into the World Kickboxing Hall of Fame in 2019. He is currently a film and TV actor with a resume that includes over 60 projects such as Charlie's Angels, "Green Hornet" and "Heat", where he played alongside Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. Jerry also works as a Motivational Youth Speaker who empowers teens to get out of their comfort zone, discover their gifts and go after their dreams. Jerry uses his real-life experiences as proof that if an insecure, fearful, bullied teen like he was can make his dreams come true, anyone can.



Josh Vander Vies

Born without arms, legs or limits. Josh is a Canadian former international boccia player, 2004 Paralympian, 2011 Parapan American Games bronze medalist in singles and 2012 Paralympic bronze medalist in doubles. He is a lawyer focused on creating and defending Canadian not-for-profit organizations. Josh is an experienced keynote speaker to business, school, sport and community audiences across Canada and the world.



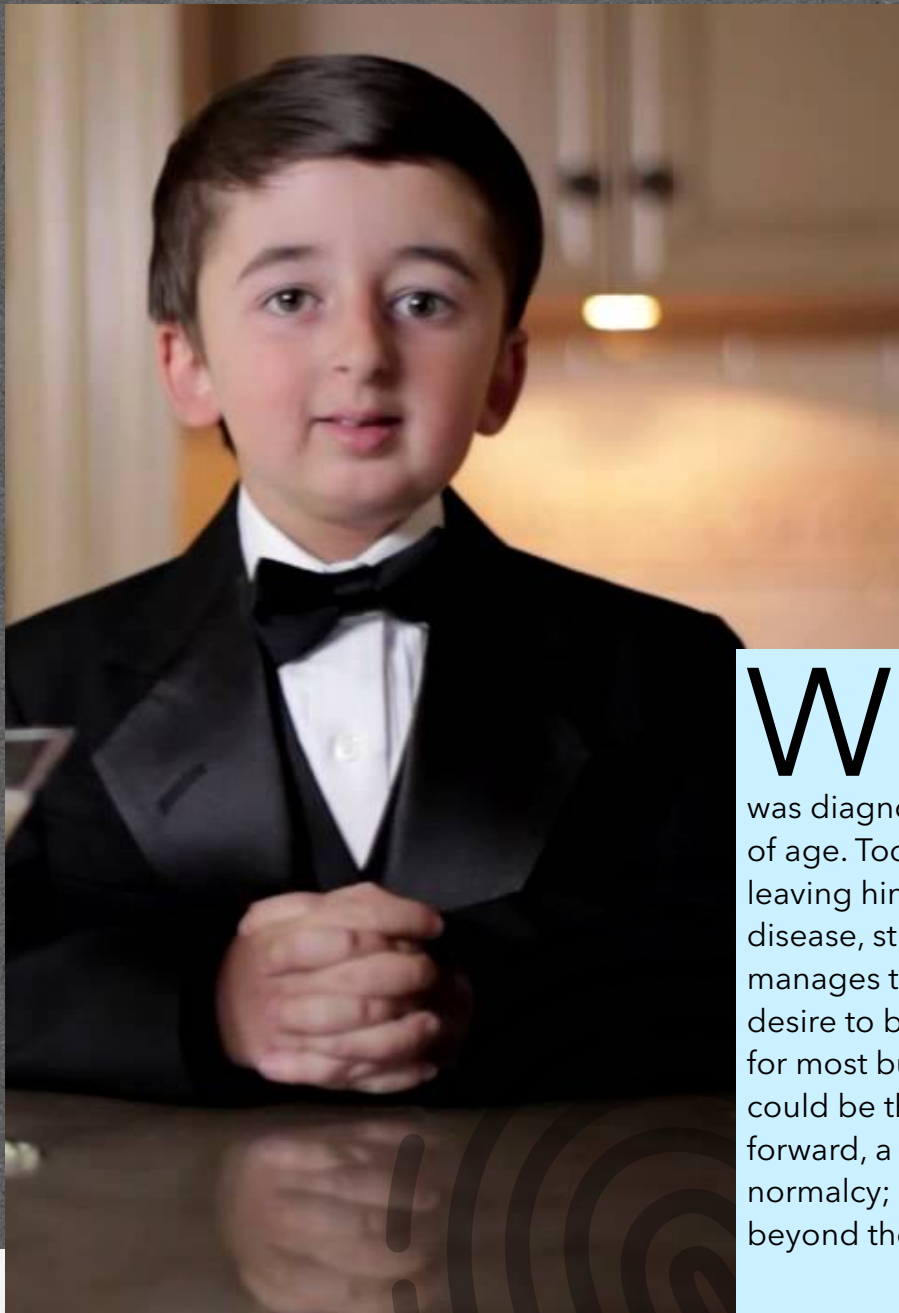
JJ Villar

JJ is a visionary entrepreneur, motivational speaker, transformational coach and creative artist from Bogota, Colombia. With more than 25 years experience in the entertainment industry, JJ has travelled the world through a different perspective most people don't get to experience. He has directed his focus into the personal development industry helping inspire thousands of people to step into their greatness and discover their purpose by helping people to better understand their inner dialogue and create a friendship with their own inner critic. He has transformed the lives of thousands of people by helping them identify their purpose and enhancing the greatness that is within them to not just overcome the impostor syndrome but to change the conversation from turning their inner critic from their enemy into their ally.



Danny Virtue

Visionary. Mentor. Businessman. Maverick. Pioneer. Dreamer. Philanthropist. These are some of the words that have been used to describe Danny Virtue throughout his incredible career in the entertainment business. The multi-talented Mr. Virtue has established his reputation as not only a Producer and Director, but as an internationally recognised Stunt Coordinator, horse trainer and stunt performer. He is considered to be one of the most respected and influential figures in the Canadian film and television business, and is unique amongst his peers due to the variety and scope of his knowledge and talents.



Casey Wright

Well-known for his ongoing fund-raising initiatives primarily on behalf of the B.C. Children's Hospital Foundation, Casey was diagnosed with a brain tumour at six months of age. Today he has survived nine surgeries leaving him blind in one eye. Burdened with disease, strokes and aneurysms, Casey still manages to maintain an attitude of hope and a desire to be self-sufficient, goals that are normal for most but often unattainable for many. His story could be the catalyst a child needs to push forward, a story that reflects the desire for normalcy; an idea or concept that for some is beyond their perceived abilities.