

# Gian Paul Gonzalez

## Youth Education & Wellness Expert; Founder & Director of Hope + Future Foundation

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### Topics

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### About Gian Paul Gonzalez

During the New York Giants' 2011 Super Bowl run, much of their inspiration is attributed to Gian Paul Gonzalez (pronounced John-Paul). Prior to the Giant's Christmas Eve game with the NY Jets, Gonzalez delivered the now famous "ALL IN" rally cry message during the Giants' chapel service and is now widely recognized as having inspired the New York Giants to their Super Bowl victory and was featured on ESPN on Super Bowl Sunday, and has had notable appearances on *Fox News*, *ABC* and *CNN*. He has traveled across the nation as a motivational speaker for the NBA's Portland Trailblazers, to the Army Cadets at West Point, United States Air Force, Anheuser-Busch, Sam's Club, Patch.com, PNC Bank, DSW Shoes as well as many other corporate, athletic, government agencies, and educational institutions.



Gonzalez, a high school teacher in Union City, N.J., was asked to lead a chapel service for members of the New York Giants team the night before the team's Christmas Eve 2011 game against the New York Jets. There was little hope then that the team would make it to the playoffs.

To illustrate the concept of commitment Gonzalez handed each football player a poker chip, instructing them to write their number on one side of the chip and write what they wanted to be committed to on the other side. He then shared with the team the meaning behind the poker phrase "All In". He inspired them to be committed and put all their "chips" on the table.

"We are faced with decisions every day at which time we can decide to be fully committed, or all in," says Gonzalez, a former All-American forward, who passed up a professional basketball contract to continue his work with at-risk youth. "I said to the players, 'I want you to fully commit to being all in on something.'"

Gonzalez went on to urge players to fully commit to anything they take on, whether as a father, husband, son or even, a football player.

Next day after Gian Paul's chapel message the Giants beat the Jets 29-14. In a post game interview, Giant's Defensive End, Justin Tuck credited the chapel speaker's (Gian Paul) message of being "All In" as the reason the Giants won that day. The team went on to win every game, up to and including Super Bowl XLVI, where they beat the New England Patriots 21-17.

Gian Paul Gonzalez is himself an inspiration. He was a former NCAA First Team All-American forward from Montclair State University scoring nearly 1,400 points in his 3 year career. Played in the NBA Summer League in 2007 and was offered a few professional basketball contracts, yet he turned them down in order to continue his work with at-risk youth. He is a gifted motivational speaker and is the founder of Hope + Future, an organization dedicated to using athletics & physical fitness to share a message of hope and striving for excellence in inner-city public schools and juvenile jails.

Gian Paul is the Founder and Executive Director of Hope + Future Foundation. Hope + Future is located in West New York, NJ, it is one of the most diverse cities in the county, and is one of the most densely populated areas in the US, yet there was no youth Center for students to go after school. The mission of the Hope + Future is to provide health and wellness programs for youth to give them hope in their academic, social and economic future. The Hope + Future Foundation provides opportunities for youth to proactively become empowered members of their community through extracurricular activities, events and programming to provide health, and wellness while bridging the gaps between individual growth, improving families, and unifying communities around a common core belief that there is a hope for each child personally, academically, socially, and economically while creating numerous mechanisms to achieve in the present and in the future.

"ALL IN" is not a slogan, it's a LIFeStyle.

## Select Keynotes

- **All In**

In order to be prepared for whatever the future (Personally or Professionally) may bring – Each of us have to start living TODAY “ALL IN”! Many have been inspired to change the way they live their lives while hearing Gian Paul Gonzalez Inspire and Challenge them to Live Life ALL IN! Gian Paul shares stories from his own life and the lives of others to remind the Gian Paul Gonzalez Motivational Speaker ALL IN is not a Slogan, it's a Lifestyle audience of the Keys to Resiliency, Health Habits, and Consistent Daily Pursuit of Long-Term Dreams, Goals, and Strategic Initiatives. Many of the stories and strategic techniques that Gian Paul shares with the audience are designed to engage the individuals in the audience to think about what they want to be ALL IN for and challenge the audience to think through what obstacles they face on a daily basis that have resulted in limiting beliefs and behaviors. Gian Paul encourages individuals to start with their Personal Life and a commitment to wake up each day making the most of the opportunities in front of them and that these changes personally will translate to Professional Habits and achievement of goals that previously they may have been scared to pursue or previously did not believe could be achieved. If you need encouragement, if you are looking for inspiration - Gian Paul's ALL IN conversation should not be missed!

- **How to Build an All In Legacy:**

Power of Gratitude & Giving Back while Celebrating Success Achieved and Look Back to Thank Those Who Made Your Success Possible.

- **How to Overcome Obstacles and Stay All In:**

Strength in the Midst of Adversity or Personal Failure to Achieve Personal Goals!

- **Poker Chips & Sharpie Markers**

Poker Chips & Sharpie Markers:

- During the first motivational talk with the NY Giants (that led to winning the Super Bowl) Gian Paul gave *Poker Chips* to each player and coach along with a Sharpie Marker and at the end of his talk asked each person in the audience to use the *Sharpie Marker* to sign the Poker Chip on one-side and on the other-side write what they will be "All In" for. Some players wrote their daughters name and put the Poker Chip near her crib, others put the Football Stat on the chip that they were going to focus on and put the Poker Chip in their locker - They put the chip in a place to remind them to be "All In".
- Many Corporate Clients want Gian Paul to do the same for their team members/employees. We have had people contact them that they saw the Poker Chip on their Bankers desk, or in an Executives Office and it helps the team members remember what they are committed to being "All In".

## Select Articles

- [Giants chaplain still preaching 2-word mantra that led to title](#)

Gonzalez was a guest speaker before the 2011 Christmas Eve game against the Jets. He was invited by then-team chaplain George McGovern to speak during the weekly chapel meeting. A high school teacher in Union City, N.J., and a former basketball player at Montclair State, Gonzalez told those in attendance they needed to be “All in” and fully committed to their families, their teammates and their friends.

## Select Testimonials

“Gian Paul's “ALL IN” talk is a must for any group looking to be committed in reaching their goals.”

– *David Almeida VP of Sales Anheuser Busch*

“Gian Paul visited our facility near Pittsburgh, PA and delivered a very thought provoking and inspirational message to our employees. His “All In” presentation was truly outstanding and should be a must see for everyone in your organization. Gian Paul is very passionate about his message and is obviously a gifted speaker. I was particularly impressed with the amount of research and preparation that he had conducted regarding our company prior to the event. If your organization is seeking an inspirational speaker for an upcoming event, you would be wise to select Gian Paul Gonzalez.”

– *American Beverage Company*

“Originally heard Gian Paul at the TEDx event... the “All In” message was perfect for our event in NYC”

– *Andrew Morawski, President - Vodafone Americas*

"Gian Paul, Thank you for coming to spend time with our Team and to share your inspiring message. Immediately after the event people have been coming up to us and emailing and texting about how great it was. They felt they could relate and they appreciated your stories and the way you communicated them. Some people mentioned that they thought they were in for the usual yelling high energy buy my book type motivational speech, so they were pleasantly surprised to feel comfortable about looking inward. The emails and comments have continued all day long and our leadership team could not be happier. We are seeing Facebook post and images of everyone being "ALL IN". Thx Bill! I really enjoyed the message from Gian Paul!"

– *Bill Hitchcock - Senior VP of Business Development*

"One of the most timely messages I've heard not just in my football career but in my life."

– *Chris Canty - New York Giants, Baltimore Ravens Defensive Lineman*

"I think no matter what I write... I will struggle to do justice to the impact that Gian Paul had on our team as individuals and as a group. I have no hesitation in saying he is by far the most genuine and sincere speaker that the Team or I have had the pleasure of Listening too. He made a huge and life changing impact on all off our lives, from sport to work and in our personal lives. It was our complete pleasure to get Gian Paul to the Men's All Ireland Final and it is a pity that the stay was so short. He is a remarkable man and someone that you could spend hours in his company. In today's society, where we always seem to be chasing time or that extra \$ or euro it is humbling and refreshing to see such genuine generosity and belief from a unique and inspirational person as Gian Paul. I will never forget this experience!"

– *Dublin Gaelic Football Association*

"The annual American Academy of Dental Practice in West Virginia was a huge success due in part to your participation. I have reviewed the meeting surveys and can tell you that your presentation was well received. I want to thank you again for accepting our invitation to share your time and passion with us. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have crossed paths with you. I am almost twice your age and have met many people during my life. I must say that you and your perceptions of life put you very high on the list of those people that I choose to emulate. You have re-energized my personal philanthropic desire to improve the lives of those in need."

– *Frank W Montoya DDS, President - American Academy of Dental Practice*

"The success of Gian Paul's talks in the Philippines and Malaysia is why we want more EO chapters to have the same experience!"

– *Michelle Voon - Director EO Asia*

## Select Client Feedback

Elmwood Park Memorial Middle School cannot thank Gian Paul enough for his incredible assembly for our students. His ability to engage each and every student in such an impactful way was truly incredible. Our students were so touched by his words. We are excited to keep in touch with Gian and continue to push our students to be "All In".

– **Lauren Fiorino** *Elmwood Park Memorial Middle School*

Gian Paul was a pleasure to work with. His speech was a huge hit among our members and guests at the Back-A-Kid Breakfast!

– **Amanda Fiske** *Boys & Girls Club of Cheyenne*

Gian Paul was so easy to work with and he delivered an awesome keynote! Attendees stood in line for an hour to collect his signature on a poker chip and take a picture with him. With such an inspirational message, he captivated the audience!

– **Barbara Lane** *HR Houston*

The entire CSI team feels Gian Paul did an exceptional job at our NTM! He was present during our welcome reception, spoke to CSI Nation with the utmost integrity, as well as spent time with the CSI folks for hours after his talk engaging with laughs, smiles, autographs, photos, etc. He never rushed anyone and made a huge impact.

