

Kyle Maynard

Inspirational Athlete, Entrepreneur & Author of No Excuses

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About Kyle Maynard

Kyle Maynard is a motivational speaker, best selling author, entrepreneur, award-winning extreme athlete, and the first man to crawl to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. Kyle is the New York Times bestselling author of "No Excuses" (2005), which chronicled his life experiences, and is still in print and in demand today. He was also the focus of the moving ESPN documentary, "A Fighting Chance," (2010) which profiled his story and the pursuit of his first MMA cage fight.

Despite being born with a rare condition known as congenital amputation, that has left him with arms that end at the elbows and legs that end near his knees, he learned early on, to live life independently and without prosthetics. Kyle thrives on physical challenges and is a champion wrestler, CrossFit Certified Instructor and gym owner, competitive Mixed Martial Arts/Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu fighter, world record-setting weightlifter, and skilled mountaineer.

In 2012, Kyle became the first quadruple amputee to climb – actually bear crawl – the 19,340 feet to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro without the aid of prosthetics, which earned him his second ESPY award. Four years later, he reached the summit of Argentina's Mount Aconcagua – the highest peak in both the Western and Southern Hemispheres, standing at 22,838 feet. Following that epic summit, Nike featured Kyle in the powerful commercial "Unlimited Will," which debuted globally during the 2016 Olympics, and was viewed by millions around the world.

Kyle has not let his success be defined by anything or anyone but himself. As a motivational speaker, he is on a mission to inspire others to do the same by sharing his story and living by example. He tailors his speeches to his audience and travels more than 200 days annually, across continents, speaking to hundreds of schools, conferences, and the many Fortune 100 corporations – such as Microsoft, Pfizer, Merrill Lynch, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, State Farm, Nationwide, Humana Inc., Cigna, and The Coca-Cola Company – that hire him, to share his "No Excuses" philosophy and principles.

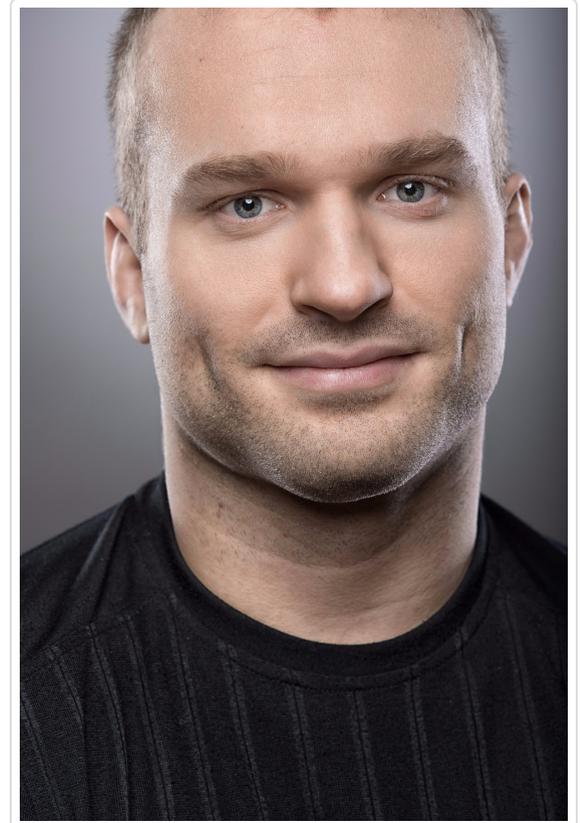
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- **No Excuses**

Kyle Maynard's No Excuses keynote is teaching audiences around the world that there are no worthy excuses. No matter how challenging your difficulties may seem, everyone has the ability to overcome; Kyle will show you how. Maynard was born with a condition known as congenital amputation that has left him with arms that end at the elbows and legs that end near his knees. Crowds are spellbound as Kyle chronicles his life experiences and relates his emotions to each individual group. Maynard's accomplishments as an athlete speak for themselves, but he believes it's a part of his mission to show others they're capable of achieving greatness in their lives as well. As a wrestler, Kyle lost every single match his first year and most his second, but he wouldn't quit. Maynard managed to become one of the top wrestlers in the nation, and even broke multiple world weightlifting records - bench pressing as much as 420 lbs! Mixing humor and hard truths, Kyle understands what it takes to teach any audience to persevere, even when you're hit with setbacks. We all have things in life we wish we'd do something about, instead of continuing to hesitate. Hearing Maynard may be what finally makes you act!

Select Book Titles

- **2006:** No Excuses: The True Story of a Congenital Amputee Who Became a Champion in Wrestling and in Life



Select Articles

- [Heart of a Champion: The Unbelievable Story of Kyle Maynard](#)

And then there's a guy like Kyle Maynard. Kyle Maynard was born on March 24, 1986, in Suwanee, Georgia with a rare disorder called congenital amputation. Kyle's condition essentially means that his arms end at his elbows and his legs end at his knees. He has no hands. He has no feet.

- [MEET YOUR MENTORS](#)

Find a way to meet your mentors. Don't wait for them to show up. Get creative. People are probably pretty busy. But if you go and meet them, it's another story. Go even if you're afraid. Build the relationship.

Select Testimonials

"FOR MYSELF AND CLOSE TO 1000 IN ATTENDANCE, KYLE'S MESSAGE WAS NOT ONLY INSPIRING BUT POINTED TOWARDS 'ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE' WITH CLARITY AND PURPOSE. NOW [THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE] HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO KYLE AND HIS MESSAGE THEY WILL CARRY IT WITH [THEM] FOR A LIFETIME."

— *Greg Beidler, Senior VP Stores & Operations with The Finish Line*

"HE TRULY IS A KINDRED SPIRIT FOR OUR CAREGIVERS AND ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL AND COMPELLING SPEAKERS WE HAVE EVER HAD JOIN US."

— *Steve Priest, Chief Wisdom Officer at DaVita HealthCare Partners*

"KYLE KICKED OFF OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN AN AWESOME WAY. ATTENDEES WERE AMAZED WITH HIS STORY AND WE CARRIED THE NO EXCUSES THEME THROUGHOUT THE EVENT. BETTER YET, KYLE TOOK THE TIME TO PERSONALLY MEET OVER 100 PEOPLE IN OUR AUDIENCE."

— *Tim Mislansky, President of myCUMortgage*