

# STEPHEN GRAY WALLACE

## SPEAKER SERIES FOR SCHOOLS

2013-2014  
Academic Year

*Empower Your Students, Parents, and Staff...  
with a Different Kind of Speaker!*

Using new, original research from the Center for Adolescent Research and Education (CARE) at Susquehanna University and data from SADD's (Students Against Destructive Decision) trademark *Teens Today* studies, Stephen's sessions offers practical advice for everyday concerns and life altering solutions to often difficult issues.

Highlighting personal empowerment, Stephen helps young people become more open and honest about the pressures and challenges they face, as well as aiding the adults in their lives to become better parents and educators. Invoking a positive approach to prevention and education for all audiences, Stephen emphasizes what he refers to as the "3 L's":

### **LIFE, LEGACY, AND LEADERSHIP.**

Tapping current data, personal stories, and always, an infectious sense of humor, Stephen makes hard subjects such as **underage drinking, drug use, impaired driving, bullying, sex, teen violence, social media, and suicide** comprehensible in a sometimes overwhelming world. Programs include:

#### **Family Focus... for parents and teens**

The **Family Focus** program explores the "reality gap" that often divides parents and teens and offers practical advice to help them improve family communication and strengthen their relationships. Parents and teens are brought together for this one-of-a-kind evening assembly.

#### **School Speaker... for middle and high school students**

The **School Speaker** program focuses on inspiring students to make healthy choices. Middle and high school students are motivated toward positive risk-taking and peer-to-peer education and prevention in this daytime in-school assembly.

#### **Beat Bullying... for middle school students**

The **Beat Bullying** program is a unique, thoughtful presentation, designed to impart important information about the causes and effects of bullying behavior among middle school students. Using true stories to highlight the impact of bullying on everyone in the school community, Stephen also encourages students to participate by sharing their thoughts about appropriate interpersonal behavior and asking questions. This program is grounded in research and focuses on a positive, empowering, informative, and results-oriented approach to educating and motivating young people.

#### **Community Connections... for colleges**

The **Community Connections** program explores the positive contributions college students can make through service-learning and other community-service programs. During this presentation, college students, faculty, and staff are presented information about the documented benefits of quality youth mentoring – for both mentor and mentee – and the effects of positive risk-taking.

#### **Parent Power... for parents**

The **Parent Power** program provides parents with information about the real world of today's teenagers and outlines concrete steps they can take to help keep youth safe. Held in a town hall style format, this is a memorably interactive and participative discussion.

#### **Teens Today... for administrators, faculty and staff**

The **Teens Today** program focuses on community building and exploring the role all adults have in helping keep teenagers safe. This can be held as a daytime or evening interactive seminar for administrators, faculty, and staff.



Author, Speaker, Consultant

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**ALL PROGRAMS AVERAGE 50 MINUTES AND CAN BE FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.**

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### *Who, What, Where...*

*“Stephen Wallace offered a wonderfully informative presentation to our faculty before speaking at a school assembly. His advice was pragmatic and revealed his appreciation of the dynamics that define the experience of many adolescents.”*

*- Head of School*

*“Stephen’s extensive experience with teenagers helps him speak candidly, share his convictions, and challenge both students and their parents to consider the decisions they make.”*

*- Teacher*

*“His energy and enthusiasm, as well as his tremendous knowledge and experience, gave the parents renewed faith that parents can make a difference in the lives of their teens.”*

*- Parent*

*“Stephen is enthusiastic and has a genuine interest in helping teenagers get through difficult times.”*

*- Teen*

*“He is persuasive, knowledgeable, and personable. He spends a great deal of time with children asking, listening, sharing, and guiding. He is a moving and passionate speaker, and I would highly recommend him.”*

*- Parent*

*“Stephen connects because he is amusing, full of the kinds of anecdotes that resonate with those who work with kids. I think people carry away a clear idea about what they actually need to do when working with young people and living with their own children.”*

*- Head of School*

### A BROAD SAMPLING OF STEPHEN’S PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:

Convent of the Sacred Heart  
Greenwich High School  
Northeastern University  
Children’s Hospital Boston – Harvard Medical School, LEAD  
Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma  
Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers  
Hackley School  
Independent School Health Association  
Larchmont Temple  
Miami Children’s Hospital, Annual Youth Leadership Conferences  
National Association of School Psychologists  
National Association of Secondary School Principals  
Newton Country Day School  
Tabor Academy  
Parents League of New York  
Webb School of Nashville

Stephen’s insights into youth development, behavior, and attitudes coupled with his passion to help teens make safe, healthy choices — and motivate the adults in their lives — makes him a compelling public speaker. In addition to presenting at a variety of schools and other venues, he has appeared on: CNN, E!, Fox News Channel, NBC, and PBS. Stephen has published over 100 nationally distributed articles and is a regular contributing expert on the subject of adolescents to [Psychology Today](#).

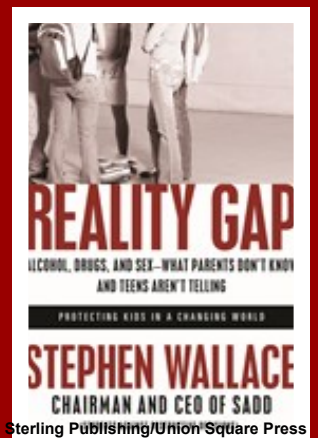
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Stephen is an expert when it comes to teen and family issues he is:

- A Senior Advisor for Policy, Research, and Education at SADD as well as its former CEO;
- Associate Research Professor and Founder/Director of the Center for Adolescent Research and Education (CARE) at Susquehanna University;
- A School Psychologist;
- A Resident Camp Director and Director of Counseling and Counselor Training; and
- The Author of:

***Reality Gap: Alcohol, Drugs and Sex—What Parents Don’t Know and Teens Aren’t Telling.***



Stephen’s book, *Reality Gap*, has been named one of the top fifty books for parents by two national organizations.

From the Book Jacket:

*“Reality Gap arms adults with facts and strategies for working with teens to overcome the dangers of this difficult time in life.*

*Here you’ll find advice for how and when to talk about drinking, impaired driving, sex, drug use, depression, suicide, and bullying.”*