

## **HIP-HOP. HUMOR. HEART. HOPE!**

"Kevin Szawala ('Mr. Peace') is one of the top youth motivational speakers of his generation!"

— International Youth Speaker & Educator, Jim Tuman



Kevin Szawala a.k.a. Mr. Peace is a National Youth Motivational and Anti-Bullying Speaker, Hip-Hop Artist and Spoken Word Poet from Metro Detroit, who travels the country to schools, churches, colleges and youth clubs spreading a passionate message of peace, love and kindness.

A Graduate of the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor (Major in Economics and Minors in Spanish and Global Change) as well as Wayne State University for his MBA (focus in Marketing and Entrepreneurial Management), after spending time in Corporate America, he found his greater passion in working with youth. So, after being employed for several years in the Auto Industry right out of college, he made the giant leap of faith in 2010, leaving a very comfortable living to follow his dream of speaking and prove that one cannot put a price tag on passion.

Since that time, through the use of hip-hop, humor and heart he has given hope to over 1,000,000 people in over 1,000 schools in 20 states nationwide, primarily with his K-12 bullying, cyberbullying, diversity, substance abuse and suicide prevention school assembly programs. Known by many as Mr. Peace for the peace, nonviolence and social justice work he has done at U of M over the last decade through the annual P.E.A.C.E. (Promoting Ethnic And Cultural Equality) Day he hosts every September in conjunction with the United Nations

International Day of Peace (September 21st), he has now transitioned his non-violence work year round by talking at schools all over America, and taking to the road to speak at elementary, middle and high schools and share his heart.

As the founder of "Mr. Peace, Inc." 501(c)(3), a motivational speaking non-profit organization designed to help at-risk youth, Mr. Peace has found that his sole purpose for being on this earth is to help others find their true purpose. His main message when it comes to treating people kindly is to look at one's heart first and to see them like you would see your own best friend. He believes that while "hurt people, hurt people", "healed people can heal people", and that if we choose to become healed people, we can ultimately save lives.

Mr. Peace resides in Michigan, loves to golf, travel, create music, play sports and spend time with those who matter most.

