

2013 Minnesota Speakers Hall of Fame Induction



**Presentation to Randall Munson
by Dr. Manny Steil**



**Acceptance speech by Randall Munson
with his mentor, Elmo Farkwart**

Randall Munson Inducted Into MN Speakers Hall Of Fame

Keynote speaker, master magician, and author Randall Munson of Rochester, MN, has been inducted into the Minnesota Speakers Hall of Fame by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Speakers Association (NSA).

Munson's skills as a master magician, comedy ventriloquist, emcee, and professional clown captivate audiences. His foundation of leadership in IBM and the Target Corporation and his experience as a business consultant allows him to convey his deep understanding of business issues and creative solutions.

In his professional speaking career Munson has spoken throughout the United States and in 40 countries across 6 continents.

Munson also is the best-selling author of 9 books, including, *Create the Business Break Through You Want*, *Humor 101* and *Creativity 102*.

The award was presented to Randall Munson, CSP (Certified Speaking Professional), by Dr. Manny Steil, CSP, CPAE (Council of Peers Award for Excellence) Hall of Fame, a longtime chapter and Minnesota Speakers Hall of Fame member, during the chapter's annual Gala & Awards Banquet.

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NATIONAL SPEAKERS ASSOCIATION
MINNESOTA
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Randall Munson, CSP

Some speakers are business experts, scientists, authors, educators, or entertainers but Randall Munson combines it all. Randall is a Certified Speaking Professional, business executive, computer scientist, best-selling author of 9 books, adjunct university professor, IBM's top educator, master magician, ventriloquist, and professional clown. Randall has presented on stage at MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Disneyland, Disney World, and The White House.

Randall Munson has helped clients ranging from small churches to the world's largest corporations with audiences ranging from 10 to 60,000. In recognition of the universal appeal and power of his messages Randall has spoken in 40 countries across 6 continents. No matter the audience, no matter the country, Randall's warmth and humanity require no translation at all.

(Plaque Engraving)

(Prepared introductory remarks)

Let me tell you about Randall Munson, a blue-eyed boy with snow-white hair that grew up in a small town in the middle of Minnesota.

In first grade he delivered a humorous speech in a talent contest. Now he has spoken in 40 countries across 6 continents.

His life's ambition was to grow up to be a clown. Now he was named the Number 1 white-face clown in America, named the world's top parade clown, and he performed in the center ring of the Greatest Show on Earth as a guest clown at Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. He is a popular headliner and featured speaker at international magic and clown conventions. His registered clown image has been displayed in the Clown Hall of Fame and the Smithsonian Institution.

In 4th grade he struggled with long division. Now he has graduated from Minnesota State University at the top of his class with majors in Mathematics and Computer Science. He earned a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of Minnesota and has designed and managed the development of IBM's most architecturally advanced computers. He is the foremost speaker in the business computer industry and is the first person in the industry to be named a "Distinguished Speaker."

In grade school he was the class clown. As a child he drove his family crazy with magic tricks and the toy ventriloquist puppet he got for Christmas. Now he has performed on national television, the Minnesota Vikings half-time show, MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Disneyland, Disney World, and The White House. He integrates his well-honed comedy, magic, and ventriloquism into the keynotes he delivers to very serious companies across the country and around the world.

In 6th grade he sold more Christmas Cards in a school fundraiser than

the other kids. Now, through his “Magic of Selling!” program he has helped businesses and multinational corporations increase their sales by millions of dollars.

In Junior High he won prizes for adding the largest number of subscribers to his paper route. Now he has thousands of subscribers to his own newsletter read by thousands of decision makers in all 50 states and more than 70 countries around the world.

In high school he was named, “Mr. Irresistible.” Now he is sought by diverse associations, government agencies, and the world’s largest corporations.

In high school he was the Senior Class President. Now he has held an executive position with the Target Corporation, been an Executive Advocate with IBM, been Vice President of Crossroads College and regularly advises corporate CEOs and presidents.

In the Minnesota High School League state speech competition the judges graded him an A+ . Now, after resigning from his 20-year IBM career to become a full-time professional speaker, he has earned more than 100 Gold Medals in the Speaker Olympics; he has been inducted into the Speaker Excellence Hall of Fame; and in 2000 he earned the Certified Speaking Professional designation by the National Speaker’s Association.

Randall Munson, the little boy who grew up in a small Minnesota town, has done well. Today, Randall Munson is inducted into the Minnesota Speakers Hall of Fame!

(Press release)

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