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To Whom it May Concern:

If you are looking for a speaker who can hold your audience's attention with personal stories and life lessons that are at once fascinating, entertaining, captivating and motivating, then we recommend you look no further than Michael Hingson.

Michael's story of descending 77 floors in the World Trade Center on 9/11 with his guide dog and living to tell about it is, in itself, a powerful lesson about courage, teamwork and human (and animal) nature. But what Michael has to share with you is so much more than the story of one day.

You will be inspired and impacted by his experiences growing up blind and learning to navigate the world, all the while maintaining a positive attitude despite challenges that many others might think insurmountable. Whether we face blindness or anything else that might be considered a "handicap", Michael's stories will demonstrate that the only true impediment to success is the limitations we or others *believe* we have.

Michael is not only a wonderful speaker for all audience demographics, he is a delight to work with. We thoroughly enjoyed having him at Joliet Junior College and highly recommend him for your organization.

Sincerely,

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