Jack Welch  
*Former Chairman & CEO of General Electric*

**Bio:**


Since 2005, Jack and his wife Suzy Welch have written business columns for several publications, including Business Week magazine, Thomson Reuters digital platforms, Fortune magazine, and the New York Times syndicate.

The Welches have also launched the *Jack Welch Management Institute at Strayer University*, a unique online MBA and certificate program aimed at giving students around the world and at every career level the tools to transform their lives and the organizations of the future.

Jack is the head of Jack Welch, LLC, where he serves as Senior Advisor with the private equity firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice and is an advisor to IAC (Interactive Corp). He speaks to business audiences and students around the world.

Born in Salem, Massachusetts, Jack received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts and an MS and PhD in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois. He began his career with the General Electric Company in 1960, and in 1981 became the Company’s 8th Chairman & CEO. During his 20+ year tenure as CEO, the company’s market capitalization rose from $13 billion to $400 billion. In 2000, he was named “Manager of the Century” by Fortune magazine.
Andy Stanley
**Best-selling leadership author & communicator**

**Bio:**
Andy Stanley is a sought-after leadership communicator, author, pastor, and the founder of North Point Ministries, Inc. (NPM). Since its inception in 1995, North Point Ministries has grown from one church to five in the Atlanta area and has helped plant over thirty strategic partner churches globally. Each Sunday, more than thirty thousand attend worship services at one of NPM’s five churches. In addition, every month, well over a million people from nearly every country in the world choose to tune in, download, and stream Stanley’s teaching content via TV, radio, podcasts, and live streaming.

Stanley’s books include *The Next Generation Leader, Visioneering, Enemies of the Heart, and The Principle of the Path.*
Mike Krzyzewski  
**Head Men’s basketball coach, Duke University and Team USA**

**Bio:**
As head coach of the Duke Blue Devils for over 30 years, Basketball Hall of Famer coach Mike Krzyzewski has made a career of motivating people both on and off the court. Affectionately known as "Coach K," Krzyzewski coached both the 2008 and 2012 U.S. men's national teams to back-to-back gold medals in the Olympics. During his tenure as the head coach of Team USA, Coach K amassed an astounding 62-1 and returned U.S. men's basketball to dominance on the world stage.

During his tenure at Duke, Coach K has led his team to 4 NCAA Championships, 11 Final Fours, 13 Atlantic Coast Conference championships and an NCAA-record 12 30-win seasons. Coach K has amassed an NCAA-record 79 tournament victories while averaging more than 25 wins per season. On November 15, 2011, Krzyzewski led Duke to a 74–69 victory over Michigan State at Madison Square Garden to become the winningest coach in NCAA Division I men’s basketball history. Krzyzewski’s 903rd victory surpassed the previous record of 902, held by his former coach, Bob Knight.

Prior to coaching at Duke, Coach K spent five years building the men’s basketball program at his alma mater, West Point. On November 17, 2000, he earned his 500th win at Duke with a triumph over Villanova. That night, the fabled floor of Duke’s Cameron Indoor Stadium was dedicated as Coach K Court.

These accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. In all, Coach K has been named National Coach of the Year 12 times in 8 different seasons. He was named Coach of the Decade for the 1990s by the NABC and was the second recipient of the John R. Wooden Legends of Coaching Award. In 2001, Coach K was one of three members inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, with the presentation made by his college coach Bob Knight.

Krzyzewski received another prestigious honor in 2001, being named "America's Best Coach"—all coaches, any sport, any level of play—by TIME magazine and CNN. "No college hoops coach has won more in the past two decades," wrote Josh Tyrangiel of TIME "and Krzyzewski has accomplished all this with a program that
turns out real-deal scholar athletes-kids who go to class, graduate and don’t mind telling everyone about it."

In 2011, Sports Illustrated named Krzyzewski its Sportsman of the Year. In 2009, Sporting News also named Krzyzewski one of the 50 greatest coaches in any sport of all time.

Krzyzewski also has an impressive resume as a best-selling author including *Leading with the Heart*, which reached The New York Times best seller list in 2000. His two most recent books *Beyond Basketball: Coach K’s Keywords for Success*, released in 2006, and *THE GOLD STANDARD: Building a World-Class Team*, released in 2009, were co-authored by his youngest daughter, Jamie Spatola.
John C. Maxwell
Best-selling author and leadership expert

Bio:
John C. Maxwell is an internationally-renowned leadership expert, coach, and author who has sold over 20 million books. Dr. Maxwell founded EQUIP and the John Maxwell Company, organizations that have trained more than 5 million leaders in 153 countries. Every year he speaks to Fortune 100 companies, international government leaders, and organizations such as the United States Military Academy at West Point, the National Football League, and the United Nations. A New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and BusinessWeek best-selling author, Maxwell’s *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* has sold more than 2 million copies. *Developing the Leader Within You* and *The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader* have each sold more than 1 million copies. Maxwell’s newest book, *"The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth"* was released in October 2012.
Dr. Henry Cloud
Best-selling author and leadership consultant

Bio:
Dr. Henry Cloud is a leadership consultant and coach who brings a unique perspective to his speaking and writing. His background as a clinical psychologist and business consultant bridges the gap between what a business needs and what leaders have to do to get results.

He has extensive experience as a CEO and Executive Team coach, as well as an organizational consultant in a wide range of companies from Fortune 500 to family-held firms and many boards. He specializes in coaching leaders, building teams, and developing organizational cultures.

In addition to consulting, he built a health care company which operated treatment centers in forty markets in the Western U.S. and directed it for ten years. This perspective of having created and led a company, as well as consulting with many businesses, gives his message a realistic and practical flavor with which people identify.

The author of over twenty books, including Necessary Endings, Integrity, and 9 Things A Leader Must Do, he has been featured and reviewed in many publications, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, and The Boston Globe.

Dr. Cloud has also appeared on numerous television and radio networks, such as CNN, ABC News, Fox News, CBS, Fox Business Network, PBS, Sirius XM, and others.

Dr. Cloud lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Tori, and their two daughters, Olivia and Lucy. His hobbies are golf and boating, and his philanthropic interests lie in homelessness and also holistic relief in the developing world.
LCDR Rorke Denver
Navy SEAL and star of the 2012 movie *Act of Valor*

**Bio:**
LCDR Rorke T. Denver has run every phase of training for the U.S. Navy SEALs and led special-forces missions in the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and other international hot spots. He stars in the hit 2012 film *Act of Valor*, which is based on true SEAL adventures. His first book, *Damn Few: Making the Modern Warrior*, is being published in January by Hyperion.

Denver is an honor graduate of the United States Army Ranger School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University, where he was an All-American lacrosse player and captain of the varsity lacrosse team. He earned a Master's Degree in Global Business Leadership from the University of San Diego.

He lives with his wife and two young daughters in San Diego, California.
Sanya Richards-Ross
2012 London Olympic gold medalist, track & field

Bio:
At the 2012 London Olympic Games, Sanya was showcased her tireless work ethic by collecting two more Gold Medals (400m, 4x400m Relay) to add to an outstanding year that has already seen her win the 400m Indoor World Championship.

Prior to Sanya’s 2012 campaign, she bounced back from an injury shortened 2010 to claim her record fifth career World Championship Gold Medal by winning the 4x400 Relay in South Korea. In 2009 Sanya won her first individual Gold Medal at the World Championships, winning the 400m in addition to claiming Gold in the 4x400m Relay. As she had done in the two years prior, Sanya went undefeated in Golden League meets. For the fifth consecutive year, Sanya was the #1 ranked 400m female runner in the world. She also won her fifth National Championship in the 400m.

In the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, Sanya proudly represented the United States and brought home a Gold Medal in the 4x400m Relay as well as a Bronze Medal in the individual 400m. In 2008, Sanya competed thirteen times in the 200m & 400m events, recording 12 first place results and one second place finish. In the 2007 World Championships, Sanya won a Gold Medal in the 4x400m Relay. She ran the fastest 400m time in the world in 2007 at 49.27 and finished the season ranked No. 1 by the IAAF World rankings in the 400m.

Sanya attended the University of Texas and finished her collegiate career with a total of four NCAA individual titles.
David Allen
Best-selling author of *Getting Things Done* and productivity expert

Bio:
David Allen is the international best-selling author of "*Getting Things Done: the Art of Stress-Free Productivity*"; "*Ready for Anything: 52 Productivity Principles for Work and Life*"; and "*Making It All Work: Winning at the Game of Work and the Business of Life*". He is widely recognized as the world’s leading expert on personal and organizational productivity. His thirty-year pioneering research and coaching to corporate managers and CEOs of some of America’s most prestigious corporations and institutions has earned him Forbes’ recognition as one of the top five executive coaches in the U.S. and *Business 2.0* magazine’s inclusion in their 2006 list of the "50 Who Matter Now. David continues to write articles and essays that address today’s ever-changing issues about living and working in a fast-paced world while sustaining balance, control, and meaningful focus.
Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State (2005-2009)

Bio:
Condoleezza Rice is currently the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Graduate School of Business; the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution and a professor of Political Science at Stanford University. She is also a founding partner of Rice Hadley Gates LLC. From January 2005-2009, Rice served as the 66th Secretary of State of the United States, the second woman and first African American woman to hold the post. Rice also served as President George W. Bush's Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Advisor) from January 2001-2005, the first woman to hold the position. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Rice earned her bachelor’s degree in political science, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Denver; her master’s from the University of Notre Dame and her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver.