

Mark Speckman



Final Speaker Saturday Afternoon

Mark Speckman has been coaching football at Willamette University in Salem for the past 17 years. He was the Bearcats offensive coordinator for three years and the head coach for the last 14 seasons.

He was named Northwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2008 after coaching his teams to the NWC title. Mark was also named AFCA West Regional Coach of the Year in 2008 and was a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year in 2007 and 2008. He has led the Bearcats to the NCAA Division III national playoffs in five different seasons.

Mark Speckman is so much more than a football coach. He is a teacher, a motivational speaker, and a man who has learned to turn the adversity that life has dealt him into a positive affirmation. His life speaks volumes about never giving up, always doing the very best you can regardless of the circumstances, and how you can use your difficult (some would call it impossible situation) to help others. Mark Speckman was born without hands, a situation which might ultimately destroy the strongest of us. Mark has taken his physical liability and turned it into a positive. He has touched many thousands with his uplifting story.

He is frequently the keynote speaker at leadership conferences held by various businesses across the country. One can only hope those who have been fortunate enough to have met, heard or been involved with Mark Speckman realize how fortunate they were.