

MAD SKILLS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

With shows like America's Best Dance Crew and Dancing With the Stars tearing up the airwaves you might think you've seen it all... until now! Get your students ready for some caffeine for their dreams and some sugar for their souls because their lives are about to get a lot sweeter!

Student success author and super-fresh Latino youth speaker Patrick “Pac Man” Perez combines the eye-catching style of **break dance** (b-boying) with pop music, student interaction and student success principles that deal directly with:

- + Drug |Alcohol| Tobacco Prevention
- +Choices
- +Leadership/Goal Setting
- +Drop Out Prevention/Higher Education
- + Gang Prevention*
- +Pregnancy/STD Prevention**

Ideal for: Leadership Conferences| School Motivational Assemblies| Migrant Programs

No other student success program offers the style and flavor that Patrick brings! Patrick has break performed to over 300,000 people across the USA, Canada, Mexico and Germany. Patrick's passion is to use his gifts in order to reach out to those students who are in need of hope, encouragement or just a good kick in the pants to get going!

Patrick speaks in schools coast-to-coast and border-to-border each year and has been a featured presenter for:

- >National Student Council Leadership Conference
- > National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Leadership Conference
- >National Guard Youth National Conference
- >Boise State
- >Hispanic Youth Symposium

Plus district, state and regional youth and youth educator conferences!

Patrick is also the author of “Mad Skills For Student Success: 10 Choices You Can Make to Get Better Grades, Create an Amazing Future and Take Control of Your Crazy Life!” He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies from the

University of Texas at El Paso and a diploma in Christian Life Studies from Texas Bible Institute.

His impact in his local community garnered him the 2006 El Paso Small Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He has also earned honors from the National Speakers Association and Toastmasters International. After hosting several of his own regional and international level street dance competitions he was approached by Red Bull Energy Drink in 2007 to collaborate on a state-wide Texas vs. New York high school break dance competition. He continues to give away scholarships each year to winners of these positive, drug-free events!

Give your students a program they want to see with a message they need to hear!

*"I believe that every dream must be met with the uncompromising desire and determination to make it happen. Students now-a-days can see through all the fluff and hype, they desire something that is exciting, yet, **real**. I am able to connect with students because I have not lost the essence of being young. I have been through the challenges that students face in contemporary culture and understand what they are going through. My goal is to convey to them that their dreams and aspirations are their **responsibility** and they must protect those dreams by the **choices** they make. I have spent time mentoring youth in the third poorest county in America, and have come to learn how to earn a student's trust, but I also know that their trust must be protected. I speak to youth because there is an unquenchable desire in me to help the hurting, inspire the dreamers and reach out to those who are losing faith in the beauty of life and in themselves."*

-- Patrick Perez

Programs

Mad Skills For Student Success!
Conference Keynote/School Assembly (45-60 min)

Open a can of Red Bull, mix it together with healthy principles like choices, goal-setting and continuing education, add a splash of energetic music and a dash of audience interaction and you will have a taste of Patrick's Mad Skills For Student Success Program!

Your students will savor Patrick's fresh dance moves and funky humor as he effectively challenges them to accept who they are, take responsibility for their choices and strive for academic and personal success.

This program will have your audience up and moving, laughing and dancing all the while learning mad skills for their success! Remember to give your students that extra edge to succeed by investing in some copies of Patrick's new book "Mad Skill for

Student Success: 10 Choices you Can Make to Get Better Grades, Create an Amazing Future and Take Control of Your Crazy Life!"

*Select program packages include copies of Patrick's book for your students.

This program focuses on these developmental assets as compiled by the Search Institute:

- # 5-Caring school climate
- #35-Resistance skills
- #21-Achievement motivation
- #37-Personal power
- #30- Responsibility
- #39-Sense of purpose
- #31-Restraint
- #40-Positive view of personal future
- #32-Planning and decision making

"Outstanding job with the interest session! I have heard nothing but positive comments about your presentation.

Thank you for believing in young people and helping to make things happen for the Oklahoma Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America!"

Denise Morris
State FCCLA Adviser
2008 FCCLA State-Wide Conference
Oklahoma City, OK

"I really appreciate all those concerns you have for teenagers like us. You inspired me today to actually keep going with my dream.

Because of you I actually understand to not give up on life and 'keep on dancing.'"

Student
2008 Teen Empowerment Summit
New Bedford, MA

"You are an inspiration to all of us and I can see how students would connect to your spirit and presentation style; however, the adults also loved you! Thanks again, you are terrific and I am glad I have the chance to work with you and know you!"

- Safe and Drug Free Communities Director
2008 TAHPERD Conference
El Paso, TX

"Patrick's presentation, with the use of music and dance, was fresh, energetic and very effective. His message directly applied to the lives of the students in attendance. He was truly an inspirational role model for these students. I would highly recommend Patrick as a presenter who can provide a message of hope and encouragement with an honest, down to earth, lively delivery."

**- Program Manager
Hispanic Youth Symposium
Sun Valley, ID**

Break Through Project Hybrid Dance/Leadership Workshop (1-2 hours)

This program is an experience for the mind and body. Besides learning some sick dance moves, your students will gain important skills for recognizing who they are, the roles they live out and how their thoughts can make or break them. Students will complete a mission statement by the end of this workshop focused on 3 goals they wish to pursue. This program is based on Patrick's book "Mad Skill for Student Success." This is more than a dance class; this is a way to empower your students both on and off the dance floor! Books are available for purchase or learn how to get a free download by contacting Patrick at Patrick@patrickperez.org

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- #35-Resistance skills
- #14-Adult role models
- #21-Achievement motivation
- #37-Personal power
- #30- Responsibility
- #39-Sense of purpose
- #31-Restraint
- #40-Positive view of personal future
- #32-Planning and decision making
- #7-Community values youth
- #8-Youth as resources
- #24-Bonding to school
- #26-Caring
- #33-Interpersonal competence
- #34-Cultural competency

"Today I attended a youth workshop led by Patrick "B-boy Pac-Man" Perez. Not only did we learn to break out our mad skills by learning to break dance, but we also broke up in teams of 15 and played energizers. After having our fun, things got a bit more serious. We talked about how most people put on a face they just want you to see on the outside, but do they really feel that same way on the inside? What label do you wear? School jock, peppy cheerleader, FCCLA officer.....but do YOU know who you really are? This session helped us all think beyond the labels we put on ourselves."

W. Jordan
Region 2 State Vice President
Missouri FCCLA Blog

"FCCLA LOVES YOU! Thank you so much! The break dancing had a lot of moves and it was a great experience. You're awesome! Thanks for a wonderful presentation!"

Student
'09 FCCLA Nat'l Conference

"Thanks so much for coming and teaching us! It was very interesting. It is very challenging, but Patrick made it look easy. [I learned] to be yourself and don't worry about what others think."

Student
'09 FCCLA Nat'l Conference

* Patrick is a featured speaker with TAG Program (The Anti-Gang Program) and can format his programs to focus on gang prevention.

** Patrick is currently an STD/Pregnancy Prevention middle school assembly speaker with the County of El Paso's Environmental and Health Department. Programs may be formatted to focus on STD/Pregnancy prevention.