



Patrick's mission is to empower students to create better futures by making better choices. Patrick's dance is the hook that draws teens into his world so he can help better their world. This native Texan has danced to over 300,000 people across the world, earned his B.A. in Communication Studies and is the author of Mad Skills for Student Success.

Patrick was the nerdy student who came across the explosive element of break dancing while in high school. Using his newfound skills he reached out to younger students who lacked direction and guidance in their lives. Dance was just the beginning as he is now a role model and mentor to teens across the country.

His relevant message of choices and motivation has brought him national-acclaim as a youth speaker for schools and national youth conferences such as FCCLA, Student Council and The Army National Guard Youth Programs. Several state health departments utilize Patrick's energetic prevention programs to deter tobacco and drug use among teens.

"Patrick is capable of mixing anecdotes, stories about real incidents and people, with dancing to create an environment that mixes entertainment and education. **Even weeks after Patrick Perez's visit to our schools, his presentation and interaction with our youth continues to inspire students to make healthy choices and follow their dreams.**"

Chris Lauen
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