

# Steve Emt

## Stage Intro

Steve Emt knows what it takes to overcome adversity. He had it all; the popular kid in school, the star athlete...he was invincible. Or so he thought. At the age of 25, his life took a dramatic turn when a drunk driving accident changed him forever. After hours of surgery and days in a coma, he woke up to learn that he was paralyzed from the waist down and would never walk again. Confined to a wheelchair, Steve was faced with the challenge of learning how to live again.

He was also faced with a decision. Lose the battle to his disability. Or accept what had happened and realize that he needed to lead a life of educating and impacting others. He chose the latter...nothing was going to hold him back.

Steve spent the next 20 years as an educator, a coach, a mentor, and a public speaker presenting to audiences about the dangers of drinking and driving.

After 17 years of experimenting with many different adaptive sports, Steve was introduced to the sport of curling. He instantly fell in love with the sport. Through hard work, commitment, and dedication, Steve earned a position on Team USA in the Winter of 2014 and has remained with the team ever since. To date, Steve is an 8-time U.S. National Champion, has competed in 5 World Championships and two Paralympic Games.

Steve has overcome many obstacles in his life including his accident, the death of both of his parents, and other setbacks by finishing college, earning his teaching and coaching degrees, and representing his country as a Paralympian.

He is now an accomplished public speaker, sharing his formula for success and empowering people to believe in themselves and become the hero of their own lives.

Please join me in welcoming Steve Emt!