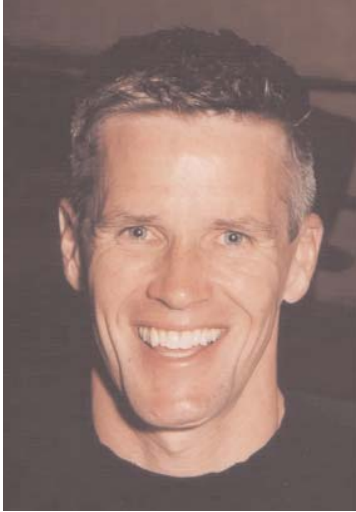




Press Release

Former World-Class Athlete, Hall of Fame Inductee, National Champion, & Division I Coach



Mike Gilliam

****Delivering an Exciting, Educational, and Inspiring Message****

Mike Gilliam, recruiting and life skills expert, current Roswell, GA resident, and business owner is ***Motivating the Youth of America*** and teaching their families ***Valuable Life Lessons*** at the same time.

For over twenty years, Mike's expertise has positively impacted the lives of thousands of youths nationwide. Schools, teams, and boosters clubs are booking Mr. Gilliam for the 2008-2009 school year and into the summer of 2009.

- Mike delivers a dynamic message to kids and young adults about the things they need to be doing to prepare for college academically, athletically, and personally.
- He educates the parents and kids about how the college recruiting process works so that families can navigate the process and choose the BEST college for their needs rather than just settling.
- He educates about the FIVE STEPS in the recruiting process and how to handle each one.
- He's an expert! He motivates the student-athletes and parents alike. THIS is his forte!
- Parents, coaches, and teachers will notice a difference in the leadership and initiative their student-athletes take after hearing Mike's message. We receive feedback constantly about how student-athletes have changed their overall attitude toward family members, academics, training for athletics, and other areas in their lives after Mr. Gilliam's message.
- Mr. Gilliam answers any and ALL questions regarding anything he touches on or anything else the parents and student-athletes wish to ask.

As for background, Mr. Gilliam is an accomplished former Division I athlete. He was recently inducted into the Kent State University Hall of Fame with the likes of Lou Holtz, Jack Lambert, Thurman Munson, and Ben Curtis. He was a National Champion, two-time Nationals qualifier, Midwest Regional Champion, five-time conference champion, school record holder, and two-year team captain at Kent State University. He also coached at the Division I level winning a conference championship and performed in five world tours as a professional athlete entertaining millions with the world renowned Daredevils. He's been featured on ESPN, CNN, Incredible Sunday, the Tonight Show, and Late Night with David Letterman. Mike has recruited some of the finest athletes in the world, professionally and collegiately. He has helped hundreds of high school student-athletes and their families, worldwide, with the organization he founded in 1998, Opportunities Through Athletics, inc. (Oi). His organization, based in Marietta, GA, has helped secure over \$35 MILLION in scholarships and financial aid for the student-athletes with whom they work. The Atlanta Falcons have joined forces with Mr. Gilliam and Oi to further assist the young people in Metro-Atlanta. Mr. Gilliam and his organization have been featured in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Fox 5 High School Sports Show, AM-680 The Fan, AM-790 The Zone, and other publications. He has also completed four marathons including the Boston Marathon as well as Atlanta, Chicago, and San Diego. He and his family have raised thousands of dollars to assist Cancer and Multiple Sclerosis patients to support cancer and MS research through Team in Training and the MS Bike Tour. Mike also worked as an executive recruiter working for companies such as Microsoft and IBM.

Mr. Gilliam's program can range from thirty to ninety minutes depending on your organization's needs. ***He is a wealth of information***, of which people will want to take advantage. He welcomes that!

Mr. Gilliam is very excited to share his expertise and powerful message. He was shaped by the supporting cast and experiences in his life and now gives back to all communities as a part of their supporting cast. His message is all about making a difference. He's a dynamic life coach!

You don't want to miss him!

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