

Speaker Biographies

2007 Youth Conference

Chad Hymas

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At the age of 27, Chad Hymas' life changed instantaneously when an accident left him a quadriplegic. Since that time Chad has been recognized by the state of Utah as the *Superior Civilian of the Year*. He is the president of his own communications company and an internet marketing company. As a member of the National Speakers Association Chad travels as many as 150,000 miles a year speaking to hundreds of professional and civic organizations such as *Wells Fargo, Blue Cross Blue Shield, AT&T, Rainbird, IHC, American Express, Prudential Life, Vast FX, Zion Securities, and others.*

Chad is married and he and his wife are the proud parents of three children. They currently reside in Rush Valley, Utah on a 200-acre wildlife preserve. Chad is a *world-class* wheelchair athlete enjoying basketball, wheelchair rugby, hang-gliding, and snow skiing. In July 2003 Chad set a **World Record** by wheeling a personal marathon of over 500 miles from Salt Lake City to Las Vegas. Chad is also the author of the regionally best-selling book *Soaring to New Heights*.

Chad Hymas will not only inspire, motivate, and move your audience... He will create an experience that will touch their hearts for a lifetime. Chad's topics focus on the areas of **Leadership, Teambuilding, Customer Service, and Mastering Change!**

Steve Simmons

Bishop Paulo Bangerter
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Brother Simmons is currently 56 years of age. He teaches part-time at Utah Valley State College, as well as doing art work and giving medieval educational programs. He has been married to his wife Linda for 33 years. They are the parents of four sons. One of whom is a Trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol in the Tallahassee Area. Brother Simmons has been a member of the church all of his life, and since graduation from high school, he has served as a missionary in eastern Canada, priest quorum advisor, a gospel doctrine teacher, ward membership clerk, teacher development teacher, stake Sunday School president, member of the stake high council, high priest group instructor, and home teacher.

He has been giving Armor of God presentations several times a year for the past 20 years. Over the years these presentations have been given to; combined young men and women meetings, missionary district training meetings, seminary classes, Institute classes, Bishop's firesides, father and son outings, girls camps, Relief Society Enrichment meetings, and Youth Conferences. These presentations are based on Ephesians Chap 6 verses 11-17. The same material in Section 27 of the Doctrine and Covenants. For some 25 years now, Steve has participated in medieval re-enactments and sword fought, wearing 87 pounds of medieval armor. The presentation is based on his testimony of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the truth that the armor protects, both physically and spiritually.

During the presentation Brother Simmons will select a member of the audience to wear the armor and the group will read from Ephesians as the armor is put on. Steve will share different experiences and insights about this spiritual allegory of wearing armor. The presentation runs 45-50 minutes not counting opening and closing prayers and song. Brother Simmons is currently a member of the 37th ward of the American Fork East Stake, in Utah. His Bishop is Paulo Bangerter and can be reached at 1-801-756-6465 (home).

Chelsea Hayden

A farm girl from Arbon, Idaho she graduated from BYU-Idaho and Idaho State University with degrees in Performing Arts and Musical Theatre. She is currently a release-time seminary instructor for the Church Educational System in American Fork, Utah. Chelsea Hayden (age 24, American Fork, Utah) is employed by CES and is in her third year of teaching release-time seminary. She coached the Idaho state-champion high school drama club for two years as she completed her Bachelors Degree in Theatre Arts at Idaho State University. After graduating, she part-time taught seminary at three high schools in Idaho before transferring to the Salt Lake area. She is the youngest female to have been hired into the Church Educational System and now enjoys teaching at American Fork High School. She is an endowed, faithful member of the Harbor 4th Singles Ward in the American Fork Stake.

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Special Musical Number

We will be having 2 special musical numbers at Youth Conference this year. One will be by the YM and the other by the YW. We (the FWB Stake) will provide the music (both CD and sheet music) and need each stake/ward to hold practices on their own. All youth who wish to participate are encouraged to do so. At Youth Conference we will provide an opportunity for the participants to come together and practice. The songs will be performed at the testimony meeting. We hope this will be an opportunity to build unity and testimony as the youth practice the beautiful songs we have chosen. We also hope the spirit is felt by all who will participate &/or hear the performances. Musical selections will be forthcoming shortly.