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Substance Abuse in High School & College

Parties, drinking games, binge drinking -- great fun, until tragedy strikes. When that happens, you can't go back. If you fall off a building, OD on drugs, kill a friend or run over a child because you're drinking and driving, your college career may be history. Plus, when you turn on the alcohol-drug addiction gene, you can't turn it off. Unplanned pregnancies, sexual diseases, flunking out of school due to bad grades or behavior... Where does it end? If you party so much that it affects your grades, you may end up in a sub-standard job while you kiss your dreams of a high-paying, prestigious career goodbye. There's no doubt that early drinking and drugging lays the groundwork for heavy, lifelong substance abuse that will ruin your life.

In this special college presentation, Darryl Hagar, "The Man Overboard," talks frankly to students about his drinking and drugging at a tough military academy, and how those student years set the stage for disaster. Darryl was 15 years old when he took his first drink in 1977, drank to excess, blacked out, and woke up in his own vomit. He sank deeper into addiction through high school and college, and his years at the Marine Maritime Academy were spent in a haze of alcohol, marijuana and cocaine abuse – even during rigorous Coast Guard training. When his father committed suicide in 1983, Darryl buried his grief in alcohol and drugs.

Darryl knows the problems and peer pressures students face, and he knows how to turn lives around. Because he was a teenage addict, he has the "street creds" to speak to high school and college students in language they understand. No question is off-bounds as this powerful, interactive talk gets students to share their doubts and fears about substance abuse before it's too late. Students of all ages learn how to spot the warning signs of addiction, get out of denial, and seek help before it's too late. Every student deserves to hear his story.

As college students take to campus each year, the growing epidemic of drug and alcohol abuse threatens our nation's future, but Darryl shows students how to find the courage to break free from addiction during these crucial years where lifelong patterns are set in place. His eye-opening presentation will help prevent your campus from getting caught in the deadly addiction syndrome.