

Ladies and gentlemen,

Prepare to be inspired by a story of resilience and transformation. Our next speaker faced his worst fear when a massive bull shark attacked him during a counter-terrorism exercise with the Australian Navy in 2009, costing him two limbs. Rather than succumbing to despair, he fought through pain and reclaimed his life, returning to full-time Navy service within six months.

Since then, he has traveled the world as an environmentalist and adventurer. As a Shark Week regular on Discovery Channel, he has hosted over 30 documentaries and helped stars like Will Smith and Ronda Rousey overcome their fears of sharks. He has authored four books and shared his story thousands of times on stages, TV networks, media outlets, and podcasts.

Now based in California, he continues to inspire audiences around the world.

Please join me in welcoming a Shark Week host, bestselling author, and fearless adventurer: Paul de Gelder.