



KARL MAYES “The King Motivator”

“The only time *SUCCESS* comes before *WORK* is in the *DICTIONARY!*”

To say that Karl Mayes has a colorful background is a huge understatement! As a much loved entertainment host and motivator of numerous events and shows around the country, Karl has earned a reputation for delivering audience pleasing performances on and offstage. Karl has the distinct ability to create an excitement for audiences as he allows them to experience his charismatic style of motivating people around the world.

Karl was born in Ft. Worth, Texas, and grew up on a side of town known as “Stop Six!” This was considered then what would be known now as an “economically disadvantage” neighborhood. So in other words, Karl grew up as an “at risk youth!” When he was 13 years old, Karl witnessed a young woman’s murder, which created a sense of trauma along with resilience as he grew older. Always challenged with the opportunity of taking the “quick way out” by selling drugs, he was able to dodge that pitfall. Karl was pushed and supported by his parents and mentors, which gave him direction to stay focus on the fact that “you will do better when you think better, so keep learning.”

At age 18, Karl became devastated by the news that his favorite uncle was addicted to crack cocaine. This was hard for Karl, but looking back he admits that this was also important in shaping his future. He was devastated but not defeated. He used all of what he endured growing up as a reason to “GO” and not as a reason to “STOP!”

Karl went on to graduate from Prairie View A&M University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications (RA/TV) & two Masters’ Degrees in Sociology and Counseling. He is also a well renowned emcee in several different entertainment genres. He has motivated many college & “at risk youth”, recorded several hip hop albums and emceed many events around the country in a 15year stint. He has hosted shows that included the likes of Beyoncé, Bilal, Marsha Ambrosious, Chrisette Michele, Jay Z, Outkast and MC Lyte, just to name a few.

Today, as a true advocate for youth success & empowerment, Karl is a fierce and powered speaker, lecturer, orator, and motivating individual. Karl is also a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, & he spends most of his free time in Houston, Texas with his Fiance and two sons.

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