



SAM GOODWIN

Winning Through Uncertainty

Sam is an American entrepreneur and featured keynote speaker. He played Division I college ice hockey, co-founded an online tech company and NGO in Singapore and has traveled to every country in the world. Sam was wrongfully imprisoned on false charges of espionage in Syria in 2019. Today, Goodwin shares his experiences through speaking engagements worldwide, including to audiences of elite athletes, faith groups, corporate conventions, the US Military and others.

As seen in

The New York Times

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



The Washington Post



In 2019, Sam was taken hostage in Syria, leading US Government and intelligence officials to doubt whether he would ever be seen again alive. His incredible journey of survival illustrates the extraordinary power of the human spirit. As an inspirational speaker, his message has inspired audiences around the globe.

Sam earned a four-year ice hockey scholarship to Niagara University (New York) in 2008. He attributes the mental toughness, critical thinking and resiliency garnered through a life of competitive athletics as crucial to his survival as a hostage. Goodwin moved to Singapore in 2012 to help launch a tech startup business and regional NGO. His focus included stakeholder management, media relations and non-profit partnerships. He has led humanitarian efforts across Asia, Africa and Latin America.

From 2010-2019, Sam traveled to all 193 United Nations' sovereign countries and wrote about it on his blog. He particularly enjoys promoting the beauty and positivity of lesser-known and negatively-perceived places. Sam has visited all 50 US States and is a member of several extreme travel groups.

Goodwin holds Bachelor's degrees in Communication Studies and French from Niagara University and a Master's degree in International Affairs from Washington University in St. Louis. He is currently a Doctor of International Affairs candidate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington DC.

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Thank you, Sam, for sharing your incredible message! Your extraordinary experience provided a unique perspective on life, hope, and the kindness of others. The team members of our firm truly enjoyed your presentation and walked away inspired by the lessons you were able to take home and share from such an unimaginable misunderstanding. Absolutely wonderful!

John Herber - Chairman, RubinBrown LLP

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Sam Goodwin's life story is amazing – and that was true before he ever arrived in Syria. What Sam shares, and how he shares it, can completely transform and empower how you see uncertainty and the circumstances you experience in your personal and professional life. Sam is one of the most authentic, humble, talented, and effective speakers I have ever seen – and I have seen hundreds.

John Blumberg, CSP - National Speaker; Author of Return on Integrity

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RESILIENCE and EMBRACING UNCERTAINTY

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