

Stories of Courage



Ryan Struck
Struck Photography

Ryan's two loves were surfing and photography. He quit his job in advertising to pursue both his dreams together, starting a business as a surf culture-based photographer. It took off, and now he's traveling the world and working with celebrities like Justin Bieber and Tom Hanks.



Scott Kaufmann
PeerAspect

Scott's always wanted to start a business, but it took him being diagnosed with Parkinson's to give him the impetus to do it. It failed. But he didn't give up. He started another one. In just 5 years he has secured major global clients and investor interest.



Alicia Igess
Urban Tangles

Alicia had recently moved to Atlanta to start her career as a hairstylist when a fire left her homeless and without the tools of her trade. She had a choice: pack up and go back to her lifelong friends and family in Tennessee. Or soldier on in Atlanta. Alicia now has one of the most successful salons in Atlanta.



Amy Genzlinger
Art From the Heart

Amy's vocal cords were accidentally detached during heart surgery. With her voice lost, so was her job as a corporate trainer and speaker. Desperate to find a way to express herself, Amy started making collages. They were so popular that she now has a business teaching others how to make their own. Business doubled in 7 months and is about to be franchised.

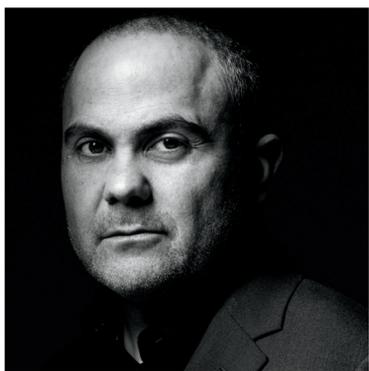
When you are courageous, things that seemed impossible become possible.

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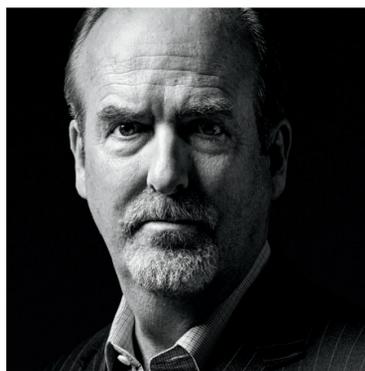
Coss Marte
ConBody

Coss turned a 7-year prison sentence into startup gold. While incarcerated, he transformed his body in 6 months, losing 70lbs. On leaving, he suffered the plight of many ex-cons and was unable to get a job. So he started Coss Athletics, teaching his fitness regimen to the public. Today he has more than 400 clients and employs 6 trainers (all of them ex-cons).



Jordie Kern
7 Eagle Group

Jordie's father was a veteran and one of the most capable people he knew. He couldn't understand why unemployment rates among veterans were so high. So he started a recruitment business solely for the training and placing of veterans in the job market. He's placed 140 of them so far, but feels like he's only getting started.



Conte Moore
Risk Strategies

Imagine having to insure the most high-profile people and events in the world. Rocks stars, film stars, even the Pope. If you don't have to imagine it, then you're probably one of the biggest names in the entertainment insurance business yourself. You're probably Conte Moore.



Catherine Mattice
Civility Partners

Catherine was the HR person at a company where everyone, including the boss, was bullied by one person. She left to start Civility Partners, an HR consulting firm dedicated to ending all workplace bullying. And has never looked back.