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Beckie Scott

Olympic Speaker, Overcoming Adversity and Excellence Expert

"Virtually anything can be accomplished with hard work, determination and belief". - Beckie Scott



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Language Spoken

English

Travel's From

Calgary, Alberta

Speaker Biography:

Beckie Scott is one of Canada's best Olympic keynote speakers. A Three-time Olympian, Scott retired in 2006, capping nearly two decades of competitive cross-country ski racing. She is Canada's most successful cross-country skier and one of the world's best all-around cross-country racers. From the moment she joined the country's national program in 1994, Scott was a trailblazer for nordic sports in Canada. During her 11-year career, she re-wrote the Canadian record books, winning two Olympic medals. Beckie Scott won a gold medal the five-kilometre pursuit race at the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Scott later went on to win a silver medal with teammate Sara Renner in the team sprint event at the Torino 2006 Olympic Winter Games. Outside of her Olympic career, Beckie has 15 World Cup medals, among many other achievements and accomplishments.

After retirement, Beckie's peers elected her to the International Olympic Committee's Athlete Commission. She became a Board Member of the International Olympic Committee, the Canadian Olympic Committee Executive Board and the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency). Beckie is a Member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame, and the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame. She is a recipient of the Governor General's Meritorious Service Award, has twice received the John Semmelink Memorial Award for most sportsmanlike conduct in winter sport competition. The Canadian Association for Advancing Women in Sport named Beckie Scott as one of Canada's most influential Women in Sport in 2012.

Beckie Scott's career accomplishments off the snow are equally impressive. Scott's pursuit of justice around her 2002 Olympic gold medal was a triumph for athletes' rights and fair play. She is also a tireless advocate for drug-free sport. Scott is currently Canada's representative on the World Anti-Doping Agency's newly formed Athlete Committee. During the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, Scott's peers elected her to the IOC Athletes' Commission for an eight-year term. In addition to her sporting endeavors, Beckie Scott has been recognized and acknowledged for her charitable work. She is a UNICEF Canada Special Representative and an Athlete Ambassador for the humanitarian organization, Right To Play.

Scott also serves on the board of directors for the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and the Trans-Canada trail. Beckie Scott remains a tireless advocate for ethical, drug-free sport. Beckie is a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) Executive Board. As a result of Beckie's hard work, knowledge and passion, she became Chair of the World Anti-doping Agency's Athlete Committee. She is a frequent presenter and contributor to global conferences. She is passionate on demonstrating practical solutions for how to take yourself, your team and your organization to overcome all obstacles for success. In addition to her work facilitating a physical and mental wellness program for Aboriginal youth in Alberta, Beckie Scott dabbles in freelance writing and has contributed to the Globe and Mail, and CBC online. Beckie Scott is a broadcaster analyst for CBC and CTV Sports Winter Olympics and holds honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Alberta.

Topic Presentations

Olympic Spirit

Beckie puts in plain words that: *“Discovering that virtually nothing is impossible with hard work, determination and belief. The sky is the limit!”* This is an incredible story about how a young woman emerged from a tiny Canadian prairie town to take on the world – and succeed. She faced many obstacles, and with courage and determination, she not only overcame them but she astonished everyone with her amazing accomplishments at the highest level of sport.

The Impact of Teamwork

Beckie explains how incredible power and amazing results are achieved when groups unite in a shared vision and goal. How one of the worst performing teams in the world of International Cross Country-Skiing became one of the best through systematic dedication to on-going learning and effective teamwork. Teams that flourish usually have to surmount tough challenges. Beckie will explain how united coordinated efforts of many can change the world.

The Impact of Effective Leadership

Beckie enlightens individuals and organizations on “How effective leaders shape success”. The coaches and mentors Beckie has known have taught her important life-changing lessons that she is prepared to share with you.

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Testimonials

“I wanted to write to tell you what a hit you were at our BLG gathering, in case that was not obvious from your standing ovation. For the rest of the weekend our colleagues kept coming up to Sean and me to tell us what an inspiring message you delivered and their delight in hearing and seeing what is the very best about our Olympic athletes. We are all very proud of your well-deserved success.”

- J. Bruce Carr-Harris, Lawyer, Borden Ladner Gervais

“I’d like to echo the sentiments expressed by Bruce Carr-Harris. I’ve had nothing but enthusiastic comments about your inspiring remarks to our lawyers last Friday morning. We were extremely fortunate that you were able to speak to us. Your remarks were exactly aligned with our themes and we couldn’t have picked a better speaker. I’d like to express my appreciation to you for making a significant contribution to the success of our leadership program. Thanks again.”

- Sean Weir, National Managing Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais

“Beckie Scott recently presented to us at the SPIN summit in Vancouver. Through her incredible passion to achieve personal goals, Beckie Scott hits the mark for all of us to do the same. Her reflections on overcoming challenges, and seizing opportunities to own the podium, are qualities that inspire all of us. Meticulous planning, an uncompromising attitude, and brilliant execution, are Beckie’s “Les clefs du succès”!”

- Jon Kolb, PhD, Director, Sport Science, Medicine and Innovation, OWN THE PODIUM

“I would like to say a very sincere thank you for enabling Beckie Scott to come to Red Deer to work with our athletes for a late afternoon and evening session. It was an experience of a lifetime. Beckie’s stories and experiences radiated passion and love of cross country skiing, and for people in our world. Her voice has made a large impact on many of our young athletes here in Red Deer. I really want you to know and understand how influential, inspirational and motivational this opportunity was for our developing club. Beckie is such an amazing person and role model - someone that represents a true champion. Her work with the youth of our province has and will continue to make a difference in the communities she visits. I have seen it happen here in Red Deer.”

- Graeme Moore, Head Coach, Red Deer Nordic

“The Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA) engaged three-time Olympian Beckie Scott as our featured team building speaker for the kick off of the Association’s Leadership Conference. Ms. Scott provided an outstanding keynote presentation entitled Excellence Through Integrity. She stole the hearts of her audience from the very beginning of her presentation and didn’t look back. Her journey from a small Canadian prairie town to the highest level of International sport and the Olympic podium, through fair play and ethical practice is truly inspirational. Our conference attendees thought the world of her. In fact her name and inspiring talk was referred to at our Awards Banquet on the Saturday evening as well as at our Annual General Meeting. I believe she will be talked about and remembered for many years to come. My experience working with Beckie was excellent from the start of the pre-conference planning process, followed by her personal on-site interaction. Ms. Scott is extremely professional and she is a great pleasure to work with. I would not hesitate to invite Beckie Scott back to speak at an ABVMA event in the future and I highly recommend her as a creditable highlight to any conference or event.”

- Midge Landals, Events Manager, ABVMA.

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