



FLEXIBLE AND TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

The Cornerstones Project offers flexible scheduling to accommodate your school's unique needs. We understand every school is different, so we tailor our presentations to specific grade levels and school objectives. We want to provide a customized experience that best serves your students and community.



INTERESTED? CONTACT US TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

Do you want to take another step toward building an inclusive school environment? Contact us today to book your session and allow your students to learn about our community.

If you have any questions or want to schedule a session, please contact **Jake Williams** at WilliamsJM02@uww.edu or (262) 472-3169.

We look forward to working with you!

THANK YOU

We appreciate you considering the Cornerstone Project for your school community. By participating, you are taking an essential step in building a more inclusive environment. Additionally, you are teaching your students vital skills to be more empathetic and understanding.

Together, we can make a lasting impact on your school community and the world!



FOSTERING UNDERSTANDING, EMPATHY, AND INCLUSIVITY IN SCHOOLS

WHAT IS CORNERSTONES?

The Cornerstones Project is an initiative led by UW-Whitewater's Wheelchair Basketball Head Coaches, Jake Williams and Jake Shafer. Our goal is to promote disability awareness and inclusivity within schools and communities. To do this, we offer a comprehensive presentation that covers various types of disabilities and shares inspiring, personal stories from individuals living with disabilities.

MEET THE TEAM



JAKE WILLIAMS, PLY

Jake Williams PLY, paralyzed at 16, started wheelchair basketball four months after his accident. Now, he is a two-time Paralympian with two gold medals and a World Championship. Additionally, Jake will compete for Team USA in this year's Paralympics in Paris, France.



JAKE SHAFER

Jake Shafer graduated from UW-Whitewater with a BS in human performance and a minor in coaching. As an athlete, he won multiple National Championships and received a Paralympic team tryout invite. Jake is dedicated to growing the sport and is excited to provide a valuable perspective on the impact of adaptive sports.



WHAT DO WE COVER IN THE PRESENTATION?

INTRODUCTION TO DISABILITIES

- Learn about various types of disabilities and their impact on individuals

HOW TO CREATE AN ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENT

- Discover strategies for building inclusive and accessible school environments.

PERSONAL INSIGHTS AND STORIES

- Hear firsthand experiences and stories from individuals living with disabilities.

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR STUDENTS

- Equip students with practical tips to support their peers with disabilities.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

DEVELOP YOUR STUDENTS SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN EMPATHY

- Your students will better understand diverse experiences, which fosters empathy and compassion towards peers.

PROMOTE A MORE INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

- Equip your students with strategies to create an environment where everyone feels valued and included.

EMPOWER STUDENTS TO CONQUER THEIR OBSTACLES

- Learning how individuals with disabilities overcame obstacles helps students apply similar perseverance and determination to their lives.