



Peter Bielagus (Bill-a-gus) became a top authority on money management for Young America the hard way– by first falling deep into credit card debt. Peter entered college with several thousand dollars in savings but within 6 months he found himself \$5000 in credit card debt. Determined to dig his way out of debt, Peter began learning about personal finance, reading over 300 books on the subject, interviewing experts and attending seminars. By graduation, Peter's cards were clean and he was on his way to financial freedom.

Wanting to educate students and young professionals about money, Peter wrote *Getting Loaded: A Complete Personal Finance Guide For Students and Young Professionals* which was published by Penguin Putnam/NAL. After graduating, Peter went to work for a national financial company and became the top salesperson in his district, in his first year. Shortly after getting his financial planning license, Peter then opened up his own fee-only financial planning firm – one in the few in the country that catered exclusively to young people. A frequent guest in the media, Peter has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, USA Today and on the nationally syndicated radio show “Hints From Heloise.”

In addition to writing and speaking, Peter has created many financial education products, including the interactive CD-ROM, *Mastering Your Personal Finances*, and the 70 minute audio program *The Free Way Guide To Personal Finance*. He is now awaiting publication of his next book for young entrepreneurs entitled *Quick Cash For Teens: Make Money and Be Your Own Boss* to be published by Sterling in the Spring of 2009.

Affectionately known as the *Go To Guy For Young People and Their Money* Peter now gives o...

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Speech Topics

- ☐ Youth
- ☐ University/College
- ☐ Millennials Motivation
- ☐ Life Balance
- ☐ Finance



Testimonials

"One of the best parts about your program was your availability to speak in classrooms around campus for the entire day. Being a community college with a large non-traditional population, I think that your willingness to reach out to our students outside of the traditional "one main lecture" program resulted in so many more of our students being able to learn extremely important information about their financial future. One of our main goals in the student activities program is always to increase our faculty involvement and to improve our relationship with the faculty, and this was such a great way to achieve that goal. The attendance in the classrooms you visited easily quadrupled the number of students who attended the main lecture. It was really easy for me to set up, I simply added a note to faculty at the bottom of the email I sent out advertising your program and the response was tremendous. After your lectures, all of the faculty involved contacted me to express their gratitude at your coming to their classrooms and how much their students enjoyed your lecture and how much they learned from it. Anyone who doesn't take you up on this offer is truly missing out on a great opportunity to reach out to students who might not attend more traditional style programs! Thank you again, and I know that I will be in touch to have you return next year!"

- Coordinator Center for Civic Education and Student Leadership Central Florida Community College, Ocala, FL.

“I was in the financial advising/investment field for over 40 years and the one thing I heard from every single one of my clients was, “I wish I started earlier.” Peter’s generation is lucky to have him out there, teaching the financial tools that other generations never had. There’s no doubt in my mind, his message is a must.”

- Former Manager of the billion-dollar New England Trust Fund.
