



When **Andy Papathanassiou** talks about being in the fast lane, he's referring to something other than his life experiences. Starting in 1992 as the "pit crew coach" for Hendrick Motorsports, DuPont, Sprint Cup Race Team, Andy has been an integral part of the team building and communication talents that have led to many victories on the NASCAR Circuit.

A native of Emerson, New Jersey, Andy grew up as the only son of Greek immigrants who favored education over sports. An honor student, Andy sought physical achievement as well. Not only did Andy become a three-sport high school athlete, lettering in football, wrestling, and track, he was voted a USA Today All-American placing second nationally in the shot put as well as an academic All-American in football. He held the New Jersey state record in the shot put for twelve years.

Upon graduation, Andy accepted a football scholarship to Stanford University. He chose Stanford because it combined an unparalleled education with Division I athletics. He competed in both football and track, earned an undergraduate degree in Economics and a master's degree in Organizational Behavior, while at the same time excelling on the gridiron. He started in 45 out of 45 football games as an offensive lineman. In track, he was a Junior-Nationals champion and qualified for the PAC-10 track and field championship finals, for three years. Following graduation from Stanford, he sought to explore various industries to start a career. Though he didn't know much about it, NASCAR racing was on the list. His first racing experience was sneaking into the garage area at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, CA for the 1991 event. He made some contacts and got to help out a team for the weekend by cleaning the car,...

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