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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENT

## A.G. "PETE" HINOJOSA

Kingwood High School, Class of 1986



Pete Hinojosa is a 1986 graduate of Kingwood High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. Pete currently serves as the Director of Thought Leadership at Insperity. In addition to his career with Insperity, he also is the founder and original owner of Omega Quest.

As a fourth-generation teacher, he is a prime example of what an exemplary leader looks like in our community. He was nominated six times as Teacher of the Year in two different school districts. One of the schools he was nominated for was Kingwood High School. He was a recipient of "The Who's Who in American High School Teachers" eight times. He has been nominated and recognized three times as an Outstanding Secondary Educator in the Nation by the University of Texas. His students honored him by voting him the funniest, most enthusiastic, and best teacher at Kingwood High School in 1996. From his popularity as a teacher, a parent asked him to create a weekend camp for kids based on the inspiring quotes and talks he did for his biology honors' students. He then ran this camp from 1997 to 2017.

The local community reached out and Pete did one of the most popular parenting series for Kingwood College called "Bringing Your Child's Heart Home". This broadcast went out to families all over the Kingwood/Humble area for two years. Pete was then asked to be the community network coordinator for Spring Branch Independent School District where he continued to work with students, parents, and businesses across 42 schools. During that time period, Pete created a parenting leadership series that lasted ten years and a mentor program that lasted for 15 years. His next legacy project was a student leadership course that became an elective and is still being taught today.

Pete then created Quest Leadership Dynamics, a privately-owned company, and took his message across the country. He was awarded a seven-year grant where he worked with and inspired six school districts to help students across South Texas achieve their dream of going to college. While maintaining that grant, Pete entered into the corporate world, developing and designing leadership development for corporations.

As part of his commitment to the Humble/Kingwood community, Pete trained and donated his curriculum to Humble ISD, as well as invited and trained many Humble ISD employees to participate in his three day DISC certification at no cost.

In 2013, Insperity asked Pete to design, develop, and lead their new sales leadership development initiative. Since then, Pete has personally developed and trained all 15 classes going from 40 offices to 80+ offices of sales leaders across North America.

Pete is a published author and speaks over a hundred times a year to audiences across North America. Before Zig Ziglar passed away, he wrote about Pete in his book 'Better Than Good' as "A teacher that is passing it on to the next generation". Pete's family has lived in the Kingwood and Humble area for more than 52 years. Pete recently celebrated his 28th wedding anniversary with his wife Wendy, also a graduate of Kingwood High School, and has four children: Gabriella, Jacob, Jonah, and Isabella. His father, Pete Hinojosa Senior, was a coach and mentor who loved this community. He once told Pete a simple statement after Pete was having a hard time in elementary school. "You aren't better than anybody, you aren't worse than anybody, but you are somebody so always make a difference." With his father's words as a reminder, Pete believes it is a privilege to make a difference in the lives of others each and every day."