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**Al Duncan** is an award-winning youth advocate, publisher, and an internationally recognized authority on soft skills. He is the publisher of [DuncanNuggets.com](http://DuncanNuggets.com) a resource center packed with free videos, articles, and activities on character education and soft skills. [Duncan Nuggets®](http://DuncanNuggets.com) have been used by **over one million young people** in hundreds of schools and youth serving organizations.

He is frequently called upon by the media to share his expertise and he is the author of four books, including **My Success Journal For Young People** and **Get ALL Fired Up!** He has been awarded the President's Call to Service Award and The National PTA Life Achievement Award, for his outstanding service in the field of youth development and empowerment.

Formerly, as a corporate trainer he has delivered his programs as professional development courses at a number of colleges and universities including the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Professional Development.

### Devastated, But Not Defeated

Al was born and raised in one of the most dangerous neighborhoods on the planet in North Philadelphia and by today's standards, would've been **labeled an "at-risk" student**. When he was 5 years old he was molested by a male friend of the family.

Emotionally traumatized, it took him years to remember what happened. At the age of 15, Al's world was torn to shreds again when he found out that his father, his childhood hero, was addicted to crack cocaine.

**Devastated, but not defeated**, Al refused to allow his personal problems stop him. He went on to enjoy careers as a professional saxophone player and a professional chef. His father's struggle and incredible recovery inspired Al to write [Duncan Nugget® #21: Failure is only permanent if you quit](#).

Al's expertise in the field of soft skills as well as youth development & empowerment has been sought after by a long list of organizations and institutions including:

- ✓ U. S. Dept. Education
- ✓ Army Reserve Child, Youth, and School Services
- ✓ The National Guard
- ✓ U.S. Department of Juvenile Justice
- ✓ The Ontario Ministry of Children & Youth Services
- ✓ U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- ✓ Dekalb County Family & Children Services
- ✓ FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
- ✓ FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America)
- ✓ 4-H
- ✓ The National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Pi)
- ✓ Georgia Adult Education Association
- ✓ Texas A&M University
- ✓ University of Connecticut
- ✓ Johnson and Wales University
- ✓ Clark Atlanta University
- ✓ Spelman College
- ✓ Morehouse College
- ✓ Georgia Tech
- ✓ University of Georgia