

**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®** have been used by **over one million young people** in hundreds of schools and youth serving organizations.

Al is the founder of **Young Scribes™**, a free marketing and fundraising program that allows schools and youth organizations to raise money and increase tangible outcomes by publishing books written by their young people. He is also the author of 4 books including, ***My Success Journal for Young People***.

Born to teenaged parents, raised in a poverty stricken neighborhood in North Philadelphia, being molested as a child, and his father's addiction to crack cocaine, left Al **devastated, but not defeated**. He went on to enjoy careers as a professional saxophone player, a professional chef, and he is the former executive producer and host of his own television show. At the age of 24 he walked away from his musical career in order to raise his youngest brother who was 12 years old at the time.

**Duncan Nugget® #21:** "Failure is only permanent if you quit."