

DAVE PALLONE

PRESENTS

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Dave Pallone worked 18 years as a professional umpire, 10 of those years with the National Baseball League. As the third youngest umpire in baseball history, he demonstrated courage, professionalism and the ability to withstand adversity through many of baseball's high profile and controversial events.

Dave is the author of the 1990 New York Time's best-selling autobiography, *Behind the Mask: My Double Life in Baseball*, which has been re-released to celebrate its 20th year anniversary. Since the publication of his autobiography, Dave has dedicated his life to educating and enlightening people about the reality of sexual orientation. His philosophy of respecting yourself and others provides insight into the complex issues and challenges that come from understanding sexual orientation.

Dave has been a keynote speaker at human resource conferences, diversity trainer on sexual orientation for corporations, and has brought his work on sexual orientation sensitivity to hundreds of higher education campuses, as well as their athletic departments. Dave is also on the preferred speaker's list for the NCAA.

Making history on October 11, 1995, Dave and tennis great Martina Navratilova appeared on stage together for a candid conversation at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. It was the first time that two prominent, openly gay people in professional sports appeared on stage.

Dave has given interviews for national publications such as the Los Angeles Times, The Boston Globe, The New York Times and has written OP-Eds for USA Today and New York Newsday. He has been a frequent guest on "Larry King Live," and has appeared on The Today Show, CBS Morning, BBC Radio, NPR, and several other major radio programs. Dave has owned and hosted his own sports radio show in Boston, Massachusetts, and was featured on ESPN's documentary "Homophobia in Sports", as well ESPN's Outside the Lines. Dave was honored to be selected by GENRE Magazine as one of the 100 men of the 20th century.