

Toastmasters International Announces Matt Abrahams as its 2025 Golden Gavel Recipient

ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Feb. 20, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Toastmasters International announces Matt Abrahams, lecturer at Stanford Graduate School of Business, author of two communication-based books, and host of the Think Fast, Talk Smart podcast, as the recipient of the organization's 2025 Golden Gavel Award.

Matt Abrahams is a renowned communication expert with decades of teaching, coaching, and consulting experience. He hosts the popular Webby award-winning podcast Think Fast, Talk Smart: The Podcast, which is the #1 Career podcast in 95 countries, including the US and UK, India, China, Mexico, and Brazil. He has helped numerous presenters prepare for high-stakes talks, including IPO road shows, Nobel Prize award presentations, and appearances at TED and the World Economic Forum.

"Matt Abrahams has been positively impacting communicators for decades," says Radhi Spear, Toastmasters 2024-25 International President. "It is a privilege to recognize him as this year's Golden Gavel recipient, our most prestigious award."

Matt is an accomplished writer whose articles have appeared in the GSB, Fast Company, Toastmasters Magazine, Inc.com, and Quartz. He has also published several research articles on strategic planning, persuasion, and interpersonal communication. Prior to teaching, Matt held senior leadership positions at several software companies, where he created and ran global learning and development organizations.

"Being named the recipient of the 2025 Golden Gavel Award is an incredible honor," says Abrahams. "I'm excited to share my passion for communication and the journey we can all take to become more effective planned and spontaneous communicators."

Abrahams will accept the award and address attendees during a presentation on Friday, Aug. 22, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown in historic Philadelphia, PA. Abrahams joins an illustrious list of Golden Gavel honorees, including Dr. Joyce Brothers, Walter Cronkite, Stephen Covey, Anthony (Tony) Robbins, Debbi Fields Rose, Muhammad Yunus, and Zig Ziglar.

To learn more about the 2025 International Convention, Aug. 20-23, and obtain a complete schedule of events, including the Opening Ceremonies, Keynote Presentation, and the World Championship of Public Speaking, visit toastmasters.org/Convention.

To learn more about Abrahams and Think Fast, Talk Smart, visit fastersmarter.io.

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that builds confidence and teaches public speaking skills through a worldwide network of clubs that meet online and in person. In a supportive community or corporate environment, members prepare and deliver speeches, respond to impromptu questions, and give and receive constructive feedback. It is through this regular practice that members are empowered to meet personal and professional communication goals. Founded in 1924, the organization is headquartered in Englewood, Colorado with approximately 270,000 members in more than 14,000 clubs in 150 countries. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow [@Toastmasters](https://twitter.com/Toastmasters) on X (formerly Twitter).

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