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**BRIAN GRANT TEACHES COMPANIES & ORGANIZATIONS HOW TO REBOUND IN BUSINESS & LIFE**

May 4, 2017 – PORTLAND, OREGON: Retired NBA player and Parkinson’s advocate, Brian Grant, is now sharing his story of perseverance with corporations and organizations nationwide. The mission of “[Brian Grant Speaks](#)” is to help people become their best, even when it seems impossible.

During his NBA career, Brian Grant became known for tenacious rebounding and a fearless attitude on the court. For 12 years, he played on five teams: Sacramento Kings, Portland Trail Blazers, Miami Heat, Los Angeles Lakers, and Phoenix Suns. At age 36, he joined approximately 1.5 million people in the U.S. who are living with Parkinson’s. Almost ten years later, Brian has become a powerful voice for Parkinson’s disease, along with actor, Michael J. Fox.

Grant has turned a devastating diagnosis into a meaningful new speaking career. Audiences appreciate the chance to meet a former NBA star, and at 6’ 9”, his presence can seem larger than life. With humor and humility, Brian tells “behind the scenes” stories from Xavier University and the NBA. He also shares what it’s like to live with Parkinson’s and how it allows him to give back and redefine his legacy.

John Krumbholz hired Brian as a keynote speaker at a Parkinson’s symposium in Iowa. He said, "Brian's message was both honest and courageous. The audience loved meeting a basketball legend, and they left feeling bonded, supported, and inspired to live life to the fullest."

Former NBA coach, Pat Riley, said, “Brian was one of the great ‘effort players’ of all time. He is a true warrior, strong competitor, and one of the most caring men I’ve ever met.” One of Grant’s rivals on the court, Karl Malone, remarked, “Brian is one of the few guys who would bring it every night, so he would always bring out the best in me.” Grant’s keynote topics include:

- How to Rebound in Life & Work
- How Winning Teams Are Created
- How to Authentically Engage Your Local Community

In 1998, Grant won the NBA’s J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award for his work with underprivileged youth and sick families. Ten years later, he founded the Brian Grant Foundation to empower Parkinson’s patients to lead active and fulfilling lives. Their annual fundraising event, “Shake It Till We Make It” is May 19, 2017 at Castaway Portland.

Brian can be found on Twitter @BWGrant. To hire Brian for your next company retreat, organization conference, or association convention, contact Erin Donley at [erin@briangrantspeaks.com](mailto:erin@briangrantspeaks.com). 503-720-6996.

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