

Steve "Papaw" Pyatte
The Message Behind the Man

One look at Steve Pyatte and you want to take a step back. Several questions run through your mind. Who is he? Why does he look the way he does? Exactly what is this man all about?

However, when he takes the stage and begins to speak – the questions disappear and the audience automatically listens. Speaking from the heart, with humor, on serious issues such as bullying, peer pressure, prejudice, stereotyping, diversity, leadership skills, drugs & alcohol - Papaw's unique style mesmerizes even the most die-hard cynic. Tolerance, respect, motivation and inspiration are woven into a powerful message that lasts long after the laughter.

Young adults are encouraged to set goals, dream dreams and to reach for success. Learning how to shift from the negative to the positive is a difficult process for most. Transforming your world and how you operate in it is a powerful lesson delivered by Papaw - who has done it and continues to do it every minute of every day.

Papaw's book, *Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover – Giving Back Love And Respect*, is a reflection of life viewed from the perspective of someone who has been there and done that. He doesn't rely on statistics. He uses real life experiences when he speaks - *his*. The youth of today are not simply numbers - and no one wants them to become a statistic. Papaw steps outside of that "box" you keep hearing about and actually destroys it to send a message. Give your students a gift without a box - the gift of Papaw. When you hear his message, you will be glad you gave the gift.

"Success is something anyone can touch, but you can't touch what you don't reach for"

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