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## Press Release

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### Michael Pritchard to speak at Youth Summit

**Michael Pritchard**, a nationally acclaimed speaker and comedian, will be the keynote speaker at Supervisor Federal Glover's annual Youth Summit this April 16 at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, California.

"We're thrilled that Mr. Pritchard has agreed to speak to our young people," says Supervisor Glover. "His inspirational message will reinforce the summit's theme: We Got Your Back!"

Pritchard began his career on both the comedy stage and as a juvenile counselor in San Francisco's Youth Guidance Center. In 1980, Michael Pritchard won first place in the San Francisco International Stand Up Comedy Competition as well as winning the prestigious California Probation Officer of the Year.

He began making appearances with some of the big names of comedy including Robin Williams, Jerry Seinfeld, Dana Carvey and Whoopi Goldberg. Offers from Hollywood came pouring in. But Pritchard rejected offers from Hollywood to focus on using his comic talents for inspiring youth and adults.

His seven educational series for PBS and distribution has been seen by millions and focuses on youth guidance in the areas of violence prevention.

Forming Heartland Media, Pritchard continued with other projects including "Red Ribbon Week" and "PeaceTalks" teaching students to make positive choices. "SOS: Saving Our Schools from Hate and Violence," featured in both Time magazine and on CNN, filmed after the tragic Columbine disaster. His new series: "Lifesteps" builds the social and emotional intelligence in youth and has already received the Parents Choice Award

As an extension of Heartland Media, he established Heartland Media Foundation building character and emotional intelligence, violence prevention, inciting motivation and leadership in both youth and adults to improve schools and communities. The foundation provides youth guidance programs, including video, print curriculum, and live presentations by Michael Pritchard to aid in schools and communities where the funding is limited.

"Michael Pritchard uses humor to address some of the serious issues facing youth today," says Glover. "His audience may be laughing on the outside, but inside, they're also thinking about the points he makes about life's choices."