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Student Union Activities present inspirational Success Week speaker, former MLB umpire Steve Palermo

Lawrence, KS—Student Union Activities will present inspirational speaker and former Major League Baseball umpire Steve Palermo in conjunction with KU's Success Week. Mr. Palermo will speak on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 pm. The event will take place in Woodruff Auditorium on Level 5 of the Kansas Union.

In 1991, Palermo and several friends were dining after a Texas Rangers game when they were alerted that two waitresses were being mugged in the parking lot. In an attempt to apprehend the assailants, he suffered a bullet wound to his spinal cord, resulting in instant paraplegia. Through rehabilitation and a ton of determination, Palermo overcame an injury that could have ended his career and prevented him from ever walking again, now able to walk with the use of one small leg brace and a cane. He currently serves as a supervisor of umpires for the MLB and tours the country as a motivational speaker.

This is a free event for all KU students and general public. Please pick up free vouchers in the SUA Box Office on Level 4 of the Kansas Union to reserve seating. For more information on this event and other great SUA programs, call 785-864-SHOW or visit us on the web at www.suaevents.com.