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# Motivating Teens

## David Yeager, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Developmental Psychology  
Director, Adolescent Development Research Group  
University of Texas at Austin  
Co-Chair, Mindset Scholars Network, Stanford University

Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
7:00 PM

North Shore Country Day School Auditorium  
310 Green Bay Rd., Winnetka

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PDs available for educators.  
Suitable for youth ages 12+

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**Tuesday, February 23, 2016, Motivating Teens, 7:00 PM, North Shore Country Day School Auditorium, 310 Green Bay Rd., Winnetka, 60093.** From time to time Family Action Network (FAN) presents a young researcher whose work has caught fire, and **David Yeager, Ph.D.** is a prime example. Dr. Yeager's work was first lauded by Stanford's **Carol Dweck, Ph.D.**, FAN '11 and '14 during her visits here, and she would know: she was Dr. Yeager's Ph.D. advisor, and her influence on his work is clear. At age 34, Dr. Yeager is already accumulating a lengthy list of early-career awards, and he is in high demand as a research collaborator.

There's much to admire in Dr. Yeager's work; most relevant to FAN's interest is that Dr. Yeager focuses nearly exclusively on adolescent behavior change. He designs clever randomized experiments and interventions, primarily in school settings, with the goal of transforming the lives of teenagers for the better. Dr. Yeager has investigated substance use, healthy eating, motivation, bullying, aggression, stress, cheating, academic underperformance, and depression, and is primarily interested in developing practical, effective strategies. His approach is deeply informed by Dr. Dweck's groundbreaking research in "mindsets," and he is particularly preoccupied with scaling innovations in the social sciences, and seeks to create a new field of "psychological design."

Dr. Yeager is **Assistant Professor of Developmental Psychology** at **The University of Texas at Austin**, where he is head of the **Adolescent Development Research Group**, a **Fellow** at the **Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching**, and a **Co-Chair** of the **Mindset Scholars Network** at **Stanford University**. He received his B.A. and M.Ed. from the **University of Notre Dame**, and M.A. and Ph.D. from **Stanford**. Among his many awards, he received the **2015 Joseph E. Zins Early Career Award for Action Research in Social and Emotional Learning** from the **Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL)**.

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