

## **Kick Butt Award – Nomination for Dr. Kyle Elliott**

Nominated By Wendi M. Weiner, Esq.

I would like to nominate Kyle Elliott for The Pat Schuler Kick Butt Award. I've served as his mentor over the past few years, so I've gotten to know him on a very deep level and seen first-hand how much innovation, awareness, and passion he's created for the careers industry in the past 5+ years as well as grown his presence with authenticity while owning his fabulousness.

### **1. Fearless in creating and innovating within the industry and/or the individual business.**

Kyle is fearless when it comes to opening doors for the careers industry to better understand pressing issues faced by job seekers. This year alone, Kyle has taught a CDI webinar on working with LGBTQ+ job seekers, and he's become a CDI guest blogger providing advice to job seekers with powerful lessons on online job board scams and job search tips for clients living with disabilities. He is always attending conferences, symposiums, and seminars to increase his knowledge and create safe places for job seekers to own their identity and goals.

### **2. High integrity in communicating with others, customers, peers, colleagues, and on social media.**

Kyle is helpful across social media and in Facebook groups for career industry folks. He's never afraid to lend a helping hand or offer support to a colleague or peer who needs it. He's passionate about his clients, always sharing their success stories and approaching things from a positive, can-do place.

### **3. Life-long commitment to learning demonstrated through personal stretch to pursue additional training in new areas.**

Kyle recently earned his doctorate in education (Ed.D.) in educational practice and leadership with a focus on higher education. His dissertation, "Development of the Share Your Story Program: Understanding How Self-Stigma and Mental Health Storytelling Influence Mental Health Experiences on College Campuses," is heavily focused on overcoming the stigma of mental health through storytelling on social media. He's also been active in pursuing coaching credentials such as The Gallup Strengths Coaching, MBTI Practitioner, and Strong Interest Inventory. He's taught multiple webinars and spoken at conferences on growing a thriving coaching business, how to increase your marketing efforts through referrals and word-of-mouth, and he's even taught business development courses for resume writers and coaches.

At 30 years old, he's one of the youngest in our industry, but openly committed to advancing his own growth, skills, and professional development. Not to mention, he's achieved his recent doctorate, acquired new coaching training/certifications, and continued to represent the industry in a positive light while maintaining a very busy roster of client coaching sessions. It's been an amazing journey to watch him unfold and truly grow.

### **4. Focus on giving back through industry contributions such as industry committee participation, mentorship, or article contribution.**

Kyle has taken an active role the past two years in increasing his contributions through blogs, articles, and other media. He brings awareness to our industry about current trends and those tough conversations others shy away from.

**5. Maintain active CDI membership.**

Kyle is an active member of CDI.