

Testimonials

People were very moved by Nancy and Pete's story – moved to donate, moved to share their own stories, moved to want to know more about Pete. We were so proud to have her! She was fantastic.

Melissa Suster, Vice President, Associated General Counsel, AT&T

Nancy was phenomenal! The leadership hosts and winners were thrilled. Standing O.

Midge Stone, Senior Events Manager, AT&T

“Nancy's message and delivery was so compelling that it inspired our Diamond Club winners to gather on the beach and challenge their teams to the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge! It was a fabulous display of caring and collaboration motivated by Nancy's remarkable presentation and passion around a cure for ALS. She is a truly phenomenal speaker and even more remarkable mom and woman.”

Karen Carroll, Vice President – Global Events, AT&T

On behalf of the entire Medidata organization, thank you for taking the time to speak at NEXT Global last month in NYC! Your presentation was impactful, personal and resonated with every person in that room.

You were our highest rated keynote speaker and the feedback we received from our attendees has been outstanding!

Meghan Dorsey, Director of Events, Medidata Solutions

I think I can speak for everyone and say that Nancy was beyond phenomenal. She was inspiring, impressive and so humble. I was excited to hear her speak, but she exceeded my expectations. I look forward to having more events with Nancy in the future.

Liz Churgin, Corporate Events, Jeffries

The feedback from clients and Jefferies folks from Nancy's session has been phenomenal. A number have said they'd like her to speak at their investor days, and we've even had a bank competitor ask about her background because they had heard such great things second hand. She was a standout for the event, and someone our attendees will be thinking about for quite a while.

Shannon Murphy, Corporate Events, Jeffries

She couldn't have been more lovely to deal with and her message resonated strongly with our audience. I ready heard buzz from attendees that they want to invite her to speak at future events.

Pfizer

"Nancy, thank you so much for making such an impact on our leadership team in your keynote! Your messages resonated beyond words, and not because it was a good presentation... but because it was real, it was personal, it was relevant, and it was so close to home. You and Pete have 'it' and we are honored you shared 'it' with us!"

Mike Swinford, CEO, Numination

"I had the opportunity to hear Nancy Frates speak at a conference earlier in the year and once I experienced her presentation, I knew it was something that I wanted to share with our Alumnae. Nancy agreed to act as the Keynote Speaker for the second annual Women's Leadership Symposium co-sponsored by OHIO and Cleveland State Universities. Her message of compassion, dedication, and determination in the face of adversity more than resonated with our 800+ attendees – it empowered! Not only was Nancy a dream to work with leading up to the event, but on-site she was both generous with her time and gracious with our attendees and staff. We had individual tissue packets prepared for her remarks and I am glad we did: There was not a dry eye in the house. "

**Jennifer Neubauer, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations & Executive Director
OHIO University Alumni Association**

"I would like to sincerely thank you for inspiring the Hult community with your keynote speech, I couldn't have asked for a better keynote speaker. Your keynote speech scored the highest rating compared to all other sessions at the summit from a post-summit satisfaction survey. It is evident that you made a positive impact on engaging and inspiring our alumni."

Steven McAnulty, Global Alumni Relations Manager, Hult International Business School

"Nancy graced the stage at our annual gala for 2,000 people, and you could hear a pin drop as she revealed chapter by chapter of her amazing story of awareness, discovery, family, and the confrontation of inevitable loss. She did it with such a genuine voice, her candor and honesty blending with such a humility and humanity that it roused the crowd to a standing ovation, the only one of the evening. We had three other very high profile and impactful keynotes, and many attendees said to me immediately afterwards 'I came to hear the other speakers, but I leave being most moved by Nancy, by a long shot.'"

Mike LaRhette, Chief Development Officer, MassChallenge, Inc.

"Nancy delivers a more moving, heartfelt presentation and shares the inspiring story of her son Pete and his fight with ALS in a way that only a parent can. It's a story about family. It's a story about love. And it's a story about hope. If you are fortunate to have an opportunity to hear Nancy speak, prepare yourself for an emotional and inspirational experience you will remember for a long time."

John Fish, CEO, Suffolk Construction

Nancy Frates is such a dynamic, engaging speaker that we felt very lucky to have her on stage as the closing speaker for the 2016 Planetree International Conference on Patient-Centered Care. Nancy presented her story to an international audience of over 700 attendees from 20 different countries. Our audience was inspired, motivated and deeply touched by her talk. Our attendees expressed their praise for Nancy by giving her several standing ovations during and after her keynote. Hands down the best closing speaker we have ever booked!

Lisa Donnarumma, Chief Creative Officer, Planetree

“Nancy Frates is truly an extraordinary person. I recently had the pleasure of working with Nancy at an event we hosted at Edelman entitled, “The Edelman Wellness Salon.” The event centered on the theme how we as a society can create a culture of well-being. When the team was deciding on potential speakers, an obvious choice seemed to be Nancy Frates given her influence on the ALS advocacy community.

When Nancy agreed to participate, I was quite frankly overjoyed. Nancy decided to take the bull by the horns and develop a presentation about the power of community in achieving well-being. She gave a compelling talk discussing her family’s powerful story regarding her son’s battle with ALS. She talked about the inspiration behind the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and how only with community and the support of others can we truly create change. Not only was Nancy’s presentation well-informed and insightful, it was incredibly inspiring.

Nancy is a dynamic presenter and was the only speaker (of eight) at our event to receive a full-house standing ovation. Nancy presented her story in a compelling and digestible way to the audience, providing both personal anecdotes and real-life facts about the impact the Ice Bucket Challenge had on the ALS community and ALS education. She truly came across as professional, passionate and highly informed.

Nancy was a pleasure to work with even in the weeks leading up to the event. She asked all of the right questions when preparing her talk and was always prompt in delivering any materials the team needed in a timely fashion.

It would be a true honor to work with Nancy again in the future. I am proud to say I had the opportunity to interview such an amazing woman.”

Jennifer Hauser, EVP and Director of Wellness 360, Edelman

“We enjoyed having Nancy at Yankee 2017. She was wonderful and touched everyone with her account of her family’s ordeal. She was a lovely and dynamic speaker and the audience easily connected with her. The back story of Nancy and her family’s life prior to her son’s diagnosis and their life now was the perfect approach and it made her relatable and endeared her to attendees. She showed amazing determination and grace in the face of a horrible twist of fate for her and her family. She also verbalized how courageous and selfless her son Peter was upon hearing the devastating news that was about to change his life and the way in which he kept that attitude as the disease progressed. She offered a glimpse into impressive family spirit and the way in which they made fundraising and awareness a passion to ultimately benefit others who would be diagnosed.”

Sherri Rodman, Mass Dental Society

“We built our First Annual EC Changemakers Conference with Nancy in mind. WE are so grateful she agreed to headline the event on April 7, 2016. Nancy has a way of drawing her audience in through her authenticity, her approachability and immense generosity. She has a gift for reading her audience and improvising on the fly while delivering the most powerful and important message your specific audience needs to hear. I think she must have a photographic memory as she picks up cues from the audience and carefully weaves them into her comments. Nancy is an inspirational speaker any audience can relate to. She is a powerhouse messenger for aspiring leaders, teams looking to improve their performance and any audience needing inspiration and a desire to grow. Thank you, thank you Nancy!”

Cathy Butler, Assistant Professor Experiential Learning, School of Business Internship Coordinator, Endicott College

“As a keynote speaker, Nancy Frates was the perfect choice to kick-off INS’ Annual Meeting. Tailored for an audience of infusion nurses, her message was sincere, determined, and motivational. At the “meet and greet” in the exhibit hall she welcomed one-on-one conversations with the attendees, listening to their stories and answering questions.

Nancy is a compelling, engaging, and passionate speaker. She not only captured the audience’s attention, but she captured our hearts too! “

Mary Alexander, Chief Executive Officer of Infusion Nurses Society