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Dr. Paul G. Stoltz is considered the world's leading authority on the integration and application of grit and resilience. He is author of four international bestselling books on the subject—printed in 14 languages—was voted by *HR Magazine* as “One of the Top 10 most influential global thinkers,” and by *Executive Excellence* as “One of the 100 Most Influential Thinkers of Our Time.” His newest book, *GRIT—The New Science of What it Takes to Persevere, Flourish, Succeed* is available now, in which he pioneers the first construct for growing both the quantity and quality of one's GRIT.

Dr. Stoltz guest lectures at MIT, where his GRIT-related methods and assessments are used to equip tomorrow's entrepreneurs. Dr. Stoltz has also been a member of Stanford University's Distinguished Leaders Lecture Series, was selected as the Millennial Thinker for Singapore, “Thought Leader of the Year” in Hong Kong, and is a top-rated international faculty member for the Young Presidents' Organization.

He has also guest lectured for Cornell, Carnegie Mellon, and the Harvard Business School Executive Education program. HBS incorporates Dr. Stoltz's AQ (Adversity Quotient) theory and methods into its prestigious executive development and MBA programs. Dr. Stoltz has been a featured blogger and author for the *Harvard Business Review* and *Psychology Today*.

Today, GRIT™ and AQ® are the most widely adopted methods of their kind in the world for measurably enhancing one's resilience, agility, and GRIT—currently in use by industry-leading companies, top institutions, and many governments in 63 countries across the globe.

Dr. Stoltz is frequently featured in the world's top media. Examples include the major news shows CNN, CNBC, ABC, Sky News, Business News Network, NBC Nightly News, Public Broadcast Service (PBS), as well as the biggest daytime shows such as the *Today Show*, and *Oprah*. You will also find Dr. Stoltz quoted in the major press, worldwide, including *Wall Street Journal*, *Harvard Management Update*, *Investor's Business Daily*, *Yahoo! Finance*, *Asia 21, Inc.*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Singapore Straits Times*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *Success Magazine*, *Entrepreneur Magazine*, *Boss Magazine*, The Drucker Foundation's prestigious *Leader to Leader* and other publications.

Dr. Stoltz founded PEAK Learning, Inc. in 1987. PEAK is a leading global research and consulting firm, through which he coaches, consults, teaches, and collaborates with top leaders, thinkers, and influencers within a broad range of organizations from start-ups and NGO's to the Fortune 50 on six continents.

As a highly sought-after thought leader, presenter, and teacher, Dr. Stoltz combines inspiration and humor with application and substance, delivering a compelling and practical message to audiences of 10 to 10,000 people, including some of the largest venues in the world.

As Director of the Global Resilience and GRIT Institutes, Dr. Stoltz oversees a research agenda in 29 countries dedicated to exploring, expanding, and advancing the applications of AQ and GRIT to strengthen people and their organizations. His research partners have included top thinkers at Yale, Stanford, Cornell, Harvard, and more than a dozen universities overseas.

Dr. Stoltz received his bachelor's degree in Organizational Communication and Economics from the University of California, as well as his business and social sciences interdisciplinary master's and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. PEAK Learning's international headquarters is situated in the coastal mountains of San Luis Obispo, California, where Dr. Stoltz resides with his family, who were honored by *USA Today* as “America's Most Creative Family.”