John was a curious nine-year-old boy. Playing with fire and gasoline, he created a massive explosion in his garage and was burned on 100% of his body. Given less than 1% chance of survival, John is proof of the power of the human spirit. His unlikely recovery meant a journey of pain and loss that could have easily been insurmountable. However, far from being an example of someone who simply endured tragedy, John is a luminous example of thriving through adversity.

Surprisingly, this “survivor” story isn’t focused on John — rather, it is a celebration of heroes who intimately served him and his family. From a dedicated Hall of Fame sports announcer to a visionary burn nurse (and countless others), every individual involved in this 1987 fire teaches us this truth: one person can make a profound difference in the lives of others.

With emotional storytelling and unexpected humor, John reminds audiences of the significance of daily attitudes, the power of gratitude, and the impact of serving others with courage. He reawakens audiences to realize the gift of today and the possibility of tomorrow.

Consistently described as “the best speaker we’ve ever had,” John’s emotional story-telling, unexpected humor, and authenticity make each of his presentations truly transformational.

Registration
All employees are invited to attend this one-time speaker event as an inspirational moment to remind each of us of the power we have to make a difference and shape the future of SLU - for our students, for each other, and for our community.

Register through SkillSoft to reserve your seat and be entered into a raffle to receive a complimentary copy of John’s book, On Fire. Copies of the book will also be available for purchase at the event. Parking will be available for attendees in either the Olive/Compton or Laclede garages.

*Our medical enterprise and faculty or staff teaching classes during the scheduled time of the talk per the fall catalog, will receive a special invitation to an alternative time.