David DePaolo was passionate about spreading ideas, usually (but not always) about the workers’ compensation system. The Comp Laude® People's Choice Award was born out of that passion for new ideas and powerful leadership in creative thinking about how the “grand bargain” can be realized at its best - moving people and organizations “off of top dead center” and breaking the inertia of conventional thinking.

The Comp Laude® Awards & Gala is looking for people from throughout the workers’ compensation industry who have a story to tell that inspires, motivates, cajoles, prods and generally raises everyone’s game from that moment on.

We want a few special folks to deliver “TED-style” talks to our audience. TED talks are “devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks.” You can see examples here: [http://www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com)

Is this you? If so, we urge you to let us know about your idea and how, if given the chance, you would present that idea to the entire Comp Laude® audience in six power packed minutes. If chosen, you will be among a limited number of fellow dynamos who will each have six minutes to communicate their story.

Attendees will be given the opportunity to vote electronically for their favorite presenter with the People’s Choice Award being presented during the Comp Laude® Awards ceremony.

**Submissions:** This invitation is open to anyone in the workers’ comp industry. Please email your proposed People’s Choice Award talk and full contact information to ksweitzer@workcompcentral.com. We need you to describe how you would use your six minutes to tell the story. Be creative. Be persuasive. Tell us your story!

**Submissions open Wednesday, August 1**
**Submissions close August 31 at 11:59pm PDT**

Please send to ksweitzer@workcompcentral.com. Be sure to put “People’s Choice Awards 2018” in the subject line.