



Jeff Jorge

From impoverished immigrant to award-winning entrepreneur, global business authority Jeff Jorge empowers audiences to reach their full potential in the global marketplace.

With a diverse set of experiences, perspectives and expertise, Jeff's versatility as a speaker, professional and human being come together to build highly unique, relevant and action-inspiring keynotes. He is known for delivering programs packed with poignant insights, inspiring ideas and tangible tools that attendees can use instantly to be one step closer to achieving their professional and personal objectives in a world with increasing global trade uncertainty and opportunity.

The result: an indelible, singular mark to events at which he is invited to speak. Invited often to meet with legislators and policy-makers on global growth and international business, Jeff Jorge is a bi-national board member in the US-Mexico Chamber of Commerce. In this capacity, he has been tasked along with key board members with providing direct recommendations, input and perspective to The White House and to Congress on matters related to NAFTA, global trade, national security, and foreign relations.

Jeff's extraordinary background, non-linear life path, and ethno-cultural breadth have enabled him to develop a highly unique view of the business world and of life – in particular, of where opportunities exist. His extensive knowledge of international business, growth strategy and the unique traits (both good and bad) of start-ups and behemoth Fortune 500 organizations alike give his business- and life- related lectures, talks and seminars rare insight and credibility.

As principal at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Jeff leads the International Growth Services practice, where helps client organizations to successfully grow and compete globally across 140 countries in turnkey manner, spanning multiple industry sectors and foreign markets. He also leads The Baker Tilly Center for the Return of Manufacturing - the company's hallmark initiative to competitively restore key manufacturing sectors to the USA, to assisting foreign-owned companies to launch manufacturing facilities domestically, and in fueling exports of U.S.-made products.

In his career to date, Jeff has held international operations and growth leadership roles for two Fortune 500, Tier 1 automotive suppliers as well as early-stage companies, where he led complex international assignments in corporate strategy, global trade, operations, marketing and business development. Having lived abroad in numerous countries, his experience blends the theory of global trade economics with the practical application and daily realities of successfully operating a business globally.

"Jeff Jorge was the opening keynote for ASAE's International Conference and was a huge success. Attendees said they wished he could have spoken for longer as his information was relevant, timely, accurate, and forward-thinking. I highly recommend Jeff to anyone looking for a thought-provoking, insightful and engaging speaker who is willing to understand the needs of his audience and who is tuned into the global landscape."

– M. Denhardt, CAE – Learning Director;
American Society of Association Executives (ASAE)

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Industry leadership

- > National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)
 - Member of International Trade Affairs Committee (Trade Policy & Customs)
 - Member of Export Controls Committee
 - Member of Customs and Border Issues Task Force
 - Member of Trade Promotion Authority
- > U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce
 - Binational Board of Directors
 - Founding Member and President of Great Lakes Chapter
- > Automation Alley's International Business Services Council (Vice-Chairman)

Education

- > The University of Michigan
 - Masters of Business Administration – With Distinction
- > Middle Tennessee State University
 - Bachelor in Design Engineering – Cum Laude

Recognition

- > Elite 40 Under 40 - Class of 2014
 - The honor recognizes the professional, societal and economic impact achievements of professionals under the age of 40 in the United States' 10th most prosperous county and Michigan's largest economic base region.
- > Young Alumni Achievement Award - 2011/2012 Middle Tennessee State University
 - The highest University honor conferred upon a single Alumnus annually, and an award shared with fellow recipients Al Gore and James Buchanan (1986 Nobel Prize – Economics) and Al Gore Sr.

"Significant knowledge, relevant experience, and highly engaging session delivery... Jeff was instrumental to the success of our conference, garnering the highest marks from attendees. I highly recommend him to any event organizer seeking a subject expert that can make their conference memorable, valuable and lasting."

– B. Case, Director,
Port Lansing / Foreign Trade Zone 275