

Toastmasters International Prompts Member To Improve In All Aspects



There exists no better organization for a person to self-improve than Toastmasters International (TI). At least, that's what one Toastmaster (TM) claims.

"TI makes me want to be a better André in every aspect of my life," says André Vincent Price, who joined Austintatious, a local Austin TM group, in October 2010.

And that Austintatious member is already pretty good. Known for his almost constant smile, André uses such wit in his speeches that audiences maintain constant smiles too while he's speaking.

The svelte young man with handsome features strives to "improve my speech in general, while also developing professional communication strategies to use throughout my career."

Although a native English speaker, André is learning Spanish to be better able to communicate with his many relatives in Mexico. His Mother is of Mexican descent. Once fluent in that language, André says he "will also take a stab at learning French."

Besides improving his communication skills, André notes that becoming a TM has reduced his nervousness while speaking in front of a medium-sized group.

"Austintatious provides a common place to practice and critique multiple forms and styles of communication. It has enhanced my cultural exposure, broadened my knowledge of current events, and encourages my willingness to participate," explains the active bachelor.

André enjoys playing several sports, including basketball, bowling and soccer. Away from work, he likes to watch televised sports, participates in multiple social networks and hardly misses a family gathering. He was born in Chicago and has two brothers and two sisters.

After earning his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Huston-Tillotson University, the 27-year-old began working at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in 2007, and is presently a Project Manager and Brownfields Coordinator with the Remediation Division.

When asked if he's bothered by inquiries over his middle and last names, Vincent Price, as the famous actor of horror movies was also named, André responds with a twinkle in his eye, "He was an eloquent speaker, and that's what I strive for."

The busy TM plans to continue to volunteer for various annual community events, including Coats for Kids, Texas Relay For Life, and others.