

## Aiden McDonnell's Bio

Aiden started his Toastmasters journey in October of 2019 with Gem City Toastmasters in Quincy, IL. His leadership experience with Gem City Toastmasters includes serving as Club President for the 2020-2021 year, Vice President of Membership for the 2021-2022 year, and is currently the Vice President of Education as well as Area 1 Director. Aiden is proud to serve in a club with great members and executive committee chairs who contribute to Gem City Toastmasters achievement of Distinguished Club Status for four consecutive years.

Aiden is self employed as a financial advisor with Encompass Life & Wealth Strategies, serving clients in multiple states across the country. Outside of work, Aiden stays active in his community, serving as director of <u>The Quincy Derby</u>, a soap box style race for youth and disabled children, a program of the <u>Optimist Club of Quincy</u>, in which he serves as Vice President. Aiden is a member of St. Peters Church in Quincy, IL and volunteers with the Great River TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Program. In all endeavors, Aiden enjoys helping and observing individuals achieve personal, professional, and financial success, as defined by those he encounters.

Aiden and his wife, Kadi, enjoy staying active doing various outdoor activities: Fishing, Hiking, Camping, and working on projects as they arise.

Favorite Quotes:

"You make a living by what you earn, you make a life by what you give." -Unknown

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

-Unknown