

Owning It

How To Be Highly Effective & Love What You Do Alex Kajitani, California Teacher of the Year

Fifteen years ago, Alex Kajitani was a struggling new teacher in one of San Diego's poorest neighborhoods. His students seemed unmotivated, unengaged and uninterested in what he was teaching. Demoralized and desperate, he set out on a journey to turn his class, and his life, around.

Today, Alex holds the title of *California Teacher of the Year* and Top-4 Finalist for *National Teacher of the Year*, 2009, and is lauded for his motivation, innovation and "real talk" as a teacher. He's also known as "The Rappin' Mathematician," and his books, videos and online programs are being used in homes and classrooms around the world.

Alex's journey -- from frustrated new teacher to being honored at The White House Rose Garden -- is one he now shares with educators across the country, to inspire them to new heights and fresh ways of thinking. From using rap music to teach fractions, to managing your classroom in a way that preserves your sanity, Alex shares his secrets on how to be highly effective and love what you do.

In *Owning It*, he tells refreshingly honest stories of his experiences as a teacher today, and interweaves them with **proven strategies that can be implemented the very next day** to make an immediate impact on students' lives. This keynote will inspire educators of all students, subjects and levels to teach with passion and courage, and **create the world as it can be**.

"Some of the most creative work I have ever seen a teacher do."

~Dr. Harry K Wong Author, *The First Days of School*

"I gained so many fresh ideas and a better attitude after hearing Alex speak. This is the best event I have ever attended in my 25 years an educator!"

~Mary Medlin, Shallowater ISD (TX), Back-To-School Convocation



Alex Kajitani is the 2009 California Teacher of the Year, and a Top-4 Finalist for National Teacher of the Year. His book, *Owning It: Proven Strategies for Success in ALL of Your Roles As a Teacher Today*, was named "Recommended Reading" by the U.S. Department of Education. Alex is a highly sought-after keynote speaker who supports and motivates teachers nationwide. Alex has a popular TED Talk, has been honored at The White House, and is featured in numerous books and media outlets, including *The CBS Evening News*, where Katie Couric declared, "I LOVE that guy!". For more, visit www.AlexKajitani.com.

Real Teacher ~ Fresh Ideas ~ Proven Strategies