

Joe Kogel to speak at med school hooding ceremony

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Performer, writer and inspirational speaker Joe Kogel will bring his message of "living life to the fullest" to the graduating students at the University of Nevada School of Medicine during their hooding ceremony on May 19 at the Pioneer Theater.

According to his biography, Joe Kogel, who is an award-winning writer, "saw his life skip out of the ordinary five years ago when, at age 25, he learned he had cancer. He quit his job as a journalist and began living--just living; choosing to embrace the moment rather than deferring dreams."

Kogel's presentation isn't exactly about cancer. Instead, "it's about how a young man's brush with mortality changed his life, bringing him to the kind of self-examination and appreciation of small pleasures that all too often is put off until much later in life."