

# **Erin Weed**

**Founder at Erin Weed Inc.**

Boulder, CO, US

Women's Safety + Empowerment Speaker

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## **Biography**

Erin Weed is an award-winning speaker, author and social entrepreneur. Since 2001, her work in global women's empowerment and social entrepreneurship has been featured on CNN, Fox News, The New York Times and The Washington Post. She is the creator of Girls Fight Back (GFB), a program experienced by over ONE MILLION people. Through live presentations, GFB inspires and educates women to be their own best protectors. Using a unique blend of comedy, cutting-edge research and practical safety strategies, GFB has inspired hundreds of success stories from women who saved themselves during violent confrontations. The GFB speaker team embarks on national speaking tours every Fall and Spring. Tour sponsors have included Verizon Wireless, Glamour magazine and Bed Head. In 2010, GFB expanded internationally to India and Pakistan. Erin was a columnist for CosmoGirl magazine, creating the first-ever recurring column in a national magazine that addressed the topic of girls' self-protection. Her first book, Girls Fight Back! The College Girl's Guide to Protecting Herself, will soon be published in its 3rd edition. Erin also provides coaching to thought leaders, influencers and entrepreneurs in the art + business of public speaking. She believes anyone can build a profitable platform of influence, and many of her clients are TED or TEDx presenters.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Panelist, Workshop, Author Appearance

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## **Industry Expertise**

Safety, Professional Training and Coaching, Women

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Women Empowerment, Personal Safety, Social Entrepreneurship

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## **Affiliations**

National Speakers Association, Alpha Phi International, The Alternative Board

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## **Sample Talks**

### **Girls Fight Back (Women Fight Back)**

A fun, upbeat and informative presentation on the basics of trusting intuition, risk reduction and self-defense given at schools, colleges and corporations.

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## **Education**

**Eastern Illinois University**  
B.A. Speech Communication

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BA Speech Communication, Public Relations

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## **Accomplishments**

**2012 Best Speaker by Campus Activities Magazine**  
The top honor for speakers on the college circuit.

**2010 Alumnus of the Year by Schaumburg High School**  
One alum is awarded this honor each year.

**2009 Best Female Performer by Campus Activities Magazine**  
Top honor for female speakers/performers on the college circuit.

**2008 Commencement speaker for Eastern Illinois University**  
Spoke at the Arts + Humanities graduation ceremony with over 10,000 people in attendance.

**Eastern Illinois University Outstanding Young Alumnus**  
Given to one recent graduate per year.

**NBC's Hometown Hero Award**  
Given on the John Walsh Show (founder of America's Most Wanted)

**CosmoGirl of the Year**  
Award given by CosmoGirl magazine

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