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**Ryan Ryskamp – Entrepreneur, “Returning Citizen”, and Mission Launch Fellow  
to Appear on “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young on WOL DC 1450 AM**

**Arlington, VA** – On Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. EST, the guest on **“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young”** will be **Ryan Ryskamp** who is an entrepreneur, “returning citizen”, and Mission Launch, Inc. fellow who helps to ease the transition for those formerly incarcerated back into society.

Mr. Ryskamp was in federal custody for three years for a non-violent drug offense. During his incarceration, he worked on his personal development by reviewing self-help books, taking classes, and seeking mentors to maximize opportunities to have the best chance of success after release. Some of his main mentors were fellow inmates who were mostly highly educated, successful, and positive contributors to society prior to their incarcerations.

After Mr. Ryskamp’s release, he was fortunate to have a chance meeting with Mission Launch’s co-founder (Teresa Hodge) which led to an opportunity to work with a nonprofit organization that is focused on helping “returning citizens” to have a better life. Mission Launch’s objective is to “improve social outcomes for marginalized communities by building software to uphold human rights, designing opportunities for civic engagement, and amplifying inclusive thought-leadership as well as personal narratives.”

Since its inception, Mission Launch has: created an entrepreneurship apprenticeship program; established the “Rebuilding Re-Entry Coalition”; hosted a three day hackathon; partnered with coding organizations within the District of Columbia; distributed clothing, and accomplished much more. By way of its work, Mission Launch demonstrates that resources are available, ready, willing, and able to support “returning citizens”. Now, thanks to initiatives such as “ban the box,” which removes the requirement to disclose a prior arrest record on an application, “returning citizens” are starting to have fewer barriers to successful reintegration.

Mr. Ryskamp’s goals are to help and support “returning citizens” transition to the free-society, including dealing with the emotional carryover of incarceration for themselves and their families. His future plans include leveraging his bachelor’s degree from the James Madison University to leverage his entrepreneurial spirit to open his next business. The goals of his planned company are to continue his advocacy for and also employ those who are transitioning back into society.

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young’s” host is honored to have Mr. Ryan Ryskamp – a “returning citizen” who works tirelessly to give-back, a Mission Launch fellow, and an aspiring entrepreneur – on the show.

**About “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” ([facebook.com/beyondjusttalk](https://facebook.com/beyondjusttalk))**

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” is a 1-hour weekly show which addresses life and business topics from a solution-oriented perspective. “Beyond Just Talk” is a show for anyone who seeks positive, inspirational, and thought-provoking talk.

**About Mission Launch, Inc. ([mission-launch.org](http://mission-launch.org))**

Obtain information about Mission Launch and its work.

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