

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for the spectacular presentation you gave us on Friday, September 7, 2007.

I have been teaching for 35 years and THIS IS THE BEST PRESENTATION I have ever seen on the subject of drinking and driving. Your willingness to share the intimate details of your life, your courage in standing up to accept accountability and responsibility for your actions, your beautiful personality, your choice to redeem yourself-----all served to make a profound impact upon my life and the life of my students.

I teach a required class to sophomores called MORALITY. I teach an elective to seniors entitled SPIRITUALITY in the MODERN WORLD. We have discussed your presentation at length in all of my classes and it is clear that you have made a profound impact in our lives.

Just consider how many lives you have saved by speaking at our school. Just reflect upon the positive way in which you have encouraged all of us at St. Joseph's Academy to be true to ourselves, to be accountable for all of our actions, to listen to those who love us, to have a strong vision of ourselves, to take the initiative to reach out and help others.

We also want you to know that you are D.D.G. (DROP DEAD GORGEOUS!) To quote one of my seniors, "She is one of the most beautiful women I have ever seen! She gives me courage to believe in myself and not to worry so much about my appearance!"

Thank you, Sarah, you are an amazing, empowered, intelligent woman of courage and strength.

May God bless you with every happiness!

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