



William H. Maxwell Career & Technical Education High School

A Knowledge Network Learning Support Organization

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Dear Mr. Mueller,

On March 25, 2009 your group Pride Not Prejudice came to William H. Maxwell CTE High School to talk to our students about HIV. Your presentation that day was life changing.

You were able to share your life experience with our students and truly let them see what it is like to live with HIV. Your openness held the attention of our 70 students and 5 staff members and created a safe space where they were able to ask real questions about HIV, understand how it's transmitted, and truly understand how a person can live with this virus. The fact that you told the good and the bad about your life showed them that you wanted to "keep it real with them", and that is something that young people look for. Your realness with them is something that can save lives.

Our teachers were also very moved by you and your entire team. Some of the teachers were scheduled to go to lunch half way through the workshop but were too drawn in by your group to leave.

Your actors did a wonderful job of mirroring teenage life. The students could really relate to what was happening, and really believed that the actors were high schools as well. When they learned that the actors were college I could see that they were well inspired, because when teenagers see people that look like them go to college, they believe they too can go to college.

We look forward to Pride Not Prejudice returning to school and to share more knowledge, love and understanding.

Thank you,

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SPARK Counselor

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