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Dear Colleagues:

I wish to write this letter on behalf of The Black Jew Dialogues. They came to Marist School for two performances for our student body. Not only did the program connect and resonate with students and faculty alike, the discussion they had with the students was exceptional.

The humor of the show spoke right to the students. This made their message of cultural understanding and our shared commonality impact the students even more deeply. Our students are keenly aware of programs that are "preachy" or that "speak down to them". The Black Jew Dialogues were masterful at not just holding the students' attention, but giving them something to think about. The feedback from the students has been very positive.

Ron and Larry met with groups of students after the performances to allow them to go deeper into the discussion of their thoughts and ideas.

It is rare that students are given an opportunity to speak so openly and honestly about the issues of race and culture and they did with these two performer-educators. This program is exceptional and I look forward to the opportunity to having them back at Marist soon. I highly recommend this fantastic program!

With best regards

Sincerely,

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