

Santa Paula High School



Tacy – First my apologies on the late notice/request to talk to some 9th and 10th grade students from my service area.

No one does it better than you. The slide show of current students participating in all aspects of campus life was wonderful. Your ability to pace your talk to match the photos was great, even when you were interrupted by questions. It had been a long day and the kids knew they faced another 90 minute bus ride immediately after your presentation. So, many of them had a bit of a negative attitude on the way to your talk.

I could see you winning them over when you greeted the group in both English and Spanish and when you said ‘enough lectures for today, let’s just watch a movie’ you had them hooked. I love the way you talk about college as an adventure in learning and that the kids need to look inside themselves as well as into their textbooks to prepare for college. You said that college enriches both the individual student and their community – that is so important to these kid’s families.

Thanks too for talking about community college as a path that leads directly to the university, and that different colleges offer different programs, with something just right for each student. As low income, first generation and non-native English speakers, these kids have multiple challenges ahead of them. Caring people like you help these kids know that they can make their own dreams come true.

Shalom,
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