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Mr. Major,

On behalf of the nearly 200 young people you positively influenced at the three-day 2006 Michigan Youth Leadership (MYLead) conference for sophomore leaders nominated from high schools across the state of Michigan, thank you for being a positively motivating part of the conference experience.

You were funny, enjoyable, and engaging while focusing on the important message of motivating yourself. It was a great way to kick off our Saturday morning. You were able to relate to the students well and readily kept their attention throughout. Your focus on motivating yourself is very important, as many times there may not be anybody else there to motivate you. Your focus on strengths, an internal sense of worth, and avoiding dwelling on mistakes of the past resonated well with our group. MYLead aims to inspire self-confidence and help participants realize what it means to them as individuals to be a leader, learning skills and finding confidence they can bring back to their schools and communities. Your motivating speech provided a great match with the mission of MYLead.

Veteran MYLead volunteers who have heard you speak previously commented to me how they pick up on something else each time they hear you, and how your speech has become even more refined and polished over time.

You were great both on the stage and off the stage. You are easy to work with, outgoing, professional, and you know how to have fun and work with whatever environment you are placed in. It was especially noteworthy to myself and to other MYLead volunteers how, upon your arrival the night before your speech, you made yourself available, and were interested in meeting and interacting with conference participants and staff alike. Also noteworthy was your willingness to help out where you could during your time with us; you saw yourself as more than simply a motivational speaker – you saw yourself as someone who contributed, motivated, and led off stage as well, and that positive example strengthened your already motivating speech.

MYLead is privileged to have had you as one of our featured speakers, and we look forward to the possibility of working with you again in the future.

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