

December 17, 2015

Dear Joel,

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of Gwynedd Mercy University, we would like to thank you for your moving and inspiring presentation about Distracted Driving at our university. In particular, your message that we need to actively work to change our own behavior and those around us was taken to heart by each of us. We and many of those who attended have continued to spread your message to our friends and family, and will persist in our efforts to translate knowledge into action. As you made very clear in both the data and personal stories you presented, it is not enough to simply understand something is a problem or even to have an intention to change, but we must consistently and deliberately commit to changing our behavior.

We are very grateful for how honest you were in sharing your own experiences, and how powerfully you wove personal stories and critical facts together such that the importance of the issue was palpable. Your passion and ability to connect with each person in the room kept each of us wholly present and engaged. We know that you have done hundreds of these presentations and that ours was not even the only talk you had given that very day, yet we felt every ounce of your energy and attention in that room with us.

Again, thank you so much for the gift you gave us Monday. While there is nothing we can do to make your loss go away, please know that Casey continues to have a tremendous impact through you. We will continue to share your important message, and actively work to change our own behavior on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

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