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Dear Davide and Luna,

I wanted to write letting you know how happy we were Davide's presentation on self defense. What a strong message for students, who are heading off to college soon, that self defense is just as important as all other subjects offered in schools today. After Davide read off his statistics I was a bit embarrassed that I waited this long for a classroom presentation.

Here's what some of the students had to say:

"Excellent. I loved him"

"I had no idea how important this was"

"I'm taking a self defense class"

"Scary" (student meaning that he/she wants to be better prepared after David explained the reality of what actually occurs on a yearly basis).

Davide is a natural teacher. He was able to break apart large concepts into small ones and allow the student to better understand how realistic violence is on a daily basis in their own lives. He shows empathy while speaking to students and has real dialogue with them as they learn the basics of self defense. Through laughter and the seriousness of the issue he reaches all abilities of students. They were glued to their seats and attentive from start to finish.

As one student put it, "I hope he comes back" and so do I!

Thank you again, Davide, for taking the time to help create a safer world for all of us.

Sincerely,

**Allison Murphy
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