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To Whom It May Concern:

I can't speak highly enough about Jess!!! Our Safe Zone program brought her to our campus, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, to do a presentation on "Facing Trans", with students being the intended audience. Her presentation was very clear, with handouts, diagrams on a whiteboard, and great personal stories. She had people laughing throughout the evening. The audience was fully engaged and they totally "got it". She was unquestionably the best presenter that I've ever seen on campus.

While here Jess also did an afternoon workshop version of "Facing Trans" for invited administrators, faculty, and staff, which was well-attended and equally engaging. No doubt, many of the people in the room had never thought of Trans people as having anything to do with them and their jobs. The workshop was so well received that when Jess checked the clock and observed that their time had run out, but that she would be willing to stay and answer questions, almost everyone remained seated, and the discussion continued for another half hour.

While in Birmingham Jess demonstrated an ability to put people at ease with her keen intelligence and fantastic sense of humor. She hears not only what people are saying, but what they are thinking and afraid to say. She's able to quickly read the dynamics of a group. And she explains things in a way that people can understand. I hope to have her back here soon!

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