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Kelli Dunham
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Dear Kelli,

Thanks again for coming to Widener University's campus on October 10, 2007 and for arriving early to have a private dinner with some of our students. Few performers are willing to be so down-to-earth without additional compensation. I'm happy the students were able to connect with one another through the conversation you helped to facilitate. With no real support for LGBT students, our sexual minorities find it difficult to make friends and be the person on the outside that they are on the inside. I am always glad to provide opportunities for them to engage in a safe environment.

The performance was great. The students talked about it afterwards and were really impressed. I liked how you mixed your own material in with topics we'd discussed at dinner moments before. You have the rare talent of being able to make ordinary life funny! And yes, someone should investigate the situation with the squirrels on campus.

Issues of sexuality are only now gaining prominence on our campus. Given our military history and our small size, we struggle to achieve even a modicum of interest in LGBT issues. The number of people in attendance was among the highest we have ever had for any of our performance and lecture series events. Considering the topic, that really says something! I hope that your performance, as the foundational event of our Gay History Week celebration, is the start of something great to come!

I wish you the best of luck in your career, and hope to have you back sometime in the future.

Cheers,

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