

EVALUATIONS

9/29/2014 Indian Education Summit held at the Ramkota Best Western in Pierre, SD.

There were 39 evaluations returned out of 55 attendees as there were not enough evaluations during the last session. There were 30 evaluations that gave a 4 (outstanding) and 19 that gave a 3 (great) as to speaker delivery and content.

Partial list of comments

"Your Q & A was needed and much appreciated!" Would like to hear/speak more from/w/ you. (Redfield Teacher)

"Very informative" I didn't know anything about cerebral palsy" (parent- educational professional)

"The perspective about disability" Thank you so much. (Teacher)

"Telling his story. Get him as a guest speaker for youth. How he overcame all of the obstacles in his life. (Educational professional)

"his story" He is amazing (teacher)

Awesome and reminds us all to be grateful. He is empowering and states right away="I like my life" The importance of a positive attitude. Great sense of humor, passion and driven. Another reason why he is important to teach empathy to children and adults. (educational professional)

"It is a must to attend presentation" (other)

The information was useful and easy to understand; "Go" listen to his story, examples of how as teachers can teach empathy to students. (teacher)

Ben's powerful personality and drive!. He's wonderful. He love to present and he is interesting. Love that he said "What I got to sayyou need" (true) (school counselor)

The speaker overcame many obstacles to get higher education. A lot of experience working with kids with same/like situation. Experienced first hand outcast. Has a lot of insight on the subject matter, very passionate. Great presentation, great guy! (educational professional)

How real he is. Thank you (sister of educational professional)

Knowledge. Go see it, anything is possible with positives. (other)

His honesty. Excellent. (Educational professional)

Mr. Anderson made me more interested in pursuing my degree in education and go into the sped education. He has an awesome sense of humor and I really enjoyed this session. We need to have him come to our school and speak to our students. We have a lot of student with a disability and sometimes it is hard to get this across to some students. His is a very good inspirational speaker. I really enjoyed his presentation. His books are very interesting I would like to get his books. (student)

Real life. Engaging (educational professional)

Ben speaks of difficulties but also present “solutions” that will build positive outcomes. No topic was off limits. –A realistic, inspiring presenter who offers “tools” to empower others with disabilities. Worth attending, thank you Ben and Mrs. Anderson You are quite a team! 15 years in SpEd and you two are a Breath of Fresh Air! I am a “product” of Voc. Rehab.. that is what led me to my current career of “Teacher” thank you for sharing.” (SpEd Teacher/ college Adjunct instructor.)

Mr. Anderson has a wonderful sense of humor and a practical approach to relating with the audience. He balanced both historical information with personal experiences. I would tell others that Mr. Anderson’s presentation would be excellent for education majors at the college level to hear. (Ed prof.)

Very inspirational. Has a great sense of humor.

Overcoming his disability. If you get a chance to hear him speak take it. He is a wonderful presenter. He was awesome. Thanks for allowing him to be part of SDIES. (School secretary)

Listen carefully and closely cause he is hard to understand and follow. (Educational professional)

His I will/can do it attitude. Makes people think how they treat others who are not like them. Don’t assume because they cannot speak like we think they should that they have a low IQ. (teacher)

Very interesting. Excellent driven role model. (teacher)

“Better understanding of Cerebral Palsy. Learning hidden disability. Excellent sense of humor! Highly recommend purchase the materials for the schools. He is an inspiration to all especially with disability. We need to listen and communicate to accomplish what the student wants just like anything else.

(parent, teacher, educational professional)

EVALUATIONS- Crow Creek Tribal Schools. October 2nd 2014 (awaiting a few mail in evals from teachers)

“Informative discussion. The students were made aware of different disabilities, and hopefully realize that we are all human despite challenges. Great presentation” (Mr Lein-Middle school math and science teacher)

“The ability to hold the attention of the audience. I will tell others about his courage (teacher)

McLaughlin Elementary, McLaughlin, SD pre-K to fifth grade. Awaiting mail in evaluations. One returned evaluation stated.

10/7/14 McLaughlin SD. Speaker delivery and audience participation 4 (outstanding)

“The genuineness of the life Ben led, the obstacles he overcame helped students understand what bullying does to a person. His life story is relevant to our student’s struggles. I really like sharing the quote from his coach—“If you begin a race you finish the race”. (parent, teacher, educational professional)