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Dear Mr. Bailey,

Or, should I say Adam. What a fun, instructive, and memorable day we had on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. What a pleasure and a great learning experience for our students to have had the opportunity of learning about U. S. History and economics from one of our most successful graduates. The kind invitation you extended our students to visit the Wall Street historical district, and to be our guide to its important historical sites for the entire day, was a pedagogical tour de force that our students will never forget.

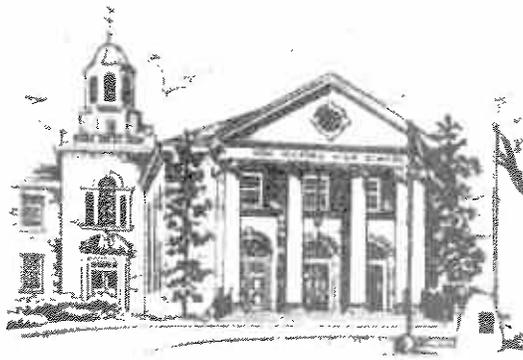
Students learn best, the latest pedagogical research shows, when they engage in practices where they learn from each other. What better way for our students to have learned about the heroes of our early republic than from you, a former student – I would be surprised if at some point during your guided tour, as they were attentively listening to your informative narratives and explanations, they did not imagine you being one of them, in class with them, as you were back in 1988, the year of your graduation. This experience, Adam, I, their teacher, could never provide for them. John Peter Zenger, Alexander Hamilton, George Washington, Robert Fulton, mere characters in our students' textbook the previous day, became historically real as our students walked their footsteps under your expert guidance – to be inside the Hall where the trial of John Peter Zenger took place, to see the grave of Alexander Hamilton, and stand in the very spot where George Washington was inaugurated President made them all palpable in ways that no textbook descriptions ever can.

Students were greatly impressed no less by your in depth and detailed knowledge of U. S. History and economics than by your positive outlook on life, your enthusiasm, your incredible energy, your 9/11 experience, and your pragmatic attitude that they should let their dreams and imagination always carry them forward. They remember well the positive and energizing advice that you gave the graduating class last year – they saw in you, as they were walking with you, its best possible realization. As did Benjamin

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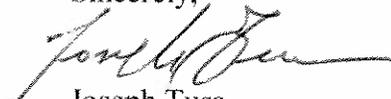
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Franklin for the youth of his generation, you showed our students the best venue for practical success and the importance of having a positive outlook on life. In this regard, this, above all, I believe they learned from you – to be the very best they could be at any given moment in their life, and, having achieved it, to further ask themselves, “How can I be better.” For this, all members of the High School family and parents alike thank you!

Let me also take this opportunity to thank you for the generous \$10,000 scholarship you gave our graduating class last year, and for making available to our students two internships to your law firm this coming summer. What a pedagogical coup and great learning experience this will be for our students. Least of all, however, we also want to thank you for the wonderful lunch you provided and shared with us at Fraunces Tavern – George Washington might as well have been upstairs, dining at his table. Till the end of your guided tour, history was real, indeed!

For these things, all of us, students, parents, teachers and administrators alike, thank you.

Sincerely,



Joseph Tusa

P. S. Please extend our many tanks and best wishes to your assistant who enlightened us about the British perspective regarding the American Revolution.

Adam,

You might enjoy reading some extemporaneous, unedited and unscripted student comments about the trip and your guided tour.

“I’d like to thank you for taking our class around New York. It was an honor. I saw you at the graduation ceremony last year, and I couldn’t get a quote you said out of my head. You said: ‘Don’t tell me what I can’t do,’ after the doctors said you couldn’t run, or you might not be able to graduate. Seeing how successful you have become has really inspired me. Again I’d like to thank you for the wonderful opportunity to see Wall Street.”

Lavinia Galido

“I really enjoyed our trip to Wall Street on Wednesday. It was fun, and I learned a lot. The part that I liked the best was when we went to the Federal Reserve, and you explained the current economic crisis to us in simple terms. Thanks for taking the time to give us this tour.”

Sheryl Mathew

“Dear Mr. Bailey,

Thank you for inviting the history class to the Wall Street trip. I enjoyed when you took us into the Federal Reserve. I liked your lecture on the financial crisis. Thank you again.”

Steven Davidson

“...If people were to come into New Milford and ask for your keys you wouldn’t give up your belongings to them, but would you be willing to give up your life to save New Milford?” Mr. Bailey.

This quote inspired me the most of the trip. It reminded me of how proud I am to be part of the U. S. This quote also reminded me how great our nation is and how closely we, the people of the United States, stand united.”

Elizabeth Velasquez

“Mr. Bailey,

Your enthusiasm for history and economics brought interest and clarity to topics that normally can seem dull to me. Your hard work and success is also very encouraging. Thank you.”

Marc Diaz

“Dear Mr. Bailey,

Thank you for showing us historical landmarks in New York. Your insight in the financial crisis was very enlightening, shedding light on such a confusing topic. Your humble beginnings have inspired me to seek my own success as I go on in life.”

Adrian Tiongson

“Dear Mr. Bailey,

First of all I would like to thank you for the trip. My favorite part was when we stood in front of Alexander Hamilton’s grave and you said, ‘You will forget most of what you learn in history, but you won’t forget something like standing in front of a great man like Hamilton.’ I felt humbled and a feeling of awe after you said that. Thanks again.”

Raffi Trocio

“Dear Mr. Bailey,

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to visit Wall Street and the other historical monuments. I enjoyed learning all of the historical facts, but my favorite part was learning about your personal experience with the tragedy of September Eleventh. Being to visually see how close up you were to the towers was astounding. Thank you again!”

Jennifer Campanelli

“I really enjoyed finally having a chance to visit Wall Street. My favorite part was seeing Hamilton’s grave and learning about why the stock market is doing badly now.”

Daniel Weininger

“Mr. Bailey, I greatly appreciate the opportunity you gave to us in the trip. Thank you so much for clearing up the confusion around the economic crisis, and for sharing your 9/11 experience. I hope we can do something like this again this year.”

Nick Borner

“Thank you very much for giving us the tour around Wall Street. It’s a very nice area of the city, and I am glad that I got to see it. The best part for me was the Federal Reserve – especially the gold bar illusion.”

Melissa, the theatre girl

“Thank you Mr. Bailey for showing our class around Wall Street. My favorite part of the trip was when we were at Ground Zero and you told us how you were proud to have your office right next to it to show the terrorists how America isn’t afraid of them and how we won’t live our lives in fear of them. It fired me up and I think it’s the way all Americans should feel.”

P. J. O’Brien

“Trinity Church was my favorite part of the trip. The colored glass and the design of the church was incredible. Your assistant was very helpful, beautiful, and a pleasure to be around.”

Alex Pak

“To Mr. Bailey,

I was not able to come on the trip, but I would like to thank you for the opportunity to go on the trip. Thank you for the hat and bag.”

Sean Neiderhofer

“Mr. Bailey,

Thank you so much for making every part of this trip memorable. From describing our suffering economy to bringing along an assistant to show the British viewpoint of the revolution. You are my favorite real estate lawyer.”

Filip Piasevoli

“Understanding the history of Federal Hall by standing on the same steps as our founding fathers really opened my eyes to how rich in history Wall Street is.”

Nishant Patel

“Mr. Bailey,

One of the most interesting parts of the trip was visiting Alexander Hamilton’s grave. This experience brought history to life because there was something visible and graspable from 300 years ago directly in front of us. I also appreciated the food at Fraunces Tavern and all the souvenirs that you gave out to us.”

Andrew Nasca-Medeiros

“Dear Mr. Bailey,

Thank you so much for the day. I really enjoyed seeing Ground Zero and was given chills by your story. It was a pleasure meeting you.

Thanks Again,”

Diane Montecuallo

“Mr. Bailey,

Thank you for showing our class around Wall Street! It was really a great experience. I loved visiting Federal Hall. This week I am definitively going to make a trip to Blockbuster to rent the movie Die Hard.”

Eva Mendelson

Dear Mr. Bailey,

Thank you for taking our class around Manhattan. Hearing your experience during 9/11 was very moving. I am very glad that you shared that with us, and now I feel as if I have a better understanding about how people felt during 9/11. You are funny too.

Sincerely,”

Kristine Jimenez

“Dear Mr. Bailey,

Thank you for the amazing opportunity to travel through Wall Street. This was a great experience and I had a wonderful time. Seeing Alexander Hamilton’s grave was the highlight of the trip for me. I was touched that you shared your experience of 9/11 with us. You have proved that with a great of hard work and passion you really can reach your dreams. Thanks again,

Sincerely,

Mohamadia Hashash

Dear Mr. Bailey,

Thank you for taking the time out of your day and going out of your way to help us understand about history and the world today. The most memorable moment for me was when you taught us about the economic crisis. Even though some parts were confusing, you really gave me an insight about the economy.”

Bo Gumalo

“Mr. Bailey, I just wanted to express my gratitude for you taking us around lower Manhattan. History is my favorite subject and it was great visiting the sites we discuss in class.”

Alejandro Hincapie