

Sweetwater High School

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Dear Ms. Jeanette Alessio-Way,

African Americans have made significant contributions throughout history yet we seldom are told about them. It is a fact that there are very few places one can go to for knowledge about African American history, especially in the geographic location we live in. It is also a fact that very few schools have materials regarding African American history.

On behalf of Sweetwater High School, we would like to express our gratitude to you. Your presentation for our students provided the rare opportunity for them to be able to see and feel history and not just hear about it. This presentation is one that should be presented to all. It gave our students at Sweetwater, and ourselves, a much needed perspective on African American history. Much of the history you shared was the first time that our students heard of it. We witnessed your style grasp even the most uninterested student and by the end of the presentation that student was participating in the questions you was asking. We learned more about the positive impact of the intelligence of African Americans than we had in a long time. It was very uplifting to see this ethnic group portrayed as role models for everyone through a truer interpretation of history. We believe that you have opened the door to understanding a little wider and peaked the students' interest a little more. You shared a wonderful gift with our students and that is to be valued and appreciated. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Jeanette Alessio-Way,

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We would like to give our sincerest thanks to you for enlightening our minds. You have given to each one of us a strong foundation to build upon. We know now that history isn't a mere noun. It is a delicate memoir of every living human being. Black or white, we are all united through an immaculate force... love. Once again we thank you and encourage you to keep doing what you're doing.

Sincerely,
Nalani A. Paialeia