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Dear Ms. McCray,

On behalf of Institutional Diversity and Minnesota State University, Mankato I would like to thank you for your wonderful speech at our annual African American Engineering and Academic Day (A2EAD). We were very excited to have someone of your caliber be our keynote during the lunch portion for the 200 students in attendance.

Your speech was one of the most engaging talks I've ever had the pleasure of listening to. I greatly admired the way in which you were able to engage with the students and make them a part of the experience.

Our department specifically aims to serve the underrepresented students populations. These populations are always diverse and not monolithic, the event was not different. Some of the students in attendance could have been regarded as needing extra support while others could well be on their way to great achievement. Regardless of their background without a doubt you were able to capture their attention while making sure your message was heard and delivered. Not many presenters are able to achieve such a feat.

I hope you will consider collaborating with us on future events. We hold multiple camps during the summer, one being a STEM camp. My colleagues also brought up the notion of confirming you in advance for our next Girls Explore STEM. Having the opportunity to have you speak to another ballroom full of excited students eager to pursue their academic and professional ambitions would be our honor.

I wholeheartedly believe your presentation inspired many young minds. We hope to stay in contact, should you ever need anything please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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