

SUBSTANCE ABUSE
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STUDENT LIFE

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Dear Mr. Alley,

It was a great pleasure having the SAM Spady Foundation presentation at the University of South Carolina. Thank you for taking the time to spend with our students to share the story about Samantha's life, and help them understand that this tragedy could happen here at USC.

I think the message was extremely well received by the students in attendance, and will continue to provide an avenue for conversations in our University 101 courses; Greek Community; and Athletic Department. Through partnerships with the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and Education it is our hope students at the University of South Carolina will make informed and healthy decisions regarding their use of alcohol.

Samantha Spady's story is a reminder to our students that they are not invincible, and her death could have been avoided. This is extremely powerful message that binge drinking should not be part of the "normal" college experience. You did an excellent job communicating this message during the presentation in a non-judgmental and non-preaching tone, which I think provided an even more realistic image to the students in attendance. I hope we are able to have you on-campus again to continue to teach students about the dangers associated with binge drinking and alcohol poisoning.

Again, we thank you for your time and commitment to the Alcohol Abuse prevention cause and look forward to partnering with the Foundation for future projects.

Sincerely,

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