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Dear Ron and Larry,

Many thanks for your contributions to the educational development of students at K-State!

The Black-Jew Dialogues was entertaining and at times hysterically funny but more importantly modeled overcoming the barriers to interethnic dialogue. Modern race talk is often characterized by semi-automatic defensive maneuvering that drowns authentic dialogue. Through your ability to put students at ease and willingness to address the realities of racism without limits, an opening for learning how to relate to the “other” was created that is essential and yet rare in the classroom.

I was constantly impressed by your dedication and authenticity. We sincerely appreciate your tireless work in giving classroom presentations, workshops and performances. Despite rushing from one place to another, you were able to form effortless connections with students and faculty across disciplines. I was especially impressed by how the students engaged in dialogue for another 2 hours after your performance before being kicked out of the auditorium by custodian staff. More than a 1,000 students were innovatively engaged in learning through the activities you conducted on our campus. You were superb models for helping your campus to initiate and extend interethnic dialogue.

Sincerely,

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