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To Whom it May Concern:

As part of diversity training on campus, on February 18, 2015, St. Ambrose University held the *Dialogues on Diversity Workshop* training for faculty and staff, presented by Ron Jones, and the *Black-Jew Dialogues* event presented by Ron Jones and Simon Pringle Wallace. Both programs received great reviews, but in this letter I will address the *Dialogues on Diversity Workshop*.

For the workshop, 30+ faculty and staff were in attendance. At the workshop, Ron first defined diversity using discussion and PowerPoint as aids. I am sure Ron would agree that he received many head nods of yes in agreement as he explained diversity and put it into context. It was not until he challenged the audience of staff and faculty to participate in diversity games that he was really able to see everyone in the room come to life as they laughed and engaged in the games with followed discussion.

What was most valuable to our faculty and staff during this workshop was the action of playing some of the diversity games and receiving a Diversity of Dialogues Gaming booklet following the workshop. Many of the faculty and staff plan to implement these games with their students. As the student activities leadership coordinator, I have already used the game, ***Wind Blows / All My Neighbors***, with my leadership program for first year students to illustrate that by asking a few questions and trying to get to know someone despite their physical appearance, we can find out that we have a lot in common with our fellow neighbor, classmate, or suitemate.

Ron, we thank you for presenting at St. Ambrose University and recommend your training to other faculty/staff at other universities and high schools, so they too, can learn ways to implement the games for their students.

All the best,

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