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Dear Omékongo;

On behalf of the Maryland Multicultural Youth Center's Upward Bound program, I would like to thank you for your commitment to empowerment during our Closing Ceremony. Your dynamic and thought provoking delivery left a lasting impression on our youth, parents and staff alike.

The Closing Ceremony was an event to mark the end of our first full academic year and to recognize student achievement and dedication while in our academically rigorous college preparatory program. Our program provides services to students who aspire to be, in many cases, first in their immediate families to attend college. Upward Bound is committed to exposing our students to cultural and educational events that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. Your poetry and motivational words served as inspiration and exposure to our students.

Our students represent various cultural and ethnic backgrounds, which were topics thoroughly covered during your oration with an emphasis on pride and identity. Many of our students raved about your presentation and delivery and requested that we bring you back to speak during our summer program!

It was truly a pleasure to have you bring genuine inspiration and a sense of urgency to our Closing Ceremony. I am certain that many of our students left with new insight and perspective to their current situations as maturing young adults. I look forward to having you share your wisdom with our youth again in the near future.

Sincerely,

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