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Subject: BYT is awesome! Thanks for the chat this morning

Mr. Mc Clain,

What a pleasant surprise it was to run into you this morning at coffee. I will most definitely check out the upcoming performance at the new theater to enjoy with my family and friends alike.

Thank you for taking the time out of your very busy schedule to chat with me about BYT. Truly I cannot say enough good things about the amazing program your theater offers and how much it has impacted both my daughter's life, in just one summer and the lives of the students I educate in the ACHIEVE Program at Highline College. My daughter loved it so much that she insisted that we enroll her for the entire summer this year, which we did already.

Your program offers not only a safe and fun experience but truly transferable life skills for those who participate too. It helps participants build confidence, find their voice, express themselves, develop stage presence, learn how to overcome and cope with anxiety, and build confidence when speaking publicly. It also gives them a place to belong free of judgment and gives each person a chance to explore and find their own hidden talents while in the spot light of center stage. Thank you for that! Thank all your staff for that too!

As an educator in specialized education, I find it so refreshing to find a community program that is fully integrated for individuals who experience disabilities as well. I shared this morning that one of my students was an assistant counselor at the BYT Day Camp last year and proudly performs in many of your productions currently. I see how participating in BYT has help that student build confidence too. What a gem BYT is to the community! In fact, she is starring in the attached video. I look forward to discovering new growth opportunities in BYT for both my child and my students. The work BYT does is so very valuable and it makes a huge difference in the lives of young folks. I just have to say it is a privilege to see the benefits of BYT's work first hand. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Kindest Regards,

Brenda Kim

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Links to Highline Colleges Programs
http://ces.highline.edu/employment_services2.php
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