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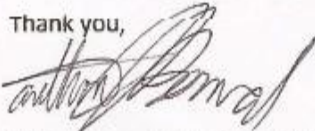
This letter is to explain the experience that I had with A.J. Myers while I was a United States Army Recruiter in Wooster, Ohio. I met with A.J. Myers and he explained to me that he wanted to go to the schools and talk to the kids about the racing experience and how school is so important. Mr. Myers explained to me what his intentions were and how he planned to deliver his information to the students. I then coordinated with Kevin Wilson (Wayne County Career Center Automotive Technologies Teacher) to have Mr. Myers come and talk to his students. This occurred in April of 2012, which was in the school year of 2011 – 2012.

The presentation had no information about the military services and/or the enlistment process. The presentation was about how Mr. Myers uses his experiences and his education from High School to assist him in his career field. He also encouraged the students to do the best they can in school because they will use the mathematics and science they learn in school in their future career fields. Mr. Myers presentation to the students, showed how he had to do several mathematic equations and science formulas to be a successful race car driver. He showed the students some of the mathematics equations and showed what they were used to determine. Mr. Myers even had the students work with him to figure out the equations, and the students thought that was an awesome thing to do. Mr. Myers was just given one hour per class and then the teacher and aide gave him the whole lab time of two and half hours to do the presentation to the students, due to the students being so excited about the presentation. The students were so excited about it they asked to stay or come back for the second presentation. Mr. Myers did his presentation twice to the students that day at the Wayne County Career Center Automotives Technologies class.

The students keep asking if Mr. Myers could come back so they could learn more about the career of racing and how he uses the science and mathematics every day. Mr. Myers was asked by several of the students to come back to the school, because he was very interesting and they learned a lot. The teacher and the aide in the class said they never seen the students so interested in something and every kid was listening to the presentation. Mr. Myers invited the students to Norwalk Raceway to watch a race and I know of approximately 15 students that went to the race. The following week at school, they were talking about the race for a long time. The students also said that they enjoyed the race more, due to them knowing more about the race team and what goes into racing. The students were very excited and I have been asked by some students to have him back to present his presentation. I asked the local United States Army Recruiters to coordinate it, since I retired. I substitute teach at the school since my retirement and interact with the students all the time.

In closing the talk to the students by Mr. Myers went very well and the students benefited from it. I have had students talk to me personally about the presentation that Mr. Myers did. I as a recruiter I got one enlistment out of the presentation and six appointments with students. I also had a couple of the students come to me and I assisted them in getting into a college course to further their education. One student got enrolled in Universal Technical Institute to further his education. He told me personally that the presentation really influenced him to make that decision. Also I know that Mr. Myers has added to the program and I would recommend his program to any school and would like to have his program presented at several schools in the area in the near future. I will be a strong advocate for the program, due to me see it and knowing how it influences the kids to learn more and get good grades. Also most important it inspires the students to follow their dreams and stay in school and learn.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Bernal". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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