

Preparing young adults with learning difficulties for an Independent Life

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Mr. Mitchell C. Baldwin SmartTalk with MCB 4121 River View Cove Birmingham, AL 35243

Dear Mitchell:

Thank you for presenting your "Believe in You" program to our students at The Horizons School. While I was unable to attend, I heard how much our students enjoyed it! They cannot wait for you to come back.

The staff was amazed at how easily you commanded the full attention of 43 special needs students in the first 5 minutes. I was told that the students did not want you to leave, even after 30 minutes. This is quite an accomplishment, because of the short attention span of our students.

Mitchell, the staff also told me that you were interacting with a couple of our students who seldom respond or participate during a presentation like this. You have an amazing skill to convince special needs students to trust you so quickly and feel comfortable communicating with you.

Thank you for taking the time before your visit to learn about our school and understand the challenges our students face. Encouraging them to celebrate their value and worth is an on-going process.

I hope you will be able to return in the future and speak to our students again.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jade K. Carter Executive Director