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Dear Jo and Hudson River Playback Theatre performers,

On behalf of the Progressive Academic Network and the other campus co-sponsors, I want to thank you for your slide presentation and interactive performance "Immigrant Stories of the Hudson Valley." It was great having you here - such a fine presentation and performance as ever!

We were very pleased by the full attendance by students and by their active engagement, responding to stories from recent immigrants by telling their own personal and family stories of immigration. The background material included in the slide show provided important factual context, all too often overlooked in discussions about immigration these days when harmful stereotypes prevail.

For all of us it was memorable to witness and take part in this exchange of deeply felt stories from audience members of all ages.

We are grateful to the Dyson Foundation for making this event possible, and we hope to have the opportunity for further programs in the future.

Sincerely,

*Marcy Schneidewind*