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Dr. Peter Gibbon  
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Dear Peter:

Many thanks for visiting our school yesterday. Students and faculty alike have been talking about heroes and your stimulating questions all day today. I was particularly impressed with the fact that you had visited our website in order to make a stronger connection with our students and that you were able to tailor much of your presentation to the many freshmen studying Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. The upperclassmen who attended also had many interesting comments in class today, and I am sending you some of their written comments in this letter.

Your thesis, that we are called to be heroes, and especially your apt distinction between *heroes* and *celebrities* was not lost on the students. In our school, formation of character is a main part of our mission, and it was quite powerful for students to hear you address an important issue in contemporary culture. We have added a copy of A Call to Heroism to the school library, where interested students will be able to read more about this engaging question.

An impressive number of students and faculty have come by the English department office to thank me for bringing you to the campus; I replied that they should be thanking you for an intriguing experience, one which has really got them thinking. We would be very happy to welcome you to our campus again if your schedule permits. Thanks very much for coming.

Sincerely,



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