

Greetings from UW-Platteville!

I am thrilled to write a performance report for Jeff Havens and his presentation on "How to Get Fired!" UW-Platteville hosted Jeff on March 23, 2009 and the program was a fantastic success. He weaves humor and a much-appreciated dose of sarcasm that students "get." He's serious about his presentation and the important message he delivers while not taking himself too seriously.

With today's businesses fearing big losses due to a stagnant economy, getting and keeping a job is more important to students now than ever. Comedian, lecturer, and self-described 'world-renowned super-guru' Jeff Havens addressed how to keep a job in today's downsizing environment. Using humor, his trusty Powerpoint, and reverse psychology, Mr. Havens impressed upon the large crowd how not to keep a job. After covering such topics as "lying on your resume," "general incompetence" and "destroying your work ethic", Mr. Havens turns off the reverse psychology and tells the audience how his first round of advice is not ideal.

Our students listened and learned things from his speech that many never realized before, such as the fact that sometimes keeping a job can be much harder than getting one. College students are so worried about getting a job, but what happens when they do? With his presentation, students learn to be leaders for themselves and coworkers so they can keep the jobs they have earned. Our students also heard a new message: that college is not the best place to learn what it is like to hold a real job. College students have so much freedom to do anything whenever they want and this can hinder their judgment on what life with a full-time job will be like. Those who attended "How to Get Fired!" now understand that leaving college will require them to form a new habit, and that that habit takes work & dedication.

I strongly encourage you to look at Jeff's program as a new and much-needed learning tool for your students.

For UW-Platteville,

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To Fellow Campus Programming Boards:

I highly recommend hiring Jeff Havens for your campus, especially to perform his “How to Get Fired” presentation. But really any time with Jeff is great! His program was hilarious, entertaining, and impactful. Students seemed to listen MORE when he was giving them the “real message” and I think that is an important point to make. Students will learn from him and his message really will help.

I can’t say enough how pleasant it was to work with Jeff. He was cooperative, flexible, and hysterical. Just in the time spent with him before the show I could tell it was going to be awesome. With one of the biggest audiences I have had for a program yet, this program was a major success.

If you are looking for a program that will make your students laugh, learn, and think, consider Jeff and his “How to Get Fired” presentation. It is worth it!

Sincerely,

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