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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as an endorsement for guest speaker Ray Hanania. Ray participated in a career program at Oak Lawn Community High School on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, called Lunch with a Professional. Ray spent the day in the Media Center, presenting to approximately 80 students and 10 teachers over the course of a six-period lunch program.

I would like to send my appreciation to Ray for representing the field of journalism and communications at OLCHS. Lunch with a Professional is a great way for students to acquire valuable career information, and Ray did an outstanding job explaining the profession and fielding student questions. Furthermore, Ray was able to reach out to each individual student he presented to and identify ways to turn their interests into something to write or speak about. Several of these students have participated in this monthly lunch program throughout the year, and have told me repeatedly that Ray was their favorite presenter. His energy and passion for his work was contagious and inspirational for our students, leaving many of them with a challenge to be a better person.

Perhaps at no other time in American history have young people been called upon to make tough decisions about their career paths at such an early age. It is the availability and willingness of individuals like Ray that provide our students with the information needed to clarify their choices and make that type of decision. People like Ray do make a difference, and that difference will have an impact on all of our futures.

It was a pleasure to have Ray at OLCHS for Lunch with a Professional. Thank you very much, Ray, for participating in this event.

Sincerely,



Kelly Briscoe
Career & Service Learning Facilitator
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Oak Lawn Community High School exists to...

- inspire, challenge, and empower students and staff in a safe, supportive environment
- maximize individual potential through academic and personal growth
- graduate students who attain the high standards set forth by our community