

Dear Laura,

On behalf of the Manhattan College Diversity Committee, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to you for speaking to our campus community during our Women's History luncheon this past March. We know that you are busy promoting your book and we are very happy that you graciously accepted our invitation to present your remarkable tale to our community. Students, faculty and administration all came to attend to your discussion of the book and how your life has been impacted.

The speech you delivered was inspirational and motivational recounting how one small act can leave a lasting impression. The evaluation from your presentation was extremely positive. In fact, your ***An Invisible Thread*** book sold a record amount of copies during the event. Many attendees have personally called me to thank me for introducing them to ***An Invisible Thread***. I am delighted with the success of the event, and have you, Laura, to thank.

Dr. Ago, the chairman of the Diversity Committee, sums it up stating: "The spirit of *An Invisible Thread* encompasses what it means to be Lasallian, which calls for a respect for all people and compassion for those less privileged." The goal of the Diversity Committee is to make a difference and educate our campus community on issues such as social justice, racial bias, micro aggressions, discrimination and a variety of other controversial topics. Your remarkable story encompasses the mission of Manhattan College:

The mission of Manhattan College is to provide a contemporary, person-centered educational experience that prepares graduates for lives of personal development, professional success, civic engagement, and service to their fellow human beings. The College pursues this mission through programs that integrate a broad liberal education with concentration in specific disciplines in the arts and sciences or with professional preparation in business, education and engineering.

Thank you again for coming to Manhattan College and sharing your wonderful story. We valued the opportunity to present you with our questions and provide feedback and comments. We look forward to reading your next publication. And, hopefully we can work together again in the future.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Christina Cardinale