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RE: Marissa Cohen Services, *Testimonial*

My career in the field of higher education has spanned 19 years, and six completely distinct colleges/universities. I have met and worked with students, staff, and faculty from all walks of life, had ups, had downs, and have interacted with vendors that have had every type of approach to business that I can think of. Some approaches were horrible, some were decent, and many were great, however **Marissa Faye Cohen** allowed me to see a different approach I had not considered. A word stands out in trying to describe Marissa to those of you who may be considering her services. It is not a new word, and I certainly did not create it, **but it is the best word I can think of when trying to illustrate Marissa and her impact. That word is *Exceptional*...let me explain.**

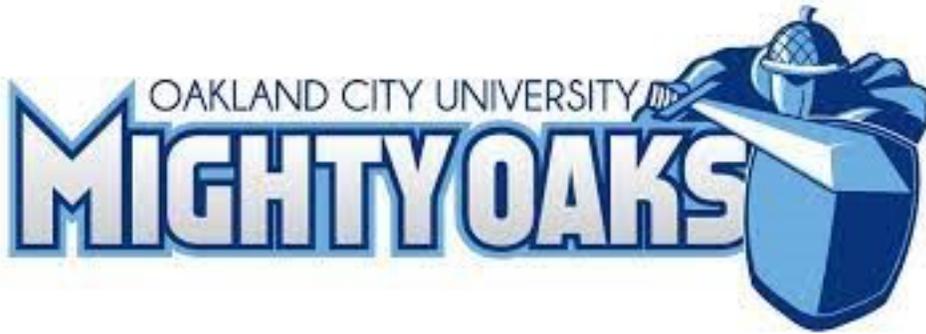
The very first time we had Marissa do an event for us; I knew instantly this was not your run of the mill vendor. Marissa provided her invoice, then showed up extremely early (hours early), helped with another event and then did her presentation. Let's pause there for a moment. Most vendors I have dealt with stick religiously to the time we agreed to whether it is one hour, two hours, and so forth, which is not wrong. However, for most vendors I can also tell they are counting the minutes. Not Marissa, **she not only put in way more time than any vendor I have ever hired in 19 years in the field, but she has done it with class, humor, passion, and an infectious personality that our students, staff, and faculty have all come to love.** Marissa has moved tables, placed tablecloths, helped set up and even break down an event and believe me that is not an extensive list! You see when you hire Marissa, for that day, that week, or whatever you hire her for, **she becomes a full-blown member of your team.** That is not the norm and yes that is *Exceptional*.

So now you know what separates Marissa from a human perspective, but **she is also a dual threat who takes her craft seriously.** It is no wonder that she was named APCA's 2024 National Campus Speaker of the Year. Here at Gateway, she has delivered presentations on bystander intervention, Don't Be a Karen, Be a C.A.R.E.N. (*Communicate, Advocate, Respect, Empathize, Nourish*) and has served as keynote speaker for our Women's Month Closing Ceremony. She also has shared her own story of survival, helped with our annual clothesline projects to honor domestic violence victims, ran workshops, events like speed friending, and much more. **Marissa is not just an incredible person, she is wonderful representative of what it means to be a female, be a survivor not a victim, and empower others in the process.** We all come from different experiences and backgrounds, so perhaps I am bias ... who knows. However, my 19 years of higher education experience tells me that Marissa Faye Cohen is the *Exception* to the rule.

Marissa is many things to a lot of people, she is top selling author, an experienced speaker, an advocate, a change agent, but here at CT STATE Gateway we call her our friend.



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To whom it may concern:

I had the absolute pleasure of meeting Marissa my first week as a Director of Student Activities. She inspired me in so many ways. **Her warm spirit and explosive personality was a great experience.** I cannot wait until she comes back to our University. **Marissa has a great display of knowledge and experience to share with everyone.** I've only experienced one of her talks so far, but am on fire to hear what else she has to share. As a staff member, I learned so much from what she teaches in her programs. **I guarantee if she comes to your event, you will have a great opportunity to learn from her and will want more of her great attitude and personality to share with everyone!**

Marquita Wright
Director of Student Activities
Oakland City University

Working alongside Marissa Cohen has been an exceptional experience in my journey as a student affairs professional. From the get-go, Marissa's transparent and effective communication style has facilitated seamless collaboration. Her dedication goes beyond mere logistics; **Marissa genuinely invests in understanding the unique dynamics of each audience she engages with**, ensuring that every event is tailored to perfection.

Marissa's vibrant energy and positive demeanor are truly infectious, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and engagement that is second to none. **She fosters an environment where feedback and questions are not only welcomed but encouraged**, fostering a sense of inclusivity and mutual respect among all participants.

What sets Marissa apart is **her commitment to cultivating lasting connections**. She goes above and beyond to support her colleagues and peers, always ready to offer assistance and share her expertise. **Her passion for her work is evident in every interaction**, and her dedication to staying abreast of the latest trends and best practices ensures that her contributions are always cutting-edge.

Marissa's creative approach to problem-solving and event planning sets her apart as a true innovator in our field. Whether she's brainstorming ideas or executing plans, her ingenuity shines through, leaving a lasting impression on everyone she encounters.

Without a doubt, Marissa Cohen would be a valuable asset to any campus or organization. Her professionalism, combined with her youthful energy and expertise, make her a standout in the world of student affairs. **I wholeheartedly endorse Marissa and look forward to seeing the positive impact she continues to make in our field.**

Issabella Colón
Assistant Director of Residence Life
The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Marissa Cohen is an absolute pleasure to work with! She has proven herself as a versatile event host with both in-person events, such as her Relationships, Red Flags, and Risk Reduction workshop, and virtual events like Situational Awareness Day. Recently, Marissa took on the role of keynote speaker for our inaugural "Take Back the Night" event, leaving a lasting impact on our audience. Her speaking skills are truly remarkable, as she effortlessly captures the attention of the room while remaining approachable to students, faculty, and staff alike. Marissa went above and beyond to support our event by providing valuable resources and information to share with attendees. Her professionalism, ease of collaboration, and positive demeanor made working with her an absolute joy. We received an abundance of compliments on her program and personal testimony, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to partner with her again in the future.

Tiffany Sandifer

Director of Student Life, Bossier Parish Community College
Student Government Association Advisor & Pageant Coordinator

To Whom It May Concern:

In August 2023, I had the privilege to host Marissa Cohen on campus at The University of Virginia's College at Wise (UVA Wise) to facilitate some workshops during Resident Assistant (RA) Fall Training. While on campus, Marissa connected with students with her "Don't be a KAREN, Be a C.A.R.E.N" program. After a long day of staff training, later that evening she hosted a Self-Care Night with the RA's where they could learn about the importance of work-life balance as student leaders and were able to make their own essential oil DIY kits.

After hearing Marissa speak at a conference in March 2023, I booked her to come to campus for the programs outlined above in Fall 2023. While planning and leading up to her arrival to campus, I found her ease of collaboration and customizing the program to fit the specific needs of the student leaders was one of the best I have experienced in my ten years working in Higher Education.

When Marissa arrived to campus, the ease of working with her the day of the event continued. She was able to make direct connections with RA's about how to show compassion and care to the residents they encounter in the work they do. Many of those RA's she worked with in the mandatory training session during the day returned to join us on campus for the optional self-care program later that evening on campus. Through post-RA Training assessment and feedback, students indicated how much they learned from the session and wanted to have her back on campus in the future. Therefore, we booked her to return to campus for Winter RA Training for the start of the Spring 2024 semester.

Due to the success of the Fall 2023 program, I was happy to nominate and vote for her to win The 2024 National Campus Speaker of The Year with the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA). This award is the top award and honor given by the organization to a speaker each year, so I am positive my experience with Marissa has resonated with the hundreds of other delegates who voted on this award. While I work at a different institution now in Student Affairs, I look forward to working with Marissa in the future on whatever campus I work at.

Robbie Chulick

Student Affairs Practitioner



On Sunday, November 19th we invited Marissa Cohen to come speak to our students about healthy and toxic relationships. In the beginning Marissa talked about her own experiences with relationships and how her perception had changed as an adult compared to when she was a teenager. She discussed how she initially had a false perception of love and what it meant to be a supportive partner that was important for our students to understand.

Marissa was engaging with our students asking them to share examples of different kinds of relationships and had relevant examples of her own from TV series and movies. Her presentation was engaging and interactive with our students. Afterwards she was available to talk to students one on one if they had questions or felt like they were in a toxic relationship.

We passed out bamboo plants at the end of the presentation and the students enjoyed having something they could take with them to grow in their rooms as a reminder to keep growing themselves. The students loved connecting with Marissa and wanted to get a picture together at the end of the presentation.

Marissa was great to collaborate with as she had many ideas, but ultimately wanted to hear what would work best for our campus. Marissa was authentic in every interaction we had with her even before and after the presentation. You can tell she is passionate about her work wanting to help those who have been hurt, feel lonely, or lack self-confidence. We were able to vote for her as being the most engaging speaker we brought to campus, and would highly recommend her to others!

Krista Duffy
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April 5, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The SAVE (Sexual Assault and Violence Education) Program at LSU Health Shreveport hosted Marissa Cohen for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October 2023. Ms. Cohen provided an engaging presentation on the Five Must Know Tips for Medical Professionals when interacting with survivor patients. She utilized interactive exercises while sharing best practices and educating on a sensitive topic. Attendees left with a “toolkit” full of options and resources for domestic violence victims and survivors.

After receiving positive feedback from students and employees on the presentation, we are having Ms. Cohen return for an educational awareness program during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She is always very responsive and flexible to accommodate our campus’s complex class/clinic scheduling.

Sincerely,



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Hillsborough Community College

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to recommend Marissa Cohen as the speaker of choice for a multitude of reasons. Marissa Cohen is one of the most genuine and caring speakers I have ever brought to the Hillsborough Community College SouthShore Campus. Her creativity and innovative ideas are well loved by my students and myself. Her programming is diverse and filled with amazing ideas and important topics that are discussed in a serious, yet fun way. Having Marissa on campus is a one-of-a-kind experience. She spends the day with the students from morning to the time the students leave. She is the one speaker that genuinely cares about the students! I have never seen a speaker so involved and willing to take the time out of their day to talk out anything and everything and make students feel heard, respected, and loved. The students are comfortable sharing their stories and problems, and asking for advice from her, making her reliable and relatable to them.

My students are OBSESSED with Marissa! They always look forward to seeing her on campus and the days leading up to her arrival are full of energy and anticipation. Marissa incorporates so many fun and trendy ways to get the students to understand the concepts of being kind, respecting one another, understanding others, creating awareness to assault and domestic violence, and so much more. Her conversations on self-care are essential to every college and universities event roster. Her red flags activities and CAREN presentations had the room filled with eager students to learn and join the conversation and listen with intention. Her story is inspiring and can help so many students in higher education. I will always recommend Marissa Cohen to all higher ed Student Life Advisors and Student Activities Coordinators to make an impact on campus and help transform the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cheyenne Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Cheyenne Olson

Student Activities Coordinator

Hillsborough Community College SouthShore Campus

March 31, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a privilege to write this letter in support of Marissa Cohen and all the wonderful programming through her organization, Healing From Emotional Abuse Philosophy.

I first met Marissa a few years ago in October 2022 when she came to Gateway Community College, now called CT State Community College Gateway. **Since then, she's been a continuing partner of Gateway.** I remember one of her first presentations titled, "Don't be a KAREN Be a C.A.R.E.N. (Communicate, Advocate, Respect, Empathize, & Nourish)". Like many of the times she has presented at our campus, **the students were very engaged as well as the faculty and staff that participated in her events. She has a way of making her visits fun and memorable.**

In our diverse community college, we serve students who come from various backgrounds and walks of life, some with very challenging circumstances. Marissa's programming provides tools to identify unhealthy behavioral patterns, how to set healthy boundaries and so much more. Her speaking engagements and her story as a survivor of domestic violence also provide a message of hope for those that have gone through abuse or similar struggles. **Her passion and empathy shines through in her work; it is why she is the "2024 National Campus Speaker of the Year"** among the current and many more accomplishments to come. **Marissa is a valuable mouthpiece to our society and I'm grateful to have met her. We look forward to having her back for the next Gateway events.**

Sincerely,

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June 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure I write this letter in support of Marissa Cohen's speaker program. Marissa presented at both campuses at Cayuga Community College, for spring 2023 and offered helpful information and knowledge to all attendees. She was very attentive to attendees with providing an engaging presentation and taking the appropriate time to address issues raised in questions of students and staff attendees. **There was an overwhelming respond from student attendees which encouraged us to rebook her presentation for the following fall 2023 semester as well. She's a pleasure to work with and really offers a program that assist students identify healthy relationships.**

At Cayuga Community College, we look forward in working with Marissa Cohen into the foreseeable future and appreciate the programming value of her presentations to our campus community.

Norman Lee,

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SUNY, Cayuga Community College,
Director of Student Activities/Professor



June 9, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I have worked with Marissa on numerous occasions whether it was networking at conferences, brainstorming on Zoom meetings, or planning the events we were having at our institution. Each conversation has always been so productive and wonderful. **Marissa goes above and beyond to make sure that each event runs smoothly and professionally.** If I had any concerns and or wanted to have the event speak about certain topics Marissa made sure to incorporate it in any way they could.

When our institution has booked events with Marissa the entire planning process, contracting, and day of have been amazing. When sitting down and talking about what topics we want to have for the event **Marissa has always made sure to have an in-depth conversation with us about what each workshop, activity, and the day of logistics would look like.** When it comes to the day of the event **Marissa is always on time and eager to get started.** Marissa always welcomes our input on how we want the day to run and makes sure that we are both on the same page. At our institution, **we've booked Marissa multiple times for a workshop, lunch and just to be available to students who may need someone to talk to.** Not only have we loved it as professionals but our office had many students take advantage of this and were able to have one on one conversations with Marissa and it allowed them to express themselves. Our students continuously looked forward to seeing Marissa at conferences and bringing Marissa back to campus every semester.

I will always recommend Marissa to anyone. Marissa is a great professional and a phenomenal speaker. Marissa is one of the most genuine, caring, and reliable person I have ever worked with. Our institution has been very lucky to work with Marissa!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schwab



On August 23, 2023, some of the student leaders within the Dominican University community received a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training from Marissa Cohen. Marissa connected with the committee prior to facilitating the training in order to tailor the experience to our group's unique needs and array of knowledge. **Marissa was flexible according to our time constraints** and various types of student leaders - yet she had a solution for anything that seemed to add a level of complexity. **Marissa's presentation was engaging for the students and it was highly interactive**; she included activities, videos, and even recommended exercises and suggestions for the students to continue the work. **When the session was completed, our students were asking for her return**. All of them appreciated the material and were able to positively identify how Marissa's presentation could impact their leadership within our campus community. She kept the material light-hearted without diminishing the educational components of the subject matter. She was very attentive to detail and I could see throughout the presentation that she made every effort to apply exactly what we were looking for throughout the experience. **She led the session authentically, which in turn resulted in our students feeling more comfortable being involved** themselves and sharing their own personal experiences. Marissa considers all things and she found many ways to make the material digestible for students that were at an introductory level, while invoking new ideas and thoughts for those that had more experience or understanding. What I deeply appreciate about **Marissa is that she genuinely brings a special level of care and compassion to her work - you are not just getting a speaker, you are getting an additional community member that values true partnership**. She took the time out to connect with all members that were impacted by her partnership and she continues to remain connected, even after she has provided her service. I would certainly recommend Marissa to present - **she is the real deal!**

Sincerely,

Derrick Hicks
Director of Residence Life

October 29, 2019

Re: Public Speaking Reference: Marissa Cohen

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Ms. Marissa Cohen, author of *Breaking through the Silence* and *Breaking through the Silence: #Me(n) Too*. I met Ms. Cohen in the spring of 2018 and shortly thereafter she began visiting my class to discuss domestic violence and sexual assault. I teach family theory in an online family nurse practitioner program.

Following Ms. Cohen's first presentation in my class I received excellent feedback from the students. Ms. Cohen discusses a tough topic openly and honestly and provides practical steps the students can take to assist their patients. When I shared my experience with the other faculty we decided to hold Ms. Cohen's presentation at a time when all students, across all sections of the course, could attend. We have consistently had good attendance, and the presentation is recorded so that students who cannot make it to the live presentation can watch.

Some students have been victims themselves and have expressed how appreciative they are for Ms. Cohen's work and her openness in discussing this topic. Other students have never been in a situation where they would be caring for a patient who has suffered from domestic violence and/or sexual assault. These students report feeling unsure of what to say or how to broach the topic. However, after Ms. Cohen's presentation the students report having an idea of what they should (or should not) say or do. They also have resources to assist their patients.

Ms. Cohen is working hard to make a difference for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Her experiences and expertise at speaking will make a difference not just for students, but for the lives these students will touch. If you have any questions about my experience with Ms. Cohen's presentations, you may contact me at erkfitz@simmons.edu.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a mental health counselor/intern supervisor at my practice, I am writing to you in support of Marissa Faye Cohen, best-selling author, business entrepreneur, podcast and radio show host, and speaker. I met Marissa back in 2010 while we both attended Rowan University, and I knew as soon as I befriended her that she wanted to make the world a better place.

Over the next few years, we stayed in touch and witnessed Marissa notice a niche within the mental health field in assisting survivors, no, warriors, who experienced abuse and domestic violence. I sat back watching Marissa author her first two books, establish Withing Your Reach Inc. (her non-profit), host podcasts about healing from emotional abuse, and set up a speaker series.

During this past year, I started overseeing master's level counseling interns at my practice. At their orientation, I asked them what their "red flags" were as incoming counselors-to-be. Every last one of them identified abuse and domestic violence as discussions that they would struggle to have. They were unsure on how to approach a client in these situations or where to even begin addressing the trauma.

This was when I reached out to Marissa to host a Q&A with my interns. She offered such a unique perspective a warrior herself and as someone who has been able to assist hundreds of individuals in their own journeys. For every question we presented to her, she broke it down beautifully and provided concrete strategies for my interns to address these difficult conversations. Following her Q&A, I invited Marissa to speak to my college courses as well to demonstrate what you can accomplish with just a bachelor's degree in psychology. Since then, I ensure to bring Marissa back every semester.

After her presentations, both students and interns reach out to her with questions and about specific situations. She always takes the time to answer them and provide them with the best possible guidance. Marissa constantly garners positive feedback and engages my students/interns with ease.

I have had the sincere pleasure with to work with her, and I hope that you will consider doing the same. Without reservation, I recommend her highly as a speaker, advocate, and warrior. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at jamescastorinallc@gmail.com regarding Ms. Cohen's presentations.

Best regards,



James Castorina Jr., MA, LPC

I met Marissa at an APCA conference a few years ago and she has a very powerful message that college students need to hear. She came to our campus in the fall of 2022 to conduct two workshops, both of which were great. She easily connects with students, especially on such a difficult but important topic. We look forward to having her return soon to do her Relationship Jeopardy.

Kathy Matson, M.S.

Director of Student Life

Mount Wachusett Community College

I most recently had the pleasure of attending Marissa Cohen's "National Write Your Story Day" virtual workshop at MassBay Community College. Marissa's presentation was not only informative and educational, but also incredibly engaging and well-paced. She shared personal anecdotes and experiences that were relatable and added a personal touch to her presentation. Marissa has a natural ability to connect with her audience and make them feel comfortable and at ease.

Additionally, we also hosted Marissa virtually for a "National Situational Awareness Day" event, as well as an in-person Women's History Month event on empowering women. Marissa's warm and friendly demeanor made her incredibly approachable and accessible, making it easy for students to ask questions and participate in the discussions. I was impressed by Marissa's personable nature and her ability to connect with students of all backgrounds.

Not only is Marissa a true asset to any event or lecture, she always goes above and beyond in her planning and communication prior to ensuring the event is a success. Overall, I highly recommend Marissa as a guest speaker, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from her.

Sincerely,

Elysia Johnson

Assistant Coordinator of Student Engagement, MassBay Community College
Student Government Association Advisor

It was an absolute pleasure to have Marissa come present at our campus! Marissa is a consummate professional, kind, organized, and wonderful to work with. We booked Marissa for two presentations this past fall. Marissa always communicated her plans and was willing to work with us in finding the best space on campus possible. She arrived promptly the day of the presentations and was ready to get at the appointed time. We received great feedback from our students. The trainings were interactive and full of relevant needed information for our students. The presentations went so well that a few of our sorority chapters inquired about having Marissa present on personal boundaries exclusively for their members. I highly recommend Marissa and look forward to working with her soon!

Jaron (JD) Vail
Director of Student Engagement and Wellness

Marissa Cohen at St. Lawrence University Spring 2023

I don't often attend the talks of the guest speakers that my school hires. The people the school typically hires are amazing, don't get me wrong. It's just something about sitting in a sterile room for a little too long, listening to a lecture that has been delivered in the exact same way to the masses of other students who have heard it, that just gets old. Something about these guest speakers just feels... motivationally unoriginal. At the end of the day, being a college speaker is a career, so it's understandable that it can get repetitive and mundane. Me personally, and many other college students I know, simply don't find it enjoyable to watch people just do their job. Then there's Marissa...

Spring semester at St. Lawrence University in Upstate NY marks the second time this woman graced us with her presence at our school. The first time she came in the Fall semester, I remember telling my friends how I "had to go" watch some woman my club hired to speak. **That was the night I met my biggest inspiration and the woman I will continue to look up to for the rest of my life.** As a member of the audience, I remember being pulled into her questions and actually wanting to participate when given the opportunity. This was not just a job for her, which was obvious from our first very interaction before she spoke.

When I stepped into the position of president for that same club this past spring, I knew we needed her back for one of our semesterly teal week events. It was then that I got to know Marissa as a person and not as an audience member. The first phone call I had with her to discuss details was surprisingly pleasant and productive. Not only was she professional and easy to work with, but she made it feel less like a transaction and more like a conversation. My professional ten-minute phone call turned into an amazing nearly hour-long chat about all the other things we could do for teal week. **We agreed that she would spend the entire day on my humble campus, running her amazing clothesline event during the day and then giving her talk at night. I can't say I have ever looked forward to a school event quite as much as I did that.**

Immediately when she arrived on campus, we began setting up the clothesline tables while chatting like old friends. I have never in my life experienced such a kind and welcoming presence from someone who was being paid to be there. She talked with everyone that came up and even bonded with a few of the other executive board members during low-traffic times. **We ran about an hour and a half over the planned time for the event, and I still didn't want to stop.**

This felt so much less like an obligation that I had due to my position, and more like a fun activity. Being able to make the topic of assault and domestic violence fun for three hours straight is a feat in which a fair few are able to accomplish.

I was personally amazed at the amount of interaction our booth got, as very few things bring our niche-filled school together. I have rarely seen such success in one of the tables set up in the student center, but **it was something about Marissa's energy that just drew people in**. She carries such a welcoming and positive energy with her everywhere she goes, which encourages the desire to talk to her. By the end of the event, we were able to fill around 30 shirts with every kind of phrase and expression to be found on campus. It was beautiful to see students who had never shown interest in our organization get so into this event. **Watching Marissa interact with every and any student helped to remind me of why I took this position in the first place, to impact lives.**

That night during her talk, very few students were in attendance. This was to be expected as it was on a Thursday night (and if you know anything about SLU, you know that Thursdays are the new Saturdays). If you had not seen the audience though, you would have thought that Marissa was talking to a crowd of thousands. **She kept all her energy and engaged with every single person in those seats. I could have watched it a hundred times over.**

Selfishly, the moments I found most valuable during her brief stay in Canton was when I was able to take time to show Marissa around my campus and even enjoy a brief brunch with her after my classes the next day before she left. I was no longer the president of the advocates, and she was no longer the guest speaker I hired for our event. We were two people that bonded over our shared experiences and passion for change. That is why I will push to have her here every year, because **she will make it a point to create a personal connection with every student she meets**. Whether it be a brief name exchange or an in-depth trauma share, she somehow manages to make every individual feel seen.

As a double geology and creative writing major who just finished an abstract on the carbonate sedimentology of marine environments and a fourteen-page paper on the concept of consent within the original telling of Adam and Eve, I can hands down say that this is one of the most difficult things I have ever had to write. This is because, out of all the words in the English dictionary, **none of them feel good enough to be able to describe how incredible this woman is**. I simply cannot find an adjective or even a noun that will sufficiently explain the impact that

Marissa Cohen has had on my life, as well as those at my school who were lucky enough to be able to interact with her. As I move forward with my degrees, my careers, and my life, I hope to one day carry with me even a sliver of the amount of love and passion that Marissa has in her heart. The act of surviving these types of traumas is something that so many women aren't able to do and is an incredible feat within itself. Marissa not only survived, but then went on to dedicate her life to saving others. She is my hero, and I cannot wait to see her speak again. As a member of a sorority, I can wholeheartedly say that she is my favorite friend I have ever bought.

Molly Doyle

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