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Peter Sklar
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Dear Peter,

I want to thank you for the opportunity that you gave me in asking me to be a chaperone for your workshop in June. The things that I learned and experienced are invaluable to me as an actor and as a person. There are so many things that I learned and received that I never anticipated I would as a result of attending the workshop as a chaperone.

The teachers were amazing in that they made me think in a way I had never thought before. The kinds of classes that I took were different from classes I had taken at school. They challenged me and pushed me to be *me*, and to be comfortable showing people who I was and am. They challenged me to use what I have to make things real and believable. I know that I still have a long way to go, but at least I have started to grow.

Speaking of growth, I can't even begin to describe the emotional and professional growth that I went through and am still going through because of the workshop. I have become more confident as a person in my abilities and what I am going to be able to do with them. I know that if I want to make it in this business, I need to take care of myself (emotionally, physically, and spiritually). And the thing is, I want to do that. I want to take care of myself in all of these ways. I want to eat better. I want to know what I am feeling and express it. I can feel myself pushing and growing out of a place I never thought was possible. I can't begin to tell you how thankful I am for that.

I am also thankful for the people that I met while at the workshop. From the chaperones themselves to the kids that were in my cabin, I truly enjoyed spending time and getting to know them. I have made some close friends, especially with my co-chaperone, and am close with the students that I got to know over these nine days. I thank you for the friendships that I made and the people that I now know in the city and will be able to relate with them about their experiences in the business.

I experienced so many different aspects of acting that I had never experienced in all my years at school. I got to know people in the business that I can call and ask for advice or help. I have made some close friends that I will be able to visit and relate to now in New York. These nine days were well worth the effort and time spent in preparing for the workshop.

Thank you,

Erin Mitchell