

# Atlantic Community High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of hosting author and publisher Stephen Kozan on a visit to my Title I school, Atlantic Community High School. I am so thankful to Chris Vincze for bringing the "Student Author Movement" into my school.

In my seven years of being Atlantic's librarian, I have had the opportunity to host various authors. While the level of impact varies, Mr. Kozan is definitely one of the most impactful authors that I have had. And the reason is simple: Mr. Kozan is more than an author; he brings the author out of my students. Our crowded room of hopefuls got to hear firsthand how to write a book, aspects of illustrating and publishing, and the passion behind Mr. Kozan's visit. Then, my students got to compete for an opportunity to become a published author, a chance so few students are able to boast.

Diane won the contest this year. When I told her the news, her mouth dropped open in disbelief and she immediately started calling her friends and family to tell them the news. She is so excited that someone believed in her story and her abilities. That is something you don't normally get at a traditional author visit, though that is what every kid needs to hear and what every librarian wants for their students.

I definitely look forward to hosting Mr. Kozan again next year, and hope that we can build a lasting relationship of creating student authors going forward. From myself and my students, we are so grateful for this opportunity and the ones to come.

Sincerely,



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