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Sergeant Dana Bowman delivered two powerful presentations to our high school and middle school students this past October. Judging by the thunderous applause, his presentations were well-received by our students and staff members. Dana can engage and captivate people of all ages, but adolescents can be a challenge. Yet, he held their attention as he delivered his amazing story of overcoming unbelievable obstacles to obtaining high levels of professional and personal achievement.

However, it is Dana's personal interactions that really impact people. When he signs posters or mugs with students for photographs, he actually takes the time to speak to them on a personal and warm level. He can encourage those with disabilities in a way that is not patronizing. Dana is also very perceptive and cues in on how to interact with others, like speaking Spanish. He is the kind of role model teenagers are hungry to meet because of his bravery and straight-forward approach.

Sergeant Dana Bowman is living proof that the human spirit and determination can make people overcome obstacles and barriers and achieve success beyond the ordinary. He is a true hero. In a world of uncertainty and doubt, more people need to hear his message of "ability, not disability." After hearing Dana speak you will be inspired to keep in touch with your dreams. You will challenge yourself to be the best you can be!

Respectfully submitted,

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