

Dear Mr. Bell,

I am one of the State Reading First Coaches in Kentucky and I met you previously at the Showcase on Sustainability in Louisville. Being part of the team who conducted the showcase, I was unable to attend any of the sessions, but I did trade duties with one of my colleagues so I could be in the hallway outside your room during one of your sessions so I could hear your presentation.

You are out of this world. I love your energy and enthusiasm. When I read over all the reviews my seven schools submitted of the entire conference - you stood out as the top presenter. They all thought you were tremendous.

Thank you so much for coming and presenting. Thanks also for the book you gave me and signed. At the time you were asking me my name, I was digging in my book bag to find the same book I had just purchased from you to ask you to sign it for me. It made a GREAT gift for one of my school coaches and I have the one you gave me proudly positioned on my book shelf.

Role models are few and far between. Heroes are even more difficult to find. It's great to have met you and be able to tell you that you are both. Keep up the excellent work you do in helping children. My life is richer after meeting you. Thank you for that.

I hope someday to cross paths with you again, and if I do - I hope you will remember me.

Thanks again,

Brent VanMeter

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