



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE HARLEM AMBASSADORS "Stay in School, Stay off Drugs" ASSEMBLY

"The message they gave the children of our community was priceless. The team members all have a special story and are very bright, caring people I felt privileged to get to know. What a pleasure to meet such fine young inspiring people!"

Eva Rushton, United Way of Humphreys Co, Waverly, TN

"As a teacher at Warrenton, I am critical of the class time we give up when we attend assemblies. An assembly must meet stringent criteria in my opinion, to be worthy of taking valuable teaching time away from the classroom. The Harlem Ambassadors were a group that met my criteria. The time spent watching their performance and listening to their testimonials left a positive and lasting impact on my students."

Shellie O'Connor, Warrenton Grade School, Warrenton, OR

"We included school assemblies with the event for the message to our youth. Their performance excited the kids to want to see them in action at the game. We had a full house - it was standing room only!"

Katie Bell, Rotary Club of Grundy County, Coalmont, TN

"The assembly was the biggest catalyst to selling tickets. These kids went home and told their parents about the event and about the stars who stressed staying in school and off drugs. This was our third time hosting the Ambassadors. We think the assembly is key to promoting attendance at the event."

Janet Dold, Greater Monticello Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, Monticello, IN

"The school assemblies really helped to draw in the students who had already seen the players during the day and wanted to see more. That helped us to ensure attendance at the show."

Mary Victor, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills, Pine Ridge, SD

"Our [game] day began with an excellent assembly at the local elementary school. The message delivered by your team was well-received and most pertinent to today's need for continued education and diversion from the ever-present drug problem."

Don Stover, Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce, Newcastle, WY

"The interaction with the kids was great! It made them feel important, some of them would have never come to the show if they had not seen the assembly."

Jeanne Alling, Balsam Lake, WI

"It was a really excellent assembly, filled with fun, excitement, and personal, inspirational, and educational components throughout. The kids really enjoyed themselves. **The personal stories were very powerful and the anti-bullying message was great.** Excellent job and we will definitely have you come back!"

Elizabeth Fischer, counselor, Sligo Creek Elementary School, Silver Spring, MD

"They kept the entire student population at attention throughout their presentations, leaving the kids cheering for more as they exited the gym."

Joel Campbell, Basketball NWT, Yukon, Canada

"The personal testimony from members of the team was memorable and inspiring. This was well worth the additional expense."

Bobbi Jo Brown, Danville-Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity, Danville, VA

"If we had not done the Stay in School, Stay Off Drugs program I don't think our attendance would have been as good. **The players were genuine and real and demonstrated that they are walking the walk rather than just talking the talk.** It was very refreshing to find athletes that were willing to get into the community, visit with folks and spend time with the fans." *Kristy Vandegriff, Jewett Area Chamber of Commerce, Jewett, TX*

"Friday, before the big game, the Harlem Ambassadors spoke to our Sault Middle School about the importance of staying in school, getting a good education, maintaining a positive attitude, respecting each other, their teachers, and themselves, and about making right choices even when it may not seem 'cool' to do so. I can't think of better messages to convey to our children than the ones they covered that Friday."

Shannon Veum, Sault Rotary President, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

"The Ambassadors' emphasis on education and healthy living is a message we should all share with our communities. As an added bonus, we had Lade Majic who is equally a strong role model for girls and boys."

Janet Dold, Greater Monticello Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, Monticello, IN

"We were told that the high school gym held the largest crowd ever! We believe that our success was due to the fact that the team visited both of the elementary schools and middle school on game day..."

Decatur County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, Parsons, TN

"As we approached the event I was contacted to see if we might want to do some assemblies at the local schools and we jumped on the chance. When the team came to town, I was impressed with the way they conducted themselves and how the kids reacted to them. The assembly was one of the best things that we could have done because it got the kids excited about the upcoming basketball game."

Stephanie Mercer, McAlester Lions Club, McAlester, OK

"The two assemblies were enthusiastically received at the schools and undoubtedly helped spur ticket sales for a standing-room-only crowd the night of the game." *Ruby Seivers, Gonzales Noon Lions Club, Gonzales, TX*

"Base officials and parents were very pleased that such talented young people would take the time to share words of wisdom with the base children. Many agreed that the Harlem Ambassadors is a unique basketball show group and glad they bring with them a strong message of the importance of education."

Tammy Bridges, 78th Air Base Wing, Robins Air Force Base, GA

"I wish to especially thank the Ambassadors for visiting our students, helping our country with the message of 'stay in school and stay off drugs' program. It is something that we need from this part of the world and our students enjoyed listening to the messages and meeting the team."

Baklai Temengil, Palau National Olympic Committee, Republic of Palau

"Their 'stay in school, stay off drugs' programs for local schools were enthusiastically received by the students and teachers. The players are a great bunch of people. In all respects, the Harlem Ambassadors' visit to the Marshall Islands was definitely a highlight of the year."

Giff Johnson, Marshall Islands Basketball Federation, Majuro, Marshall

"One of our local businesses sponsored the assembly. It was so well done and the students really enjoyed it."

Gioia Goodrum, Williams-Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce, Williams, AZ



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