



TESTIMONIALS

"Be True To You celebrates today's cultural diversity by empowering students with feelings of being an outsider, while delivering smart advice for coping. The performers, TOBI and BTTY the BEE, do all this through a show-stopping, pop musical that is relatable and down right cool! This program should be mandatory for all schools!" - Dr. Sara Stranovsky, PhD, Culture and Performance Studies, World Arts and Cultures, UCLA

"Ashley Tobias is a multi-talented young lady, an alumna of the Parsippany school system and a very talented and creative actress and songstress. Her Be True To You performances were so well received by the students as they interacted with enthusiasm and walked away with a wealth of knowledge. It has been a wonderful awareness program for our Children and partnership with the town. She has proven that her belief of changing children's lives through the power of music does work and Parsippany is very proud of her", remarked Mayor Barberio. Ashley, thank you for making a difference." MAYOR JAMES BARBERIO, of Parsippany Troy Hills District

"I have been working with Ashley for the last several years helping promote Bee True To You. The message is so powerful, it's our responsibility to put it out there- Confidence, Being True To yourself, togetherness, inclusiveness and acceptance. Ashley and BTTY do such an amazing job in conveying these messages to young audiences, that it truly is remarkable to watch. We are so proud in collaborating and working with Ashley on the show!" Alexander Diaz- Director of Arts Education at Bergen Performing Arts Center, Englewood NJ

"I have seen Ashley connect with children in a way that is rare to most. Not only are the children drawn to her, but she really knows how to reach them and impart lessons that will stick with them for a lifetime" Robert Gore- Co-Founder of the Ohmies, now- Moblees

"It was a wonderful show! It conveyed a serious message, while still having an entertaining element. There was a great balance between active participation and listening. I would highly recommend this show. " School Counselor- Littleton Elementary School.

"A fresh new approach to a topic many of our students have heard before. I'm sure that many of our students learned new strategies that will help them deal with bully situations." -Lou Gehrig, Bronx NY

"Our school was 100% satisfied with your program! They felt that they were at a Broadway show with your fabulous singing and acting! They were truly impressed! From planning and practicing an engaging skit for students, to planning out thoughtful follow up lessons/activities, you truly have covered all aspects of an outstanding bullying program!! Our district thanks you and we look forward to having you back next year!!!" Warren E. Sooy, Hammonton NJ

"It was original, and very energizing. The students were a bit sluggish at the onset, but the feedback I got from them afterwards was very positive! Such as, "so much fun", "we got to dance", "Btty was really cute". More importantly, it gave us the opportunity to initiate more conversations about the importance of kindness and how to respond when you are a bystander to bullying and harassment." - Kawameeh, Union NJ

"The program was great! Super songs and a wonderful message" -4th Grade Teacher

"The program was wonderful! The "No Bully" message was woven in beautifully with the music. The songs and dances were very appropriate and interactive. - 2nd Grade Teacher"

"The kids thought Ashley T was a Disney PopStar!" - Grade 4 Teacher

"Ashley T and BTTY the Bee did a good job bringing the concept of bullying alive for students. Their energetic vibes kept the students engaged and interested throughout the entire 50 minute program.- Most students walked away from the program better able to identify bullying and also how to handle and change a bullying situation." - 1st Grade Teacher

"My children came back singing the songs from the program. They thought they were at a concert" - 1st Grade Teacher

"The 'Be True To You' assembly was theatrical like a high-energy Broadway production with original songs and live music. The show was performed by highly skilled professional actors who have a dedication to Arts Education. The anti-bully messages were in place and were built upon to give a solid foundation for students. "M. Hoffman- Littleton Elementary School Principal"

"Bee True To You is a magnificent musical / educational anti bullying program that discusses and highlights bullying scenarios to children in a way that is interactive and nontraditional. It can be difficult for children to come to teachers, school counselors, parents, and even trusted adults when they believe there is no solution or believing that the bullying will get worse by adult intervention. For this reason, many children choose to continue to feel helpless in their situation and suffer in the power imbalance that is created by bullying. It is also necessary and beneficial for children to be aware of what their role is as a friend to someone that is being bullied or they themselves have a tendency to be a bully. That is what Ashley T and BTTY the Bee's relationship stands for. " Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Lourdes Arauz, LMHC, ED. M.

"It was communicated to Ms. Tobias as I would like to convey to you, Bee True to You was a Big Hit with our School. Loved her entire show all cast members and people involved. Supportive, Flexible, Talented are three of the many adjectives that could be used to express the experience."

- "ERIK BROWN Principal of Kingsbury Elementary in Waterbury of CT"