

Dear Dr. Ravelli,

April, 2014

I was fortunate to enjoy both Soc 100 A+B from you this school year. I really appreciated your knowledge and passion for the subject. Your enthusiasm was infectious, other students always left talking about the topics with great interest + thought. I wanted to express my personal gratitude since you and your classes helped me through some difficult times. As a child and teen I was sexually abused and, understandably, it ruined my life. I became a depressed and anxious shell of a human and even attempted suicide, but in an effort to "push through" came to university instead. The problems and feelings didn't leave though because these problems can follow anywhere. I have never been able to seek help and come to terms with what happened to me.

However, your classes and exposure to C.W. Mills gave me the push I needed to understand the effects of residential schools, I'm getting the help and support I need now. My abuser was an unfortunate survivor of the residential schools and took his own life, to end the pain. Luckily, the cycle ^{of pain} on this branch of sad history will end with me. Thanks to you and C.W. Mills

All the best to you,

A grateful student and ex-
cheekful robot ☺