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Ms. Jessa Piaia  
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Dear Jessa:

Your performance as Isabella Stewart Gardner at our Haverhill campus on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> was so delightful. Over one hundred persons attended, and many have told me since how much they enjoyed Isabella's "visit". You walked in as Mrs. Gardner in a lovely day costume, and shared an incredible amount of information about her fascinating life and the people of her era. Your dramatic presentation was touching, sad, amusing and enlightening. You also interacted comfortably with the audience, answering their questions and listening to their comments.

This program was cosponsored by Life Long Learning, Student Activities and the Woman's Resource Network. Because you provided such an excellent performance, future collaborations among these campus groups will probably occur, so as to bring fine performers, such as yourself and others, to our campus. Thank you for your creativity, talent, research, and professionalism.

Sincerely yours,

*M. J. Gillespie*

Mary Jane Gillespie  
Coordinator, Life Long Learning

I would like to add how sorry I am to have missed your presentation of Isabella Stewart Gardner, as I have been told by a lot of our Life Long Learners what a wonderful program I missed, and that Isabella was indeed there on Thursday.

May DiPietro  
Assistant, Life Long Learning

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