



## ADRIAN COLLEGE

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Good morning,

I am writing to share our experience with Dr. Phil Plait who spoke on February 15, 2006, as part of the annual convocation series at Adrian College. This series is designed to expose our students to outstanding speakers in a variety of disciplines. I had recommended Phil after hearing him speak in 2005 at a conference hosted by James Randi.

Phil did an outstanding job. He spoke very conversationally, had excellent PowerPoint illustrations, and kept the audience engaged with humor and practical examples. Although he dealt with issues of astronomy, the lecture was accessible to students in all disciplines. In fact, the underlying message was one of critical analysis of claims that the listeners would encounter throughout their lives. Some of my students sought me out afterwards to tell me that this was the best lecture we'd had.

Although Phil was contracted to give just the convocation address, he gave a complete presentation to an Earth Science class, and delivered an outstanding illustrated talk that evening in the planetarium. Phil seemed tireless!

We found Phil to be a most congenial person. He was easy to talk with and not demanding.

I am pleased to give an enthusiastic recommendation for Phil if you want someone to lecture who will present an important message and truly connect with an audience.

Sincerely,

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