

# TESTIMONIALS



## TEACHERS AND FACULTY

“Newton Country Day School had the honor of having Sarah present at our New Freedoms college transition program in the fall. This program includes the senior classes for Newton and Belmont Hill School. Yes, our schools have programs in place to educate the student body on the misuse of alcohol and recreational drugs like marijuana. However, the Liv for You lecture focuses on a topic that many schools are unfamiliar with, the drug molly. As spoken from the viewpoint of Olivia’s closest friends, the presentation allows the audience to understand the repercussions of making a bad decision. They are true models of friendship and advocacy...

... The takeaway message for students is twofold: 1. how the unwise decisions they make impacts their health and relationships and 2. how to reconcile with an unexpected loss. I am proud of the strong efforts Sarah and Hannah put into creating this program in memory of their beloved, beautiful friend. They are true models of friendship and advocacy.”

- William Everett: Principle Newton Country Day

"Hannah is a natural! What an effective and entertaining presenter! She has a very important story to tell about her best friend. Olivia was beautiful, brilliant, and surround by love until one bad decision changed everything. Hannah talked my students about goals and decision making. She informed the teens in a way that spoke to them, without preaching, and simply teaching. Hannah's words made us speechless. Many parents and teens have requested that she return to talk about Molly/MDMA to anyone who missed the opportunity to hear her speak."

- Alycia Brudner: Health Teacher at Middle School East in Milford MA

“I had the opportunity to hear Hannah present and was immediately entranced by the way in which she shared her personal testimony about losing her best friend to Molly. The story that Hannah brings to audiences is very much an emotional healing journey for her and serves as a powerful message for our students – any of whom could fall victim.”

- Robert Tremblay: Superintendent of Milford MA Public School

“Hannah recently came to my Health classes to give the “Liv for You” presentation to sophomores. I, along with my students, found her presentation to be very informative and powerful. She gave a very effective presentation that included personal experiences and her connection to this deadly drug as well as information about the drug. Her presentation also sparked some great conversations and questions in my classes following her presentation. She did a very good job of getting the “we are not invincible” message to our students, which I think was one of the most powerful parts of her presentation. My students were able to see how Hannah is only a couple of years older than them, and that this tragedy could have happened to any of them. This was a very sensitive topic for Hannah as it was her best friend who passed away, but she is a very strong young lady and kept it together for the presentation. She did however make the kids aware of how much it hurt to lose a close friend to an overdose and how powerless she felt. As you know... knowledge is power, and another message she sent to the students in her presentation was that her friend did not have the knowledge about the drug Molly and how maybe she would have made a better decision that day. Hannah does a good job of putting to rest some of the common myths about the drug Molly and what people might think it is. I highly recommend having Hannah speak to high school and middle school students about the drug Molly and her personal connection to the drug. Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions about this truly moving presentation.”  
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- Kristen Morcone: Health and Physical Education Teacher at Algonquin Regional High School in Northborough, MA

“Hannah's presentation was very powerful and eye-opening. I think it's important for high school students to hear about MDMA/Molly/Ecstasy from someone who is young and relatable and knows the realities of this drug first-hand. She did an outstanding job.”

- Riley Stevens: Guidance Counselor at Millis High School

## STUDENTS

“This story needs to get out because it is great for this cause.”

- Anthony Dey: Millis High School

“I liked how this as a real story that effected her life and she has the courage to tell people her story.”

- Cameron Tessler: Millis High School

“Overall but was breathtaking. I think the emotional part connected everyone in the class with her and her pain. It was like a poem, sad but true. it was an honor to have her speak to us. Hearing an actual person's experience really affected us. It makes you feel close to her, even though we didn't even know her.”

- Pauliny Smith: Millis High School

“I was enamored by the passion and frank truth in her words.”

- Evan Mustard: Millis High School

“I was really liked seeing that she was strong and was able to hold it together even tough she lost her friend. I could never do it. I think she is brace and strong to do this.”

- Ryan McMahon: Millis High School

“This really shows how serious this drug is and really shows the serious things it can do.”

- Baxter Hall: Millis High School

“Hannah's talk was perfect for the high school age group, because it discusses a major issue that is often times overlooked. Molly is rarely discussed to the extent that drugs such as cocaine and heroine are, but Hannah's story illustrated that molly can have the same devastating effects. The story of the loss of her friend Liv made all of the statistics real and showed the students that death or serious injury is not a once and a million occurrence, but something that can happen to anyone. The personal memories of her and Liv really hit home and showed the devastating effects one decision can have on a community.”

- James Walsh: Senior at Xavieran and president of their SADD club