Laura Schroff presented at Bay State College in Boston on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 for the freshmen class of 300 students.  Laura's book, *An Invisible Thread*, was chosen as our Common Reading book.  The presentation was in the Dorothy Quincy Suite at the Back Bay Events Center.

Laura started off her presentation by tailoring her speech specifically to Bay State College and our mission.  She personalized her comments which allowed everyone to feel like she really knew her audience.  As Laura told the story of her and Maurice, you could hear a pin drop; she was so engaging that she had everyone's attention throughout her hour long presentation-- this is not an easy feat in a room full of college students!

Laura told her story and used it as a springboard to show the audience the life lessons she learned from her experiences.  The frank, honest and genuine way she told her story literally had some of the students and faculty in tears.  Her presentation touched all of us and her sincere demeanor allowed us to follow and connect with the highs and lows of her story.

At the beginning of the question and answer portion of the presentation, Laura said that "no question was off limits."  The students asked her some hard questions that she answered honestly and without reserve. I sat next to Laura during the book signing.  Every student who gave her a book to sign, without exception, told her how *An Invisible Thread* and her presentation touched his or her life. She acknowledged each student's comments graciously.

All in all, it was a pleasure to meet Laura and to have her come to Bay State College.  By sharing her experiences, Laura exposed some of our students to a world that they may never have been aware of. To other students who are all too familiar with the type of family life she and/or Maurice came from, she validated their feelings and helped them to realize that integrity can be the result of adversity.

Sincerely,

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