

May 26th 2014

,Dear students from the ORT Prague school

I was among the people who was at the World ORT conference in Prague, and I attended your presentations.

I am a university professor who taught developmental psychology at Tel Aviv University for 38 years and researched that topic all the time I taught there and continue conducting research. In those many years of academic work, I taught over 10,000 students, gave many lectures at conferences and guided around 90 theses for the MA and PhD degrees. In addition, I have heard many thousands of presentations at conferences. And that brings me to my point

I was struck by how well you presented your work. Not only was your English excellent, but your presentations were well-organized and clear. It was obvious that you had researched your topics and that you understood them very well. In addition, you showed what is important in academic work: confidence in your knowledge along with humility in that you understand that you don't know everything.

Of the many thousands of presentations I have seen and heard, yours was at a professional level. You have every reason to be proud of your accomplishments.

I mentioned to your teacher that she must be proud of your accomplishments, and she said that she was. I also told her that she should be proud of herself for having helped you get to the place where you are. Although she was hesitant to take credit for your fine work, I can tell you that you should be thankful that she is your teacher.

No matter what you do in life, the qualities I mentioned above will serve you well. As a member of World ORT, I am proud that ORT Prague has such accomplished students and that you have been given such a wonderful education by your teachers.

.My very best wishes to you all

Sidney

Sidney Strauss