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The University of North Carolina at Greensboro had the wonderful experience of hosting Miles Washburn on Wednesday March 5th, 2014. We originally scheduled Miles to speak on February 12th, but the University closed early that evening due to ice. Miles was incredibly professional in working with us as we monitored the weather forecasts and ultimately made the decision to postpone the event.

Once the weather improved, Miles was able to speak to our students. Our Fraternity and Sorority Life community is small, with approximately 550 students, making them about 3% of our campus. They are a small but mighty contingent of students. Miles presented his “Breaking Bad Habits and Bad Traditions” speech to our students for our annual “Greek Speaker event.” We anticipated 200, and had nearly 350 students in attendance.

The students received his messages well. In speaking with some Greek students after the event, they said they really appreciated the fact that he was direct but did not focus solely on the most notable of problems for Greek students, hazing and alcohol. While these problems are incorporated, Miles dove deeper into organizational issues that can lead to these problems. As the students said, he made them realize problems they had in their chapters they did not recognize, and then offered guidance in solving these issues to improve their organizations.

I highly recommend Miles for speaking to student organizations, Greek or not. He will present to them in a way that is direct and developmental. We are looking forward to the next opportunity we have to bring Miles back to UNCG!

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