

Ashley,

I wanted to write you this card to truly express my gratitude toward you. Having the opportunity to work under your direction and challenge myself as an actor (and person) has been an incredible experience.

You created such a safe and comfortable environment that allowed for your actors to have honest and raw conversations about what they want to see with their characters.

I mostly wanted to thank you because of the personal growth you have helped me see in myself since working with you. Confidence has never been a strong suit of mine, but the support and kindness you show your actors has helped me begin to see my growing abilities as an actor. When you hid the script from me during one of our final rehearsals, while I had a moment of panic, you worked the scene with me,

reassuring me that I knew my lines and could tell the story.

You bring such an energetic, supportive environment with you, and truly hope we will work together soon!



P.S. Coffee anytime next semester would be lovely (as you say)!

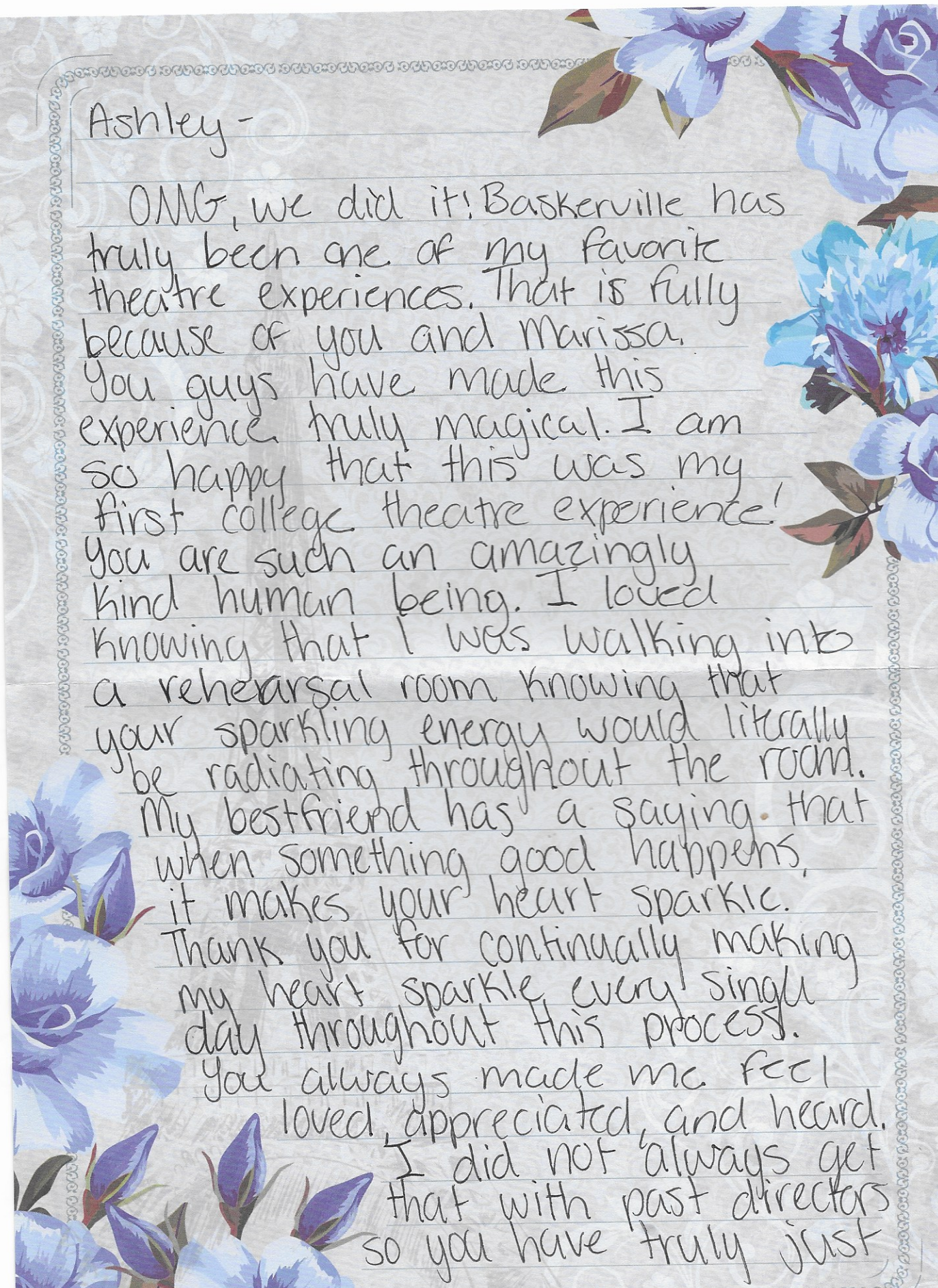
ASHLEY! Thank you so much for bringing me into this process. Watching you work every night was an absolute honor, & I learned so much through this process. Your directing style is so wonderful, so specific. You know exactly what to ask the actors to help us dig deeper into the characters. You know how to let the actors make our own choices & how to incorporate them in a way that is most beneficial. I have always loved working with you, & I truly hope we stay connected & stay friends forever & always because you are so amazing. You are so so kind & uplifting; possibly the kindest. I love you. Truly. [REDACTED]

Ashley,

Thank you so much for a wonderful semester! I have learned so much from your passion & lessons. You helped me grow my passion for theatre! I could not have found such beneficial theatre resources without your willingness to help me! You are an amazing teacher and your passion & care is evident inside & outside of the classroom!

Thanks again, [REDACTED]

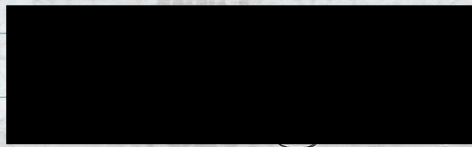
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Ashley -

OMG, we did it! Baskerville has truly been one of my favorite theatre experiences. That is fully because of you and Marissa. You guys have made this experience truly magical. I am so happy that this was my first college theatre experience! You are such an amazingly kind human being. I loved knowing that I was walking into a rehearsal room knowing that your sparkling energy would literally be radiating throughout the room. My bestfriend has a saying that when something good happens, it makes your heart sparkle. Thank you for continually making my heart sparkle every single day throughout this process. You always made me feel loved, appreciated, and heard. I did not always get that with past directors so you have truly just

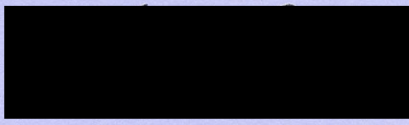
blown my mind.  
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!  
For everything you have done.  
I am so lucky that I got  
to watch you create this masterpiece.  
You are such a talented human  
who I have learned so much  
from. Thank you for everything!  
I love you so so much!



Dear Ashley,

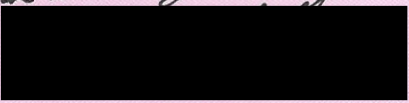
Thank you for making Barkerville such a fun process and for going along with all the zany jokes I threw your way. You do a great job of making the space clean of all the stresses that reside outside the rehearsal room.

Even though the process was "somewhat" rushed your patience and ability to have fun is something I will continue to admire. I hope to see your other works soon and thank you for everything that you've done inside and outside the theatre. I hope you never lose that incredibly kind heart.




Ashley,

Thank you for creating such a  
safe space for us to explore this  
scene. I am so thankful for you  
for allowing us to tell an honest  
way. I hope you I get the chance  
to work with you again!




Thank you for being such a great director!  
It's been a complete joy exploring this  
scene and the character of Angel. You always  
gave us the space to explore and discover,  
and ~~that was~~ I appreciated that so much.  
Everyday we worked was a pleasure.  
and I really hope I'm able to work with  
you again.



Ashley,  
your constant support  
& positivity, & your  
lovely passion for this  
story will never be  
forgotten. Thank you!!

[Redacted]

Ashley,  
Thank you for radiating such  
joy and passion during this  
process. You were the fuel  
to my fire and I'm so  
grateful to have had the  
chance to work with you  
once again. Thank you  
from the bottom of my

heart.   
with love,

[Redacted]

ashley,  
Thank you so  
much for  
giving me  
this opportunity  
I've learned  
so much just  
by being in  
your presence!  
you are amazing!  
Love,

[Redacted]

Ashley,  
Thank you so much  
for bringing this show  
to life. We love  
you so much!  
We love  
you so much!  
Ashley,  
Thank you for  
EVERYTHING!

[Redacted]

xoxo

The cast of  
PIPELINE

[Redacted]

Had so  
much  
fun  
working on  
this with  
everyone!  
Thanks for  
the guidance!

You're the  
Bomb.com  
Thanks 4  
everything

[Redacted]

Dear Ashley,

I have truly never met a more caring and genuine director/faculty member (?) or just in general human being in this dept. here at UA. You have been a huge factor for me over the last two semesters to keep going, and to keep getting better.

I cannot thank you enough for all you have done. I really can't. I have never had a director make me think as much as you have. I'm sure you know I do enough thinking on my own, so you must know you really take the cake.

I enjoy our conversations about just general life and "human being things" just as much as I do the conversations about theatre and art. I always know my words are safe with you, be it from my mouth or the pages I write. Thank you so much for trusting me with Dr. Watson. He is by far one of my favorite characters I have ever had the privilege to play. He has helped me learn to be more gentle with myself. So have you. I love you. I hope we work together again soon.

Ashley, I could not have  
asked for a better first acting  
experience and cannot thank  
you enough. You helped me  
find a side of myself I have  
never seen - one of confidence  
and power - and for that I am  
grateful to you. I hope that  
we can work together again  
soon! Love, [redacted]

With gratitude and appreciation

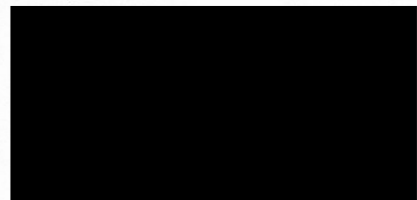
Ashley, thank you so  
much for creating space  
for us to grow as artists  
and creators. You have  
such a gift that makes  
me feel like I can do  
anything! Thanks for the  
continued support. Love [redacted]

Ashley, wow... just wow!  
Working with you has  
been such a beautiful,  
enlightening experience!  
I am so grateful for how  
you helped us all grow in  
our art. See the true, honest  
beauty within ourselves! You're  
so amazing! loved dearly!  
Love, [redacted]

Ashley,

I don't know how to start this other than by saying: It has been an absolute privilege and delight to have become your friend this semester. You have been an insightful educator, fun director, and a true friend. The process for "Baskerville" was invigorating for me and I cannot thank you enough for how much you allowed me to grow and lead in such a wonderful setting. During that show, I was quickly saddened knowing that I had only a few weeks left to be around you. I know I may seem often disgruntled or unamused, but every time you scream at me down the hall or give me a big hug, just know that I really do appreciate it, and that I wish I could return the same love to you. I don't think I've ever met anyone who works as tirelessly as you, or is willing to go so far beyond the norm to help and provide resources for others around you. I hope that you put that same amount of energy towards yourself, as I believe the preservation of Ashley White is crucial to the healthy foundations of so many young theatre artists who have never even had the privilege to meet you yet.

With much love and admiration,  
your friend,



Ashley,

Now I am beyond grateful to have had the opportunity to grow with you artistically. Pipeline was beautiful because you lent us your compassion, understanding, and grace. I felt safe to fall and fail again and again. That, as an artist, is all I can ask for. Working with you again was even more enjoyable and special as the 1st time. You are a shining light in this department that leads from the heart. Thank you for sharing your magic.  
with love, [redacted]

Ashley,

Lauren, Maile, and myself wanted to give you something small for Christmas and to say a huge thank you for being such a fantastic teacher! Hope you have a great Spring Semester! We will miss your class



Thank You(s)



[Redacted Name]

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 1:19 AM

To:  Ashley White

Ashley,

I just wanted to thank you so much for all your beautiful words you said Monday night. You assured me on the one thing I am always the most insecure about. I always wonder if my thoughts and ideas get out and get out of me with honest and heart. I think about it literally all day long. I have not stopped smiling since you told me that.

Truly, I cannot thank you enough.

I thoroughly enjoyed working on *Silence* and *Medea* so much. This morning, I was talking about *Silence* with Annalese Starzec, and she told me how much she wished she could've seen the process of crafting it. She said it seemed like a piece of music composed completely of the building of tension, tightly held tension, and then extreme release. Which I think is a pretty good way of saying we did our jobs well.

*Medea* was really just a ball of fun. I had such a good time. And so did the audience. Their energy and ours together was like a yoyo. It was great. Thank you for your kind words, again, I am so honored to work with you and Diane, Daki, and Brooke. The collaboration was inspiring.

I hope you have a wonderful break. I cannot wait to start on *Baskerville* next semester. I haven't been this excited for something in a while. Thank you again for the opportunity. You are a very generous and welcoming director and overall creative mind, except you really open it up to a creative hivemind. And once your hivemind is open, and we all connect in - the stuff is good. Very good.

Best,

[Redacted Signature]



To: Ashley White

Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:13 PM

Ashley! Thank you so much for the opportunity to swing for this show. Just Being in the room has brought me so much joy every day. You are such a talented director with the most compassion and PASSION I have ever seen. I admire you. HAPPY OPENING!!!! LOVE YOU!!!

[REDACTED]

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To: Ashley White

Monday, March 28, 2022 at 4:54 PM

Ashley,

Happy Opening! Thank you so much. Truly, all of your words mean so much to me. There has not been another person, another director who has been as genuine with me as you are. Thank you. I couldn't do it without you. And I wouldn't have wanted to.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 12:00 PM

To: Ashley White <[aewwhite14@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:aewwhite14@crimson.ua.edu)>

Subject: Re: The Colored Museum

ASHLEY!!!

This means the literal world to me. I thank you oh so much for this message. I thank you for coming to the show. Thank you for just continuing to be a light in my life! I'm sure trinity and I would love to grab coffee with you sometime soon and discuss the show with you!! It would make my life!

Thank you so much again!

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To: Ashley White

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 2:41 PM

Ashley,

Thank you so much !

I've learned a great deal from you on and off the stage ! The most important lesson though, comes from your kindness and grace ...and also your gratitude. You are a rare gem in this department and unfortunately in this industry. Thank you for your courageous transparency.

Much love ,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 1:15 PM  
**To:** Ashley White <[aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: Yesterday's rehearsal

Hi Ashley!

The words thank you feel so obsolete when it comes to saying how grateful I am to have been a part of this show. At the beginning of the semester before the rehearsal process started, I felt like I didn't belong. There were times that I felt unwanted and I was really struggling. These last couple weeks have changed that entirely. Like I said yesterday, I never felt not welcome in the space and I got emotional last night because of how loved I feel now. Thank you for creating a space in which I could grow and learn as a performer and as a person. I appreciate you more than you know.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 8:28 PM  
**To:** Ashley White <[aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: Baskerville Closing Show - Wow! Wow! Wow! Congratulations! 🎉🎊🎁

Thank you sooo much Ashley for not only being great director and giving us a bunch of creative freedom, but also taking a chance on me. I'm so glad that I was able to experience this group of beautiful souls and dive deeper into this art. You don't understand how much appreciation I give you for that! Love you forever ❤️

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**To:** ✓ Ashley White

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 2:46 PM

Ashley!

So sorry for just now getting back to you. Thank you so so much! You are so kind to reach out to me! :')

It truly means the world; I cannot thank YOU enough for the kindness and support you have extended to me since the moment I met you.

You are such a light and such a valuable addition to this department (and to my life, of course). I am glad to know you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I so appreciate you.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 12:21 AM  
**To:** Ashley White <[aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: The Colored Museum

Ashley,

As always, your words mean the world to me. Thank you so much for your continuous support in my growth as an actor and your uplifting admiration. You have a way of making people feel like they matter.

With the most love and a big hug,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, August 22, 2022 at 1:35 PM  
**To:** Ashley White <[aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu)>  
**Subject:** Thank You

Ashley,

Working on *Baskerville* with you last semester was a great experience, and definitely a continuation of the long journey toward my body awareness. I think I move weirdly and I've always had a poor sense of how I look as I move through space. The ease I achieved while working with you last semester made me realize how much more there was to learn. So, I spent this summer getting kicked in the head. I stayed in Tuscaloosa this summer, working, practicing yoga, and training martial arts for the first time in my life. Fighting is so similar to Acting. Your body and mind are under pressure, but you must respond with fluidity and ease. You have to have a real good sense of your body in space.

I have a question. What do you see in me that fits this role? I am both curious and trying to expand my understanding of how other people perceive me. Whatever the reason, I hope I can acceptably bring it to the formation of my character and I will try my best to contribute a sense of growth to the show.

Thank you again for your continued faith in me and I look forward to continuing our collaboration.

I'm excited to get to work,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 10:03 PM  
**To:** Ashley White <aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Congrats!

Just read your card, got a little misty eyed honestly. Thank you so much Ashley for being such an awesome, collaborative, creative, & supportive director. I feel I've grown so much because of this scene, & I have you to thank for giving me this wonderful opportunity. Thank you so much, you're a saint!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 2:02 PM  
**To:** Ashley White <aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu>  
**Subject:** Thank you

My dearest Ashley!

Thank you so much for your beautiful show💜. The talent and dedication of your actors speaks not only to you as a director but the environments you foster. You're one of a kind. Providing opportunities where there were none and putting emphasis on student growth rather than other non important issues like ticket sales.

Love you always,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 4:46 PM  
**To:** Ashley White <aewhite14@crimson.ua.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you!

Thank you Ashley for being such an awesome director! You made this scene a great experience.

It's been such a great experience sharing the stage & creating these characters with my scene partners. Ashley, thank you again for being such an amazing director from the very beginning of the semester. You are a rockstar!