



Carl Sandburg College

The mission of Carl Sandburg College is to provide accessible, quality education in a caring environment by keeping the learner's needs at the center of decision making and by working in partnership with communities of the College district.

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Jim Rittenhouse
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Dear Jim:

I have been leading faculty development workshops here at Carl Sandburg College for eight years. This past fall we had the pleasure of John Wagner coming to our campus to speak to our faculty. John advertises himself as "Seriously Funny". That is a hard act to produce. But to his word, John delivered a serious speech and mixed it with humor in the right combinations to successfully win over a tough audience, community college faculty who were trapped in eight hours of meetings. John provided the after dinner speech that my faculty are still raving about what an outstanding job he did.

As an administrator, John made me look good to my President and Board of Trustee members who attended too. John's talk about choices faculty and students make, connections that occur in the classroom, and the celebration of turning challenges to opportunities was inspiring.

I seriously recommend John Wagner as a public speaker. He is a class act and gives you your money's worth.

Sincerely,

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