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Campus Engagement: Campus Speaker

The University of Northern Iowa had a speaker come and discuss bullying, adversity, and his experience on a TV show that he starred in. His name is RJ Mitte. He starred in the Emmy Nominated television show *Breaking Bad*. It is an AMC show and it is his four season starring in this show. He plays the son of a cancer stricken high school science teacher who turns into a drug manufacturer. On the show, he has cerebral palsy and in real life he does also. This speech took place at the Gallagher theatre on Wednesday, March 26 at 8pm.

His speech was very inspirational to me because he is trying to get the word across that just because you have a disability doesn't mean you can't overcome it. He has had cerebral palsy his entire life and now he is a famous actor starring in a famous TV show. He was bullied a lot in his childhood because of his disability but he overcame that and now is very successful. He also stated that everyone needs to accept that everyone is different in their own way. He discussed about diversity. He said that this world has a lot of diversity and that most people don't understand that being scared of it. This leads to jealousy of the others which then leads to bullying. Everyone deals with it in their own way, a little taunting to one person can cause that one person to be miserable in every way. He also discussed his experience on the TV show that he starred in.

I thought his speech was very inspirational because I agree with what he is saying. Bullying needs to be stopped throughout schools. If you can dream it, you can do it. He overcame his disability and is very successful now. Anyone can do this with just a little bit of

inspiration. He went through a lot in his life and now is an amazing actor that will be starring in other movies or shows in the future.

During his speech, I noticed that he had a very good introduction, with very convincing main points, and a great closure. We have been doing speeches for awhile now in Cornerstone, and I thought it was interesting to be able to hear a professional speak in front of a huge crowd of people. He was very calm and collective. He did not really seem that nervous at all. This speech was very interesting to me and I would go listen to him speak again.