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Dear Dr. Shalini Karan,

I hope this communication finds you well.

I am reaching out to share with you some of the feedback we have received from students about the two talks you have ran at our university. I have written some quotes below:

“As women, it feels like we are expected to know the ins and out outs of our bodies. But talks like these made me realise there is so much I am yet to understand about my body, and how to care for it and nurture it. It's a good reminder we're all in the same boat learning about ourselves and our bodies” (University of Auckland Staff)

“I was expecting to come to the talk and only listen with one ear while I work on my assignment and have lunch. But it all became very interesting very quickly, and suddenly I shut down my computer to focus on what was said fully. It's nice to be able to have a break from the grind of Uni and still learn things that are important” (University of Auckland Student)

“Health education for cancer feels targeted to women a lot of the time so it was nice to be able to learn more about health issues I can personally encounter as a man and how I can make sure I know how to notice them. I've never really learnt how to check myself for cancer except through awkward YouTube videos in health class, so I came out of the event with a lot more knowledge than I came in” (University of Auckland Student)

“I wasn't even planning to go. I'd just finished at the gym and saw that there was a lot of people sitting and listening to a talk, so I thought why not and decided to join in. And I'm glad I have because I have learnt a lot about topics that I thought I already knew a lot about already. Thank you for organising those” (University of Auckland Student)

I hope those quotes are useful to you and for any reporting you may make of the event.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Yours sincerely,

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