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“Finding Nemo” writer, Dave Reynolds, found his audience of Mother McAuley English students very interested in what he had to say. The students were given a peak into the world of a Hollywood screenwriter. Mr. Reynolds was nominated for Best Original Screenplay in 2004 for “Finding Nemo”. He wrote Disney’s “The Emperor’s New Groove” and has worked on many animated movies including, “Toy Story 2”, “Mulan”, “Jungle Book”. His resume also includes television staff writer for “Late Night with Conan O’Brien”. He described his writing process and all that goes into producing an animated movie over what is typically a four year period.

Of course the students had many questions about the Academy Awards and what it’s like to work with Conan. But Mr. Reynolds answered questions about everything from how he gets his ideas to how he deals with writer’s block. He encouraged the students to go after their dream writing jobs citing several female writers he had the opportunity to work with. “If you’re a talented writer, it won’t matter that you’re a woman” he said.

Mr. Reynolds was invited to speak to the English classes by his niece, senior Julia Carey and was joined by Trish Carey’05 for his visit to McAuley.

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McAuley senior Julia Carey, Dave Reynolds, writer of “Finding Nemo”, Trish Carey ’05 and Ms. Mary McCormick, English Faculty.

