

Good morning, my name is **Joe Levitan**. I am President of the Class of 2018 and a member of the National Honor Society.

What makes a good leader?

When I was asked to give a speech on leadership at today's National Honor Society assembly, I immediately thought of my childhood hero, Tom Brady. I didn't think of Tom's sixty-three-thousand-five-hundred-and-forty-one total passing yards or the five beautifully sculpted rings he wears to bed every night. I thought of the way he leads his team every Sunday. I thought of the look in his eye when he is sitting on the bench right before he mounts a comeback and takes his team to victory. Tom Brady steps onto the field knowing he is going to win.

A leader is someone who, by chasing their own dreams, inspires the people around them to do the same. A leader is someone who has the courage to stay true to themselves and their beliefs no matter what is thrown their way, be it a lineman the size of four average men or the temptations that challenge high school students every day.

John Quincy Adams once said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

As I look at all the inductees sitting here today, I am inspired. I am inspired to be the best person that I can be and put one hundred percent effort into everything I do. These twenty-five students set an example of excellence that radiates throughout our school. They are leaders of Frederica Academy.

We live in a time where the courage to voice differing points of views is often brutally challenged. It is our generation's duty to be leaders in society through our words, thoughts, and actions.

Inductees, I know you will live up to that duty, both here on campus today and on the field of your life tomorrow. Congratulations to all the 2017 inductees. Thank you.