

Salutatorian Address: Josh Rowley

Classmates, Friends, Family, Faculty:

Today is going to be my last chance to voice my opinion to you on this great school and its policies, and I want to make the most of my opportunity. First, I would like to address the dress code. Granted, I know most kids that wear jeans with holes in them end up living in a van by age 18 and in prison by the time they're 22, but can you at least give us a chance to prove those stereotypes wrong. According to the office these jeans are "not in proper repair," but just because my jeans aren't in proper repair doesn't mean my life isn't in proper repair. Would you please consider changing this policy, and giving these seeming evil things a fair shot.

But in all honesty I'd like to use my time to tell all of you who don't get to be here every day what this school really is about.

In an interview with Steve Kroft, Tom Brady said, "Why do I have three Super Bowl rings and still think there's something greater out there for me? I mean, maybe a lot of people would say, 'Hey man, this is what is.' I reached my goal, my dream, my life. Me, I think, 'God, it's got to be more than this.' I mean this isn't, this can't be what it's all cracked up to be."

Steve Kroft then asked him: "What's the answer?"

"I wish I knew. I wish I knew," says Brady. "I love playing football and I love being quarterback for this team. But at the same time, I think there are a lot of other parts about me that I'm trying to find."

I'll admit my education wasn't perfect, and I'll admit we messed around a lot and slacked off sometimes, but when I see people talk as Tom Brady did I realize how great this education and this school really is. We are surrounded by teachers, administration, and family who know the answer to Tom Brady's question, who know there is something greater and what it is. They wouldn't be here doing what they do if they thought satisfaction was found in super bowl rings and other earthly treasures.

To be in an environment with Matthew 6:20 being lived out, people storing up treasures in heave, makes an incredible impact we don't yet fully realize. We have, by the grace of God, been saved from pursuing lives full of chasing after trophies and money and fame, and have been shown the joy and satisfaction in a life following after God. Thank you parents, teachers, and staff for giving of your time and resources, making sacrifices to allow us to be here. I know God has great plans for every one of us graduating today, and we will be able to look back at DMC as the place where God started us off on our great journey with Him.