

00:02 - Congrats on 11 seasons with the Patriots.  
00:06 Does it feel like  
00:06 just yesterday that you were drafted  
00:08 and that you had your first season,  
00:10 or does it feel like a lifetime ago to you?  
00:13 - It does, it goes by fast.  
00:14 I actually just had a conversation  
00:17 with a guy named Cliff Marshall  
00:18 who trained me coming out of college.  
00:21 He sent me a post from his Facebook 11 years ago this day,  
00:26 and I was like, "Man, it feels like that just happened."  
00:28 And I remember coming in as a rookie  
00:30 and they took us over to the Patriots Hall of Fame  
00:33 and Myra Kraft, Mr. Kraft's wife, spoke to us.  
00:37 And she talked about a big reason why she supported him  
00:40 buying the team was because she saw the bigger picture  
00:43 of what the team could be  
00:44 and what the team could do in the community.  
00:46 I think I just felt like this area has given me so much.  
00:52 You graduate and you just move straight to a new city  
00:55 and it's just like, "Go ahead, be you."  
00:58 You know, find out who you are as an adult."  
01:00 And I think, for me, so much of my growth as an adult  
01:03 happened right there.  
01:04 - You, the Patriots and the Kraft organization  
01:07 have a reputation for excellence.  
01:08 What do you think is the secret?  
01:11 - I think it's like all organizations,  
01:13 it starts at the top  
01:15 and you can't have someone running the show  
01:18 who's not good.  
01:19 You can't have bad leaders and think  
01:21 that something's still gonna go as planned  
01:24 or have a great team of something.  
01:26 So, I would say it starts with RKK.  
01:29 Mr. Kraft obviously knows  
01:31 how to run a business the right way.  
01:32 But I think his ability to connect people  
01:35 and do those different things  
01:36 and then, obviously hiring, Bill as a head coach.  
01:41 He does what's best for the team.  
01:43 Never, never gives you anything else  
01:45 other than that hard decision,  
01:48 really tough calls that he has to make  
01:50 and I think that trickles down to everybody else.  
01:53 - Thank you to the Smith brothers.  
01:54 We all know them, Larry and Michael Smith,  
01:56 for all that they do to support Suffolk  
01:58 and the Athletics program  
02:00 and because of their generosity,  
02:01 the Athletics program has grown  
02:02 and facilities have significantly improved.

02:05 Thank you to Lennie Samia and the Samia family  
02:09 whose philanthropy has given  
02:10 hundreds of Massachusetts residents with financial need  
02:14 the opportunity to attend and learn at Suffolk.  
02:16 The Smith brothers and Mr. Samia came from humble beginnings  
02:19 and started giving small amounts to Suffolk  
02:22 because they were so thankful  
02:23 for the education they received here.  
02:25 - First, I just want to say that's awesome.  
02:27 You know, I'm very thankful for people like that  
02:30 because I think people don't understand how  
02:31 that inspires other people  
02:34 who are going to come through programs  
02:35 and it's all about paying it forward.  
02:37 And to just hear their stories:  
02:39 coming from humble beginnings,  
02:40 you go to a school and I think for a lot of us  
02:42 you feel like,  
02:43 "Man, that time there changed my life."  
02:45 It gave me opportunities  
02:47 that I didn't really think I would have.  
02:49 But give to Suffolk, because Suffolk gave to you  
02:52 and pay it forward for the next students.  
02:54 Boston and New England  
02:55 is a huge area for kids  
02:58 who are first time graduates in their families,  
03:01 English as a second language.  
03:02 So many kids who have been through a lot  
03:05 will benefit from this gift you give.  
03:08 So, I really encourage everyone to go on there today,  
03:12 giving, try to make your class  
03:15 the top class- - (Jacob laughs)  
03:16 - Make it competitive.  
03:17 Don't just give because you're like,  
03:19 "Oh, Devin McCourty said..."  
03:20 Go out there and win the Day of Giving  
03:23 and be the best.  
03:24 I think it's awesome to give  
03:25 and to be able to watch Suffolk grow  
03:28 for all you alumni, and see the difference that you're making  
03:32 because you're helping build the resources.  
03:34 You're helping brighten a future  
03:36 for some young men and women.  
03:38 I really hope you guys take advantage of it  
03:40 because it really is a blessing.