

0:00 (rock music)

0:05 I have the honor of welcoming everyone to the dedication

0:08 and the naming of the Michael and Larry Smith Commons.

0:12 On behalf of Suffolk University,

0:15 the Suffolk University Board, and the Suffolk community,

0:19 what we all know to be true is how much you both love

0:23 and have strengthened Suffolk University over the years.

0:26 Your leadership convinced others to join in.

0:30 In effect, you have both been force multipliers for Suffolk.

0:34 What you have done is more than contributing money.

0:37 You have helped us continue

0:39 to change the world for the better.

0:41 It was finally great to meet the two people

0:43 whose name is literally on everything on our campus.

0:47 I lived in Smith Residence Hall last year.

0:49 I play basketball on the Michael and Larry E. Smith Court,

0:52 located in none other

0:53 but our Michael and Larry Smith Fitness Center.

0:56 When I'm done playing basketball,

0:57 I will go up to the trainer, the weight room in our lounge,

1:00 which was all donated, with a plaque up there,

1:03 by Michael and Larry Smith.

1:04 Our bus that we all take to away games,

1:07 coated in Suffolk theme,

1:08 guess whose name is on the inside of the bus.

1:09 Michael and Larry Smith.

1:11 Their name is everywhere.

1:12 It is honestly pretty incredible.

1:14 But in all seriousness, many of the spaces that we all,

1:17 as students, enjoy every day on campus, were made possible

1:20 by Michael and Larry Smith and their generosity.

1:23 Thank you on behalf of all of the student athletes

1:25 for all that you have done

1:26 and will continue to do for the university.

1:29 - I would like to take a moment

1:30 to acknowledge the immense impact

1:32 that Michael and Larry had on our university community.

1:36 Their dedication to supporting our education

1:38 and fostering a nurturing environment

1:41 for all students is truly commendable.

1:43 Their contributions have allowed for us

1:45 to improve our campus facilities, enhance academic programs,

1:49 and provide scholarships that have changed lives.

1:52 Thank you so much for creating a vision

1:54 and showing each and every one of us

1:56 that this is something that we can do too.

1:59 - In dedicating this room,
2:02 Suffolk University gratefully acknowledges Michael S. Smith,
2:07 BSBA class of 1961, and Larry E. Smith, BSBA class of 1965,
2:16 for the family's philanthropic leadership
2:19 and exemplary commitment to this
2:23 and future generations of students.
2:27 (crowd applauding)
2:37 - Gave us, my brother and I, a good education,
2:40 and we went out into the business world
2:42 and became extremely successful.
2:46 We became philanthropists, we're giving back to Suffolk,
2:49 and we're gonna continue to give back,
2:51 and I just want to thank you all,
2:53 and hoping that the students
2:55 have a good four years at Suffolk University,
2:59 and a good experience like I did at Suffolk University.
3:01 - Tom Brady said that he'll always be a Patriots fan.
3:06 Larry and I will always be a Ram fan.
3:08 (crowd cheering and applauding)
3:13 - The room that has one of the best views on campus,
3:17 the room that is the most sought-after space
3:20 for hosting student, alumni, and employee events,
3:24 and the room where students study

3:25 and connect every single day, this day forward,

3:30 now known as the Michael and Larry Smith Commons.

3:34 Congratulations once again, Michael and Larry.

3:37 (crowd applauding)

3:40 (upbeat music)