I have the honor of welcoming everyone to the dedication and the naming of the Michael and Larry Smith Commons. On behalf of Suffolk University, the Suffolk University Board, and the Suffolk community, what we all know to be true is how much you both love and have strengthened Suffolk University over the years. Your leadership convinced others to join in. In effect, you have both been force multipliers for Suffolk. What you have done is more than contributing money. You have helped us continue to change the world for the better.

It was finally great to meet the two people whose name is literally on everything on our campus.

I lived in Smith Residence Hall last year.

I play basketball on the Michael and Larry E. Smith Court, located in none other but our Michael and Larry Smith Fitness Center.

When I'm done playing basketball, I will go up to the trainer, the weight room in our lounge, which was all donated, with a plaque up there, by Michael and Larry Smith.

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)