

The Coast Guard's core values –honor, respect and devotion to duty– are values that are sometimes lost in today's youth. These are characteristics that I strive to portray and apply in my daily life.

Honor is honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions. Respect is esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person. Devotion to Duty I feel is being totally committed to the task(s) set before you.

Honor or integrity is a standard that I learned from my father's military career. I try to show uncompromising ethical conduct and moral behavior in all of my actions. Honesty means being straightforward and truthful in all I do to perform an assigned task. This is true for my schoolwork as well as in my extra-curricular activities such as soccer, school clubs and church activities. I have always been taught to own my mistakes as well as my achievements, and demonstrate good faith in my efforts to learn from them.

Respect is something that is earned. I try to treat everyone with fairness, dignity, and compassion. My faith and my parents have always taught me to treat others as I would want to be treated. This year I have been chosen Captain on the High School Varsity Soccer team. The title Captain will not enable me to operate as the star of the team, but to ensure that we work as a team, and take pride in winning the region championship once again.

My Devotion to Duty arises in my strive to become a Physical Therapist. I have worked hard throughout high school and currently hold a 3.4 grade point average. I have pushed myself by taking Advanced Placement college classes in order to omit those classes in college thusly saving my family and myself a lot of money. My dedication to becoming the first in my family to obtain a college degree and pressing forward towards becoming a Physical Therapist prove that I hold the qualities and values necessary to successfully achieve my goals.

