## " The Foundation of Today"

As an American citizen, I have multiple opportunities at my fingertips. These opportunities are available to all Americans because of our Founding Fathers. Our founding fathers brought hope to the American public. Their ideas are the glue that hold us together, and if the bond breaks, our country will fall apart. Without their dedication and perseverance to establish America, there would still be segregation, tyranny, and control by other nations, and the right to vote would not exist. If the Constitution was never developed, what kind of society would we live in today? If I could meet the Founding Fathers, I would thank them for my freedom and the liberties that they gave me as I live in the greatest country in the world, the United States of America.

From the eighteenth century to today, there have been remarkable advancements thanks to America's earliest leaders. I would thank my Founding Fathers for the sacrifices they made for their country; the actions of selflessness and sacrifices our founding fathers made created the foundation of our great nation that we thrive on today. We still have patriots going into battle for America; we still have everyday citizens doing their part to keep America strong and free. In a way, all Americans are George Washingtons and Thomas Jeffersons working together to keep America a country we can call home.

Thanks to our Founding Fathers, we now have the opportunity to enjoy the American Dream. George Washington once said, "The name of AMERICAN, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations." Whether you are in the army, a firefighter, a doctor, or a lawyer, we can all make a difference. With our Founding Fathers' acts of selflessness, we now have opportunities. Everyone living in America today has the responsibility to continue the legacy of our Founding Fathers.

Because of our Founding Fathers, I know that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." So, to our Founding Fathers and the men and women who continue to nurture our country so that we can continue to pursue happiness, I say thank you. And I ask each and everyone of you, do you have the character and responsibility of a Founding Father?