

President's Speech at the General Student Meeting Spring 2025

Good Morning
Good to see you.
How are you all doing?

The purpose of this town hall meeting is to talk about one item only.

YOU and RHU.

I will share with you something I wish I had known years ago.

Your mind responds to two things:
Pictures in your heads and
Words you say to yourself.

If you visualize yourself as successful, you **become successful**.

If you say to yourself:

I am smart, I am brilliant

I am good-looking I am handsome **You become what you say to yourself.**

To prove it to you,

I want you all to close your eyes.
Imagine I am handing you a big Juicy, succulent, freshly grilled Burger.
You could see the burger, lettuce, tomatoes,
you could smell its freshness.
And the BBQ flavor
You reach out, you grab the burger, and you begin to chew your burger,
As the juices ooze, your mouth begins to produce saliva.

You can feel and taste it; you are already enjoying your burger.

Open your eyes.
Your mouth has produced saliva, even though there is no burger. Can you taste it?

Your mind is responding to words and pictures.

To have a fantastic and impactful life.

- Start by telling yourself better things.
- You will get much better results.

I will prove it to you.

In 1983, a child was born, very small, half the size of a newborn baby.

At the age of 7, he goes to the little league games. He looks around, and all the boys are giants. He goes home and says, "Mom, why is everybody a giant, and I am half the size?"

Mom and Dad did not have an answer. They said the doctors do not know either. Maybe you have not had your growth spurt **yet**. Daniel.

The boy said, "I had a dream in my heart that one day I would play in major league Baseball." Mom and Dad said, "Son, you've got to practice a little harder."

Daniel went outside and began to throw the ball. He grabbed a ball, tossed it up, and hit it with his right hand - it was a home run. He grabbed another ball, hit it with his left hand, and it was also a home run.

He thought to himself, If I am half the size of everybody, I have got to MASTER swinging in both hands.

Everybody: Say 14

He grew up and went to high school, and he went to the coach to try out. Does everybody who tries out get in?

He is half the size of all the boys, so he is not as fast or agile as everyone else. He did not make the team?

Went to the coach.

He said, Coach, I want to be on the team.

He is small and not as fast.

The Coach looked him in the eye and said, SON, I LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE.

If you do chores around the team, I will let you practice.

The boy says, YES" Yes, YES.

The next day, he showed up 30 minutes ahead of the team.

He prepared the water coolers, balls, and bats and practiced with the team.

But he was not playing. Just practicing

When the practice was over, everybody went home.

Daniel stayed behind to do all the chores. He put the balls and the bats in storage.

He did that for three years while in high school.

Everybody: Say College.

He went to college; he wanted to play baseball.
At the college tryout, Daniel was half the size of Everybody.
Sadly, he did not make the team.

He did not give up.
He said, "Coach, I want to join the team." The coach said, "You have to do chores for the team."

Once you are done with the chores, you have to do laundry, "wash all uniforms," and occasionally clean the toilets.

I will provide you with a uniform and let you practice with the team.
Daniel says YES, Yes. Yes.
He did all the chores with a big smile on his face.

He did that for three years.
He turned 21.

Everybody Say: 21.

Then, something very weird happened.
That summer, Daniel grew 36 cm.

He came back home to practice with the team.
He hit home runs right and left. He hit three home runs
He became a star

The BOSTON RED SOX invited him to Spring Training.
He did exceptionally well and was invited to debut in the major league.

That afternoon, the general manager of the Red Sox said that he would debut tomorrow at 5:00 pm.

Daniel was so ecstatic.
He grabbed the phone, called his parents, and told them that he was debuting for the RED SOX tomorrow.
Come over to Boston.
Mom and Dad took an overnight flight to Boston. As soon as the plane landed, in their excitement, they forgot to pick up their luggage.

I went to the stadium, and as they were walking in, the announcer "NOW BATTING FOR the BOSTON RED SOCK, Daniel NAVA."

As he stepped onto the field, he said to himself, "MY dream has come true".
He looked around, he saw Mom and Dad, his high school buddies,
And college coach.

On the very first pitch.
What do you think he did?

He hit a home run.

Then began to run for the bases.
He saw Mom and Dad. He said I told you I had a dream.
He went to second base, went into third base, and saw the fans hollering and screaming,
"Waw, waw, waw."

He thought to himself, "I'm glad I did not quit." He was also glad he had cleaned all the
toilets and washed all the laundry.

Daniel Nava. He was the first guy to hit a "grand Slam on the first pitch."

Daniel Nava is still alive.
His story inspires us all not to be quitters.

Everybody says: I am not a quitter.

At RHU, it is your time to practice.
To hone your skills.
No Problem. If you do it wrong, we are here to help you perfect it.

Son, practice makes perfect. You practice hard. We are here to help you.
We have prepared for you the finest educational journey.
The finest curriculum.
World-class faculty
Best facilities, laboratories, and learning technologies.

Take advantage of your time here at RHU.
Practice hard.
Frequently visit your advisor. Ask about additional chores to do.

Challenge yourself to become the best in anything that you do.
Follow the progress of previous RHU alumni:

64 people have earned their PhDs
456 have earned their MBA or Master's degree
39 have become entrepreneurs and started their own businesses.

My advice to you.

Keep on moving.
Move out
Move on
Move up.

Just move.

DO NOT stand still.
Make sure to learn new skills every day.
Make sure to master your newly acquired skills.
Continuously make sure to obtain new knowledge.
Son READ. READ.

SAY after me.
I got to READ.

When you learn new skills and develop yourself.
You become a value-adding individual.

Look at you.
You all are the same age,
Same knowledge sets
Same education.
You are equal among others.

Four of you will be interviewing for the same job
Look at you. You are best buddies now.
In a few months. Your friend is your worst nightmare. He is your fiercest competitor.

Why did he get the job offer and you did not?
He has the value-adding skills and differentiators that you do not have.

Son, become versatile.
Acquire new skills to differentiate yourself in your discipline.

Only the differentiated among you will rise to the top.

In his memoirs, President Joe Biden, was asking his mom and dad for advice.
Dad was a used car salesperson, and Mom was a homemaker.

Dad says: Regardless of the challenges, Keep the faith:
Mom says; Son, 'Spread the Faith"

RHU young men and women.

Regardless of life challenges, I want you to keep the faith. Work hard. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

Meanwhile, you also got to spread the faith.

Inspire others.

Enable others

Lead others to achieve.

May God Bless You All.