



“Listen to your own advice: you are passing on great learned lessons to next year’s entering middle schoolers. Pay attention to what you’ve already learned. Lean on the tools that serve you so well. Maybe you are worried that you don’t feel like that person who is ready...all the way, or all the time, yet. That’s okay, no one ever does. But I know, when you are called to do the right thing, you will. You will figure it out and you will step up.

That’s who you are.

Yes, things will be harder next year, new challenges, more demand, increased work, and complexities in content. Each fall I hear from freshmen that they had to step it up. There is more work, and it is more difficult. *Yes, of course it is.*

And...you are ready for it. You know who you are. You know what your strengths are, what’s hard for you, how to get help when you need it. You know how to use your voice to advocate for yourself and things that matter to you.”

Garhett Wagers, In His Graduation Remarks