

Good Morning and welcome,

My name is Yakir Malul and I am the student body president.

I would like to take this time to recognize the rest of the SGA Executive Board comprised of Sarah Moore as Vice-President, Jana Burkhardt as Secretary, and Gail Murray as Treasurer.

Last week I had the privilege to speak to the freshman. I challenged them to get involved on campus and excel in the classroom. As always, I will encourage you upper classman, to keep getting involve and help us improve our campus.

I am sure most of you heard of or saw The Green Lantern. In the movie, the Hero struggles to find the willpower to save the world. The fear of failure paralyzes his will to step up and create change. When its seems like hope is gone, the Green Lantern , puts trust in the power of will. With the help of his friends, the green lantern does what seems impossible - he overcomes fear and saves mankind.

Similarly to the Green lantern, many times in our college career we let our fears prevent us from stepping up. Let's take a lesson from the Green Lantern and utilize trust to create a better Catawba.

Trust is a cyclical force wherein as belief in a group increases, the strength of the trust grows. When in the movie, the army of Green Lanterns began to doubt the power of will, their trust in their forces weakened and they became less powerful. As the Human Green Lantern began to overcome fear and regain trust in the power of will the others began to trust as well and their forces strengthened. If we can trust in each other as peers, if the faculty can trust in us as students, if our coaches can trust in us as athletes to consistently do not what is easy but what is right and what is ethical then we as a community will grow and become stronger than we ever imagined we could be. We, like the Green Lantern did, could do the seemingly impossible. Imagine a community, where we do not fear for something being stolen or a paper being plagiarized because of our trust in each other; a community where our trust in our teammates enables us to live better off the field and play better on the field. We have the opportunity to create an environment where we can all excel and work towards our greatest potential by strengthening our force of trust.

As we recite the honor code think about the environment we would create if every aspect of the code was followed by all students at all times. As our trust in each

other grows our doubt will shrink. Think of the honor code as a beacon of the will from the green lantern. Let it shine through our classrooms, theatres, and athletic arenas and create the trust in each other that we need to be successful!

Please rise and read the honor code aloud with me

*As a member of the Catawba College community, I will practice academic honesty, communicate truthfully, and show respect for the rights and property of others. I will also encourage others in the community to behave honorably."*