

Hello, New Cougars!

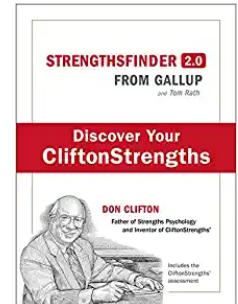
We are so excited to welcome you to Cannon! We are known affectionately as your friendly-neighborhood Dean Team. Yes, some of us are also Marvel fans!

So what does a *Dean of Students* do? Bust kids for being out of dress code...right? Not always....

We're not 100% sure what other deans at other schools do.

Here's what we do:

- **We catch you doing the right thing.** Follow [www.deansdailydownload.com](http://www.deansdailydownload.com) and you'll see our Core Values section near the top. Courage, Integrity, Passion, Teamwork, Respect, and Kindness are our Core Values, and we celebrate those every day!
- **We help you on the *Journey of Self-Awareness*.** Knowing who you are is not easy. We're here to help. Your journey begins now! Please go buy the book, Strengthsfinder 2.0, ASAP. You have to buy it NEW, because there is a unique access code at the back of the book. Then go to <https://www.gallup.com/cliftonstrengths/en/252137/home.aspx> to take the assessment. It is going to tell you your Top 5 strengths. Get to know them and see if you agree. Email your dean your Top 5 Strengths!
- **We help you *share your story*.** Once you have some self-awareness, the next step is telling others about yourself. Not just what you do (play soccer or banjo), but who you are (I like to get up early and get after it!). Talking powerfully about yourself is hard; it takes practice. Fortunately by the time our students leave Cannon, they can tell others (like future employers, future teammates, future college admission deans, or future friends) who they are in a passionate and unique way.
- **If you want to learn how to LEAD, we're here to help.** From our Student Government, to our House system, to our Honor Council, or our huge network of clubs, there are many opportunities for you to grow your capacity to lead and work with others.



That's enough for now. Feel free to put this letter on a fridge or tackboard somewhere. There is a checklist of things to look for as you bide your time waiting for school to begin in August.

- ☐ Look for an email from us about your t-shirt size. Answer that email ASAP.
- ☐ Visit our Back-to-School page every month or so for updates, especially the New Family Resources page.
- ☐ When buying clothes over the summer....be mindful of our dress code (found on the Back-to-School Page).
- ☐ Follow us on Instagram @CannonUpperSchool (students and parents).

Enjoy yourselves! More in June...

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