## Patriots.

The word inspires hope in the hearts of the Americans who are proud to call themselves one. The meaning of being a patriot is much more than hanging a flag on your wall. To truly become a patriot of the United States, you must imbue the spirit of America within you.

There are many ways to show patriotism in a community to show what being a patriot means to you. For example, you could volunteer at veteran homes and show your respect for the people who have stood for this nation. Another way to display patriotism is by helping our beautiful country stay clean. As our 26th president Theodore Roosevelt believed in, America the beautiful was meant to be preserved, and everyday patriots can help protect the land by caring for the environment.

I have never felt more at home than in my origins in the south, and I am proud to say that I am proud to call myself a patriot. You may live in the swamps of the Everglades or high up in the Rocky Mountains, but no matter where you live, one thing unites us all. The undying flame that is the spirit of true patriotism.