



Speech given by Dr. Dan Thys – 2025 Gala Event (April 26)

Good evening

It is a pleasure to be here tonight with you at this gala and celebration of Michael Cahalan's life.

I first met Mike about 45 years ago and since we shared similar professional interests, we covered a lot of roads together. We did similar research, we went to the same meetings, we served on the same committees, we traveled internationally together, and we even examined together at the American Board of Anesthesiology. So, I could share lots of memories with you, but I was asked to keep my comments brief.

When I think of Mike, that is actually quite easy. Indeed, Mike is a person who can be fully described with a single word ... and that word is CLASS. Class in the way he presented himself, class in the way he dressed, class in the way he spoke, class in the way he behaved, class in the way he interacted with others, class in his research and class in his presentations.

So, CLASS, CLASS, CLASS. What do philosophers say about a man with class: he is someone who aligns outward elegance with inner virtue, navigating life with wisdom and grace. This perfectly summarizes Michael Cahalan.

Thank you very much.