



## SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT MAKES FUTURES BRIGHT

This year's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Scholarship Event at the Detroit Athletic Club was an incredible night, both for our student finalists and for alumni, alumni parents, and all others who supported the Alumni Association. It was a great evening had by all. The finalists, announced at the Wednesday and Thursday Masses the week prior to the event, include **DANIELLA DAMAN**, **ALAYNA KIRMA**, **TREY GOIKE** and **NOAH SALLACH**.

On Thursday, February 8, at the Alumni Scholarship event, Bishop Fisher opened the evening with a prayer. Alumni President Bryan Gray welcomed all attendees, and the finalists read their essays explaining why they are the obvious choice as the scholarship recipient. After careful consideration, the alumni scholarship committee determined the winner from both the Boys and Girls Divisions. Congratulations to 1st place winners Noah Sallach and Daniella Daman who each received \$3,000 toward their senior year tuition, and to 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners Trey Goike and Alayna Kirma who each received \$2,000.

“The 2024 St. Mary’s Alumni Association Scholarship Event gives alumni the opportunity to acknowledge

Prep student hardship, perseverance, faith, and philanthropy – all the building blocks necessary for young adult leadership and character growth,” added Bryan Gray. “These students embody what it means to be a student of St. Mary’s.”

Special thanks to Alumni Association President Bryan Gray for sharing what makes this event so special, Prep Headmaster Bob Pyles for reiterating the importance of our alumni community, and OLS Vice Chancellor Todd Covert for updating attendees on the Ever Forward initiative, Galeria reopening, and St. John Paul II Center’s faithful leadership within our campus community.



## BLAKE BEAN (P’18): AT BAT FOR THE BEARS

Prep Class of 2018 alumnus **BLAKE BEAN** grew up in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and played both varsity baseball and varsity football. He went on to Kalamazoo College where he played for the Hornets before transferring to Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina. There, he’s continuing his baseball career for the Bears, an NCAA Division II team in the South Atlantic Conference.

In January, the outfielder was named a 2024 NCAA Division II Preseason All-American Third Team member by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association! In the 2023 season, Bean led the Bears with 73 hits and 61 runs.

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