

Men With Caring Hearts nominee Jean Max Meradieu on the importance of student philanthropy



1. What is your current major?

“My current major is accounting.”

2. What are some of your goals?

“Some of my goals are to graduate college, and get CPA certified. Then, work as an accountant until I’m able to open my own gym. I also plan on starting a scholarship fund for at risk students, so they can succeed.”

3. What made you choose your major?

“I chose accounting because I’ve always had a love for numbers and business. Then, I interned at Daszkal Bolton accounting firm and it made me realize it was the correct field for me.”

4. Is there a teacher that has most impacted your life?

“Yes! The teacher that impacted me the most was my 5th grader teacher Tara Wallace because she always went above and beyond what was required of her. She believed in me more than I believed in myself at that time and that’s special.”

5. Was college everything you imagined?

“College was more than I imagined I never thought I would experience so much growth in just two years.”

6. What’s the most surprising thing you’ve learned in college?

“The most surprising thing I’ve learned about college is that I don’t have to go through the journey alone there are people like the Viner Scholarship Community that are always willing to help.”

7. Are there any specific classes you’re looking forward to?

“I don’t have a specific class I’m looking forward to, but I’m excited to start my program in the fall semester.”

8. You got nominated for the Florence Fuller Men with Caring Hearts Award. How did you feel when you found out?

“I was really touched that there are people that are paying attention and supporting the work I do as a philanthropist.”

9. What are some of the volunteering events/organizations you have participated in?

“I’m currently the president of the Rotaract club at FAU which is a community service organization. I’ve volunteered at Boca Helping Hands, Propel, and Connected Life Church.”

10. Who is your mentor? What are some events you've done together?

"My mentor is Andre Kinlock and I have volunteered at his school Academic Solution Academy where I tutor students in math."

11. What is your advice to new Viner Scholars?

"The advice I have for upcoming Viner Scholars is to stay focused, have fun, and always give back."