

***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 5<sup>th</sup> 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."