Nominee Profile

David Simmet

Major/Minor: Accounting and Finance

Leadership: Comes to campus every day with a positive mental attitude, working to meet someone new, help someone in need, or just be a good friend. He aspires to be a leader of men, and a role model of what it means to be a Tommie.

Scholarship: Proud member of the Beta Gamma Sigma and Delta Epsilon Sigma Honors Societies on Campus.

Campus Involvement: Co-President of the Non-Profit Club Students Today Leaders Forever which organizes Spring Break Bus trips that provide service to those in need across the U.S.

Leadership: Four year starter on the University of St. Thomas Football Team, working to be the best teammate he can be and embody the team motto of Pride and Passion.

Scholarship: Has excelled in the classroom, earning a Cumulative GPA of 3.97.
Testimonial

I am writing to recommend David Simmet for the 2016 Tommie Award. I have been blessed to write a few letters for this award, and I can say with a clear mind and heart that although all have been deserving, David’s body of work is even more impressive than then others; and that includes 2 Tommie of the Year award winners.

Despite being the top player on our team and an All-American player David is an unselfish, team player who is extremely diligent and whose work ethic is unparalleled. In the classroom, David is just as driven with a 3.97 GPA in Business and focused as he is on the field. He’s also a humble and considerate young man who has learned valuable lessons in his family, church and prior successes, and then built on those strengths at St. Thomas.

Although that alone seems amazing, I truly believe his most endearing and quality is his Pride & Passion for his civic responsibility and advancement of our University’s common good. Despite the time demands of college football and academics, David has a genuine desire to help people and give back, in the community and on campus. His time and attention spent on those who are less fortunate than him is what I find to be particularly impressive. He has led in volunteer efforts with ‘Up ‘Til Dawn’ (for St Jude’s) which won the national championship in raising the most funds of any team in the country out of 3,405 teams and organizations. The award allowed him and 5 other leaders on our team to attend a St Jude’s Leadership Symposium in July. Some of his many other volunteer efforts include, Habitat for Humanity, Student Today, Leaders Forever, Minnesota Special Olympics, NFL Play 60, Second Harvest & Feed My Starving Children among others. He’s an outstanding ambassador for our institution, team and for our community as a whole. Needless to say, I am very proud of him.

Thanks for the chance to share his story. Most people will look at the imposing 6 foot 9 inch 350 pound man that he is and not take the time to see the goodness and tenderness in his heart; I greatly appreciate that you have taken the time to do so. I am a big fan of who he is as a blossoming young man and I truly love him very much.

Glenn Caruso

Relationship to Nominee: Head Football Coach
Testimonial

A leader in our Saint Thomas community involved in athletics, STLF, and a role model in the classroom. Represents what Saint Thomas is really about which is maintaining the UST mission statement of: “Inspired by Catholic intellectual tradition, the University of St. Thomas educates students to be morally responsible leaders who think critically, act wisely, and work skillfully to advance the common good.” David works as a leader as an STLF co-president and also a leader on the UST football team. He is an inspirational student and peer and I couldn’t think of anyone who embodies this University more than him.

Kaitlin Langer

Relationship to Nominee: Peer
Testimonial

I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to provide a testimonial for David Simmet. David is a well-rounded student athlete as well as a scholar. While I know it is not easy to balance academics and athletics during football season, I am very impressed by David’s ability and his commitment to excel in all that he does. As his audit / accounting professor, I have had the opportunity to observe David in my weekly night class. Due to the nature of the material and the time of day, it can be extremely difficult for students to remain focused. Yet David always has a pleasant demeanor and a great attitude in class. He is attentive and highly involved in class activities and discussions. I am encouraged by David’s eagerness to learn. He is not afraid to ask questions and he has always done so in a respectful, gentle, and polite manner. I have come to appreciate David for his sincerity and his motivation to do his best with whatever challenge may come his way. He is an attentive and hardworking student who is sincere about his learning and cares for his academic success. I believe David is a wonderful representation of what we, as the University of St. Thomas, aspire all of our students to be. I highly recommend David to receive the Tommie Award without any reservation.

Lawrence Chui

Relationship to Nominee: Professor