

## Aquinas Scholars Student Board Retreat

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### ❖ Fast Updates

- Survey results
  - Program survey
  - Student Board survey
- Academic Chairs
  - Events for February
- Service Chairs
  - Events for February
- Social Chairs
  - Events for February
- Symposium Chairs
  - Update
- Other Updates?

### ❖ Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in the Program

- Breakout Rooms (25 minutes)
  - What can we as a Board do to promote diversity and inclusion in the Program?
  - In what ways have we been successful in this regard in the past?
  - How have we come short here in the past?
  - What are some events or other opportunities we could put on to show the importance of diversity and inclusion?
  - From the Honors Call to Action:

“In the recent past, acts of hatred on campus led the Aquinas Scholars Honors Program to re-commit to **leadership in developing a living and thriving culture of respect and support**. We seek in our everyday interactions as Scholars and as the Aquinas Scholars Honors Program to show and grow an inclusive campus culture. We should make it a daily habit, a stated goal, an explicit act to work toward making this campus welcoming to all.”

What are some real and practical ways we can accomplish this as a Board and as a Program? In what ways do you see the Program accomplishing this now?

- Using ideas generated in breakout rooms, we'll put together a plan of what we can do for the rest of the year and what the Student Board can do in the future.
- ### ❖ How to make events fun, impactful, memorable, and a bunch of other good things

- Breakout Rooms (25 minutes)
  - How have you seen events from each category be meaningful this year and in the past? What made these events particularly meaningful?
  - Some Scholars feel that the points requirement is just a hoop to jump through. How can we better advertise events so that they're seen as fun opportunities (which they definitely are!) rather than a requirement?
  - Some Scholars have also shared that they struggle meeting people in the Program. How can we promote social interaction/ mingling at events?
  - What do you think the most important characteristics of an event are?
  - What additional thoughts do you have about events? Please feel free to think outside the box here!
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