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*Acceptance speech as delivered by senior student, Jake Jagels*

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Good evening my name is Jake Jagels, and I'm a senior at CJ. I've been asked by school president Dan Meixner to accept this award on behalf of CJ community. When Mr. Meixner asked me to represent Chaminade Julianne tonight, I was a little nervous because we have so much history, so many outstanding alumni and generous benefactors, so many wonderful students and caring teachers . . . I knew I wanted to represent them as well as possible. But, none of them are up here tonight in front of 500 adults.

Thank you to the *Dayton Business Journal*, Soin International, and the other sponsors of tonight's event. What a great celebration of outstanding organizations and leaders! I think we have all had fun so far. And thank you to the judges who we know spent a lot of time considering such worthy companies and organizations.

Thank you to our fellow finalists — Premier Health and the Dayton Regional STEM School. CJ has partnered with both organizations — Premier supports our biomedical sciences courses at CJ, are a sponsor of our student activities, and they provide us with a wonderful athletic trainer. And students at the Dayton Regional STEM School secured an Ohio historical marker on our campus to honor Sister Dorothy Stang, an alumna and person who worked for justice in Brazil before she was martyred in 2005. Because of these students' work, people travel from all over Ohio to our campus to learn about Sister Dorothy's story. Because of this we know both are great organizations and we are honored to be recognized alongside them.

We are honored and humbled by our selection as the not-for-profit organization of the year. To me, Chaminade Julianne is a great place because my fellow students — who

come from all over the region and who represent the socio-economic diversity of our community — get to learn from each other and teachers who deeply care about our education and our development as people of faith. Because of the influence of our founders, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Marianists, CJ continues to be a place where we are challenged to develop our gifts and talents so each of us can better discover how God is calling us to serve His people. I invite all of you to come visit us — I'd be happy to get out of class to give you a tour. Maybe in that visit, you'll come to understand what the Business of the Year judges and the thousands of people who support us already know, that Chaminade Julianne is a very special place.

Thank you on behalf of our students, teachers, Trustees, parents, founders, and alumni. We are very blessed by this recognition.



