



Desmond Lindsay – Stellar Athlete; Community Activist

Desmond Lindsay can be described in three attributes – he is a young man of solid character, steadfast humility, and strong beliefs. Thanks to the generosity of the Taylor Emmons Scholarship Fund, Desmond was the first recipient to be granted a full scholarship to the The Out-the-Door Academy for his high school education. Over the past four years at this prestigious institution, Desmond has grown and flourished in his academics, athletics, and community service endeavors. He has not only become a leader among his fellow baseball team members, but also with his peers and underclassman. Once you get to know Desmond, it is evident that his love of life, devotion to the community, and welcoming of all individuals is inspiring – he truly is one of the most exceptional people you will ever meet.

Desmond's talents on the baseball field and in the classroom are matched only by his drive and determination to help others through his participation in a number of charitable organizations and fundraisers. All of his life, Desmond has been passionate about bettering his community and helping its people. Since he was six years old, Desmond has volunteered at The Salvation Army and spent every Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day serving meals to the homeless. He takes pride in his roles at these community facilities, learning the ins and outs of the business operations, and making sure he is an effective and contributing member of the team. Desmond

has grown from a kid delivering meals to the tables to being responsible for working in the kitchen, cooking, cleaning, decorating, setting-up, and talking with guests.

Bringing his love of sports to the community is also a top priority for Desmond. He is an active participant with the Top Soccer and The Miracle League, teaching handicapped children and adults the joys experienced through playing on a soccer and baseball team. Last year, Desmond also participated in the Home Run Derby and All-World/All-American Baseball Classic and decided to create his first fundraising event around this opportunity. Individually, he raised over \$16,500 for the Taylor Emmons Scholarship Fund through sponsorships based off his performance during the tournament. He was even awarded the 2014 WWBA 17U National Championship Most Valuable Player for his efforts on and off the field. In an effort to keep giving back, he has also been involved in creating a new fundraising event, The Taylor Emmons Baseball Tournament and Home Run Derby, benefiting the Taylor Emmons Scholarship Fund, which premiered this past April 2015 and was a huge success. This event helped Desmond launch his second fundraiser, raising over \$27,600, which was again presented to the Taylor Emmons Scholarship Fund.

To list all of Desmond's accomplishments, both on and off the field, would only graze the surface of the integrity, poise, and grace in which he handles every situation. You not only get a stellar athlete with this young man, but also a remarkable person, who truly cares about his community, getting involved, and making a difference in the lives of those around him. Desmond holds himself to a higher standard and expects nothing less than excellence from himself every day, in everything he does. He is a believer that he is responsible for his own destiny and has the ability and resourcefulness to positively impact his future success and conquer any obstacles. It is rare to find a young man, at the age of 18, who is accountable in the life he is creating for himself and who is passionate about helping others, but Desmond is sure making it look effortless!