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## **Dallas Macias, Regis Jesuit HS, recipient of the 2022 CHSCA Freddie Steinmark Award**

Dallas Macias was ready and excited for a normal season of friends, fans, family, and the energy of competing in high school heading into his senior year. After what he characterized as a weird couple of years, he looked forward to competing with his classmates in both football and baseball. Dallas stepped into the role as a leader and decorated player on the Regis Jesuit football team and continued that leadership with the Raider baseball team, which had a #1 ranking through much of the spring season.

Dallas is the 52<sup>nd</sup> winner of the Steinmark Award, established in 1972 (there were two winners in 1976 and 1979), and carries on the legacy and tradition of Steinmark Award winners. Dallas learned about the exemplary accomplishments and high character of Freddie Steinmark through his baseball coach Matt Darr. "I was super grateful to have been nominated for such an award and it's just incredible to have been selected. I'm truly honored." Dallas commented in his application letter, "Mr. Steinmark was dedicated to courage and faith, and I believe many great athletes have that in common. The Freddie Steinmark Award honors a man who put his team before himself and lived his life courageously through his faith. Whatever the future holds for me, I will strive to lead and inspire others, both on and off the field much like Freddie did."

On the football field, Dallas has been an exceptional leader. He was the leading tackler for the Raiders and finished third in state with 121 tackles. Macias spent time on offense as well, compiling 347 receiving yards. He scored touchdowns via receiving, interception, and punt returns while leading the team to an 8-4 season. He was first team All-Conference three times while also receiving All-State recognition. Dallas was a finalist for the prestigious Gold Helmet Award which embodies excellence on and off the field.

In the spring, Dallas moved over to the diamond and was at the top of the class for the state. Macias was a first-team preseason All-American and was primed to help his Regis team make a run at the state title. He steered his team to a 23-5 record and the number one seed in this year's state baseball tournament. Although they came up short, he characterized his season as incredible and loved playing with his teammates and for his coaches. His individual accomplishments on the field were many. He led the team with a .522 average which included 17 doubles, eight home runs and 31 RBI's. He has committed to one of the top baseball programs in the country, Oregon State, and was recently selected as the Baseball Gatorade Player of the Year for Colorado. On committing to Oregon State, he felt it was a perfect fit. He said, "I really got along with the coaches well and could tell they were the right coaches for me. Oregon State is a wonderful school and has a great baseball program and history." Macias is looking forward to OSU baseball but is also spending time this month at the MLB Draft Combine where he is considered to be a top draft prospect.

Outside of school, Dallas is proud of his time working in the community including volunteering at the Winter Park Bible Sports Camp, the Make A Wish Foundation, where he helped build a skateboard ramp, and Extreme Community Makeover, where he and friends spent time cleaning up communities. "It truly is one of my favorite things I have done these last four years. It makes you feel so grateful for what you have and it is so

rewarding to help others. If you can find time to help others, you should, as you never know when you may need help yourself.”

On campus, Dallas excels academically, where he has immersed himself in a well-rounded curriculum including Calculus, Computer Programming, Forensic Sciences, and Honors Spanish courses. He is also a leader within his school. As a member of Captain’s Club, he collaborated with leaders from across the school on the mental health of students and how to better connect all students in the Regis Jesuit community. Dallas also received the schools’ Lou Kellogg Award for top athlete, and the Raider Man Award, which is given for the top all around person representing the Regis Jesuit way.

Each story shared by his teachers and coaches referenced more about Dallas’ character and work ethic than his accomplishments. Coach Tyler Robbins shared, “Dallas Macias is a young man that possesses the same spirit Freddie Steinmark possessed. He is a young man who academically excels, he is a man of high character and faith, and he is a young man who I am proud to be affiliated with. While there are abundant athletic accolades I could say he received, and divulge his incredible baseball statistics from this season, I am prouder of who Dallas is personally and how he impacts the people around him- more than any athletic feat I could put on this paper.”

The Steinmark Award was established in 1972 and honors Freddie Steinmark, who excelled in football, basketball, and baseball while attending Wheat Ridge High School in the 1960s. He was also an outstanding student and active in several school and community-oriented endeavors before attending the University of Texas, where he helped the Longhorns to the national football title in 1969. Freddie died from cancer in 1971 at the age of 22.

Dave Logan of Wheat Ridge High School, and now the extremely well-known sports announcer for the Denver Broncos and other sports endeavors, was the first winner of the award in 1972.

In 2021, Avery Shunneson from Thomas Jefferson received the boys’ Steinmark and Addison O’Grady of Grandview was the recipient for the girls. The Colorado High School Coaches Association is proud to be the sponsor of the Freddie Steinmark Award and congratulates the athletes, and their coaches, who were nominated for this award.

Finalists for the 2022 Steinmark Award: Nico Gagliardi, Cheyenne Mountain; Trey Hines, Limon; Trent Johnson, La Junta.