

SONS OF SMA

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Sons of SMA Foundation

The Sons of SMA (SOSMA) Foundation was formed to further the mission of Saint Mary's Academy of producing strong ethical leaders by promoting the ideals of our 'Ora et Labora' standard of excellence and fostering advancement of current and future generations of SMA students through faith-based *Scholarship, Stewardship, and Mentorship* foundational pillars.

"SMA — Solid Men of Action and that's what you (Old Boys) are ..." -Br. Egbert Germain

SOSMA Foundation Goals

Our goals are as follows:

Scholarship

Providing academic scholarships for need-based students, who exhibit the ideals of both our Alma Mater and this foundation, to attend Saint Mary's Academy.

Stewardship

Engage the 'Old Boy' network, Friends of SOSMA, and corporate partners to maintain and enhance SMA's institutional facilities in an effort to further the exemplary academic, sports, and societal developmental experiences of SMA students and teachers.

Mentorship

Provide guidance to SOSMA scholars regarding faith, educational, societal, career, and other life-based matters to help ensure continued success through their academic journey. Mentors are intended to serve as 'Big Brothers' and role models for the scholarship awardees and will be based both locally in Dominica and internationally.

SOSMA 2016 Scholars and Donors

Sons of SMA proudly awarded two scholarships and one merit award to deserving students entering First Form at SMA for the 2016-2017 academic school year. Click [HERE](#) for a CBN4 press release video. The 2016-2017 SOSMA scholars were **Dyami Alexander and Kyron Phillip** while a Merit Award was given to **Jovanni Burgins**. All three students have received honours for their academic achievements during the current academic year. SOSMA has kept in contact with our awardees regarding their progress to date and will continue to mentor these students along their paths to success. **Cheers to these future Dominican leaders and many thanks to everyone who contributed in 2016.**

SOSMA will also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our 2016 Donors. We raised \$2,572 USD dollars in 2016 from a total of 26 individual donors:

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SOSMA 2017 Fundraising Drive

2017 marks SOSMA's second year and we are proud to announce our fundraising drive this month to both fund our 2016 scholars going to Second Form as well as provide two new scholarships for deserving students entering SMA for the 2017-2018 academic year. Donors can support this effort by visiting www.sonsofsma.org or via our GoFundMe website linked [HERE](#). More information will be provided in next week's 'Sounding the Call' newsletter.

