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TWO ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS CHOSEN AS 2018 WENDY'S HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN WINNERS!

October 2, 2018 — TRUMBULL, CT—St Joseph High School is proud to announce that two senior students, Jessica Mazo and Luke Kirby are winners in the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship Competition! Jessica Mazo plays Varsity Soccer and Luke Kirby plays Varsity Football and Baseball.

On Wednesday, October 31, Wendy's announced the 2018 high school winners. From a total applicant pool of nearly 42,000 scholar-athletes, more than 7,500 have been named School Winners. School Winners continue to compete for the chance to become State Finalists, State Winners, National Finalists, or National Winners. State Winners receive a \$500 scholarship, National Finalists receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. The male and female National Winners receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and trip to New York City to attend the Heisman Trophy Trust's annual college Heisman award broadcast on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

"Both Jessica and Luke have exceled in the classroom and on the playing fields," remarked **Kevin Butler**, Assistant Principal of Athletics at St Joseph High School. "We congratulate them on their hard work and for achieving this wonderful recognition!"

Since 1994, Wendy's and the Heisman Trophy Trust have been running the same play to perfection: honoring more than 600,000 of the nation's most esteemed students. To apply, students must be graduating with the class of 2019, have a cumulative high school grade point average of a B (3.0) or better, participate in at least one of the 47 sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee and/or the National Federation of State High School Association and be a leader in his/her school and community.

About Wendy's High School Heisman

The Wendy's High School Heisman was created by Wendy's founder Dave Thomas in 1994. Dave Thomas dropped out of high school when he was 15 years old in order to work full-time and went on to become one of the most successful entrepreneurs in history. While this nontraditional path led to his prosperity, it always worried Dave that others would follow in his footsteps and expect to achieve similar fame and wealth by not finishing high school or attending college. Faced with this dilemma, at 61 years old, Dave enrolled at Coconut Creek High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and received his General Equivalency Diploma (GED). Inspired by this moment and with a desire to celebrate the outstanding achievements of youth in America, he launched the Wendy's High School Heisman program. The Wendy's High School Heisman is a joint program between Wendy's and the Heisman Trophy Trust, host and custodians of the Heisman Memorial Trophy[®].

About St Joseph High School

St Joseph High School (SJHS) strives to be the premier Catholic college preparatory school in Southern Connecticut. SJHS encourages young women and men to realize their potential, helps them excel in higher education, and provides a moral foundation to guide them throughout their lives. St Joseph High School is a member of NCEA, NAIS, NEAS&C, and CAIS. <u>www.sjcadets.org</u>