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## Local Business Makes a Difference for Three High School Graduates

On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Integrity Roofing, Siding & Windows presented Hannah Glidewell and Payton Shippy, two Summit Christian Academy (SCA) graduating students, with \$1,000 scholarships. Each student applied for the scholarship by writing an essay explaining what integrity means to them and describing how they have demonstrated integrity.

Typically, one graduating male and female are selected, but this year Integrity felt lead to award a third student, Zoe Opprecht, a \$500 Honorable Mention scholarship for her essay.

**Pictured left to right** – Autumn Woods (employee of Integrity), Zoe Opprecht (awarded \$500 scholarship), Hannah Glidewell (awarded \$1,000 scholarship), Payton Shippy (awarded \$1,000 scholarship) and Blake Clarkson (owner of Integrity).



**Glidewell wrote**, “Integrity is the foundation of a person’s moral beliefs, and it is necessary to live a successful life that is true to yourself.” **She shared how difficult it can be to stand up to peer pressure**, “It was hard for me to be honest when I could lie in order to fit in and say I had done those things. I was embarrassed at first from their wide eyes and awe, but I soon realized it was a new kind of respect they gave me.”

**Shippy explained**, “... if we want to be able to stand up for what is right when it is hard, when no one supports us, or even when we feel like it is impossible, we must practice showing integrity starting today. **If we want do the right thing when it is hard, we have to start by doing the right thing when it is easy.**”

**Opprecht demonstrated integrity when she accidentally saw the answers to a test**, “... even though I had not been caught, I knew I needed to tell my teacher...I knew that I had to do it because I had to hold myself accountable to my personal standards of excellence.”

This is the fourth year Integrity has provided these scholarships. *“So many families feel led, as we do, to provide not only a superior education to the next generation but also one that comes with a Christian world view. In my mind, SCA is doing a great job of producing our next best leaders. We feel blessed to be able to continue to support students that work hard, achieve high grades in academics, and whom also have a great moral foundation,”* shares David Todd, owner of Integrity.

The scholarship was the idea of Blake Clarkson and David Todd and is sponsored by their company Integrity Roofing, Siding & Windows. Clarkson and Todd have actively supported SCA for several years through their business partnership program. They came up with the scholarship as a new way to benefit students. Each scholarship is a \$1,000, one-time scholarship to two graduating students.

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