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Summit Christian Academy Graduates Provided Opportunity to Receive Scholarships

On Thursday, May 9th, Integrity Roofing owners, Blake Clarkson and David Todd presented two Summit Christian Academy graduating students with a \$1,000 scholarship. Last year, **for the first time in 9 years the graduating seniors of Summit Christian Academy had the opportunity to qualify for a scholarship** provided by Integrity Roofing. This year Integrity Roofing provided the same scholarship opportunity for two qualifying students for a second year.



(Pic. Lft – Rt: David Todd, Sarah Lambert, Easton Parks, S Blake Clarkson) Students are holding scholarship checks.

The scholarship was the idea of Blake Clarkson and David Todd and sponsored by their company Integrity Roofing, LLC. Blake and David have actively supported this school for several years through their business partnership. They came up with the scholarship as a new way to benefit the school and were quickly surprised to learn last year was the first time a scholarship had been offered by a Business Partner. Each scholarship is \$1,000 one-time scholarship to one male and one female graduating student. Students apply for the scholarship by not only demonstrating integrity but also by writing and submitting a 250 word essay explaining what integrity means to them and how they have demonstrated it.

"We hope to establish a scholarship program that other business partners of SCA can partner with us so this scholarship program will continue to grow, year after year,

providing more graduates with the opportunity to receive a scholarship. Ultimately our goal is to start it, help establish it, and watch God grow it!" explains Blake.

The graduating students applied for the scholarship by writing essays on what integrity meant to them and explaining how they had demonstrated integrity. Easton Parks and Sarah Lambert were each awarded scholarships for their essays.

Lambert described her own struggle with an autoimmune disease, *"Often times when your expectations of life are shattered, it's easy to become bitter and angry. One who has integrity will not be corrupted by circumstances that seem to be unfair or difficult."*

Parks wrote, *"A man of integrity keeps his word and stands up for his beliefs in the face of hardship and ridicule."* He continued by explaining how he demonstrates integrity at his workplace, *"I strongly believe that consistently working hard even when no one is around to supervise shows integrity."*

"We want to do what we can to support the next generation," said David, "I fully believe that the future of this great nation may very well depend on our ability as a community to inspire students to achieve their God-given potential through excellence in academics and a Christian world view. Support of Summit Christian Academy is one way we are able to do that."

Summit Christian Academy is one of Kansas City's top Christian Schools - with over 685 preschool through 12 grade students attending. **Their students continually place 30% higher than the national average (on the Stanford Achievement Tests). Last year, the class of 2011 averaged an ACT score of 25.2 (4.1 points higher than the national average)!** Offering programs such as college preparatory curriculum, music lessons, and an International Program *with 17 students from 7 different countries currently attending - students receive a diverse and enriching education in this environment.* This school also cultivates a heart to serve and help others by taking Jesus' command to "go into all of the world" literally. Each year, every student, from preschoolers to the senior class participates in service projects to benefit this community.

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