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Local Business Makes a Difference for Two Graduates

On Thursday, May 7th, Integrity Roofing, Siding & Windows presented Alana Cieszykowski and Andrew DeShon, two Summit Christian Academy (SCA) graduating students, with \$1,000 scholarships. Each student applied for the scholarship by writing an essay on what integrity means to them and by explaining how they have demonstrated integrity.

Cieszykowski explained how doing the right thing came at a cost, "I learned that even though doing the right thing may cause the loss of friendships, you should always stand your ground..."

DeShon wrote, "...when one exhibits the same traits in private that he does in public, he exhibits integrity." He shared that even though he depends on scholarships to attend college; he never faltered in his integrity when it came to achieving good grades.

This is the third year Integrity has provided these scholarships. "It's important to us to support the community we work in," explains David Todd, owner of Integrity, Roofing, Siding & Windows.



Pictured left to right – Andrew DeShon (winner of \$1,000 scholarship), Taylor Shippy (Integrity employee and SCA alumni), David Todd (owner of Integrity), and Alana Cieszykowski (winner of \$1,000 scholarship).

This year was especially meaningful, as one of Integrity's own employees, Taylor Shippy, an SCA alum, was able to help present the scholarships this year. Shippy

shares, "To return to my high school and bless the future college careers of fellow peers was an inspiration. I hope that in my future vocation I can do the same."

The scholarship was the idea of Blake Clarkson and David Todd and is sponsored by their company Integrity Roofing, LLC. 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. **"As higher education costs continue to rise, we are hoping more local businesses will help offset these costs by providing scholarships for our schools,"** says Clarkson.

Summit Christian Academy is one of Kansas City's top Christian Schools - with over 730 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 2014 averaged an ACT score of 24 (4 points higher than the national average)!** Offering programs such as college preparatory curriculum, music lessons, and an International Program *with 21 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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