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Medina County Arts Council Announces Scholarship Winners

The Board of Trustees of Medina County Arts Council is pleased to announce the winners of three scholarships offered to graduating Medina County seniors who have been active in the arts. The Arts Council has increased the number of scholarships offered to support their mission of advocating for, supporting and nurturing the arts in Medina County. A special presentation to honor the scholarship recipients will be held on Thursday, July 15 at 7:30 pm at Medina's Gazebo during the arts council's annual Arts Week and before the free performance of Dave Klaehn, vocals and acoustic guitar.

Ian Morgan, recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship, has a diverse history of the arts in his education starting at age 5 with piano and progressing to stage and chorus, including some extra-curricular ensembles. An excerpt from his essay is "Like any great teacher, the arts have pushed me to step outside of my comfort zone" and "Thanks to the arts, I have found an outlet to express myself in a way that no other medium allows. Moreover, the confidence I have gained through my experiences in theatre has permeated every area of my life.

His letter of recommendation came from Director of Choirs, Tyler Skidmore, who said, "A passion for learning, unwavering dependability, and outstanding performance come to mind when I think of Ian. He challenges himself with a rigorous course load, including numerous AP courses, while continuing to maintain a GPA among the highest in his class."

Ian plans to study aerospace engineering with a minor or second major in music and piano performance.

Isabelle Hahn received a \$500 scholarship. She lives in Medina and attended Archbishop Hoban. Her resume is diverse and impressive, winning many awards for visual arts, both in and outside of school, the performing arts, creative writing and music and a 4.657 cumulative GPA. Her recommendation came from Jill N. Fortman, Visual Art Director. She states, "Isabelle is a rare breed of student, as she goes well above and beyond the requirements of any given assignment. In addition, she naturally has an inquisitive spirit, and this has truly aided her on her educational and artistic quest for growth and development."

Isabelle will be attending the University of Notre Dame where she hopes to join the Liturgical Choir. She will help fund her education through artwork and prints she makes and sells on Etsy.

Aaron Reising, winner of a \$250 scholarship and a 2021 graduate of Medina High School, has been active in marching band, concert band, orchestra and the Stardusters Jazz Ensemble playing the trumpet. Despite numerous injuries growing up, he was able to persevere and find his passion and focus on music.

Jason Locher Director of Bands at Medina High School writes about Aaron: “In his leadership roles as band president and section leader of one of the largest and most competitive sections, Aaron has demonstrated a calm, cool and collected leadership style.”

Aaron has been accepted to the Conservatory of Music at Capital University studying music composition with the hopes of one day becoming a composer for film, television, video games and other forms of media.



Left to right: Ian Morgan, Isabelle Hahn, Aaron Reising

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