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Medina County Arts Council Announces Scholarship Winner

The Board of Trustees of Medina County Arts Council is pleased to announce the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship to Philip Alberts, a senior at Medina High School.

Philip is the son of Gary and Sharon Alberts and started playing the alto saxophone in the 5th grade. He quickly added the baritone, tenor and soprano saxophones to that list. His private lessons teacher, Mr. Thomas Lempner, encouraged Philip to join Tri-C Jazz Academy as well as Cleveland Youth Winds Symphony. As a 5th year member of the Medina High School Marching Band playing tenor saxophone and current band co-president, he is also part of the high school Symphony Band and Stardusters Jazz Ensemble all under the direction of Mr. Jason Locher.

Philip had the honor of playing in the American School Band Directors Association-Ohio Chapter Honors Band this year in Wooster and has successfully performed at multiple Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble adjudications.

Throughout high school he has been a part of several pit bands for Medina High School: The Music Man Musical, various Showtime Choir Productions, Encore Entertainment Company Show Choir competitions, Hiland High School Cinderella Musical in Berlin and St. Francis Christmas Cantata in Medina.

He plans to continue his music education by starting at Cuyahoga Community College and continuing on to a 4 year college with a major in music and minor in business. Medina County Arts Council Trustees wish him well in his endeavors.

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