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Main Street Medina Announces Scholarship Winners

With the support of Cool Beans Cafe, Main Street Medina is proud to announce the recipients of \$2,000 in scholarships awarded to graduating seniors across Medina County.

The Cool Beans Cafe Emerging Entrepreneur Scholarships, which provide financial support to aspiring young entrepreneurs, were awarded to Natalie Bair and Benjamin Raulie of Medina High School, along with Isabella Weinmann and Luke Weinbauer of Brunswick High School.

Natalie Bair has demonstrated exceptional leadership through her involvement in Student Council, Key Club, Hope Squad, Link Crew, HUDDLE, and OCOM. She served in several leadership positions, including Hope Squad Senior Class Officer, Link Crew Leader, and HUDDLE Leader. Natalie was also a four-year member and senior captain of the Medina High School tennis team, where she further showcased her leadership both on and off the court.

A dedicated Girl Scout since 2012, Natalie earned the prestigious Gold Award in 2026. For her project, she partnered with Country Life Kids Camp, raising more than \$700 and contributing over 80 volunteer hours to create a week of activities for campers. Natalie plans to attend either Kent State University or Bowling Green State University.

Benjamin Raulie has been a dedicated member of Medina Rugby from sixth through twelfth grade. As Head Captain, he helped lead his team to a state championship while earning MVP honors, All-Ohio recognition, and four varsity letters. In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Benjamin contributed to his community through youth camps and team fundraisers.

Beyond sports, Benjamin served as President of his 4-H Club, mentoring younger members and leading community initiatives. He also volunteered with Ohio Fabricators and Lafayette Township while gaining professional experience as a Logistics Intern at Automation Tool & Die. Whether organizing local events like the Candlelight Walk or representing Medina in competition, Benjamin consistently demonstrates that leadership is rooted in service, pride, and bringing people together. He plans to attend the University of Rhode Island.

Isabella Weinmann has been actively involved in the National Honor Society, LINK Crew, and HUDDLE, where she mentored younger students and encouraged positive decision-making. Through Big Brothers Big Sisters,

she dedicated her time to supporting and guiding a younger student, while her participation in Volunteer Opportunities for Teens (VOFT) reflects her ongoing commitment to service and community engagement.

Isabella's passion for helping others began through her family's nonprofit organization, Best Christmas Ever, where she witnessed firsthand the impact of generosity and compassion during difficult times. Those experiences shaped her belief that both large and small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Whether through organized service projects or simple everyday gestures, Isabella consistently seeks opportunities to uplift others. She plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study Business, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship.

Luke Weinbauer has dedicated countless hours to serving others through organizations such as HUDDLE, LINK Crew, National Honor Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Safety Town.

Most notably, Luke's work with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has made a significant impact across Northeast Ohio. As a junior, he led a team of 28 students that raised more than \$170,000 to support individuals battling blood cancers, making them the top fundraising team in the region. Over the past three years, his team has raised more than \$300,000 for the cause. His leadership and fundraising success also led him to mentor other student teams throughout the area. Luke plans to attend Miami University.

Main Street Medina is currently seeking sponsors for its 2027 scholarship program as it continues its mission of supporting local students in their academic and entrepreneurial pursuits. Through these partnerships, Main Street Medina hopes to empower the next generation and invest in the future success of the Medina community.

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