

NEWS RELEASE (May 24, 2025)

Central Ohio Emmaus Community

The Central Ohio Emmaus Community announced the awarding of a \$1000 scholarship to students Alex Rhoden, Elizabeth Tillman and Hayden Beery.

Alex will graduate from Marysville Ohio Hi-Point Career Center on May 17, 2025. He is the son of April and Jay Rhoden. He plans to attend Columbus State Community College and pursue studies in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement. Throughout high school he received many leadership recognitions: Honor roll all four years, on the Ohio Hi-Point superintendent's list which requires all A's, received the Bellefontaine Rotary Club certificate of academic achievement. For several years he has been part of the Union County Independent Soccer League. He excelled in the scouting program achieving the highest honor of Eagle Scout.

Elizabeth will graduate from Fairbanks High School on May 24, 2025. She is the daughter of Sara and Robert Tillman. She plans to attend the University of Dayton and pursue studies in Elementary Education. Throughout high school she received many leadership recognitions: varsity and competition cheerleading, several academic awards, helped develop a program to educate students on the dangers of impaired driving. For the past four years she was part of the organizational team for the Father / Daughter Dance. Community service included volunteering at a local nursing home, the Kind Hearted 4-H Club, Young Life, hosting an exchange student from Denmark, and she has been active in her church, Marysville Christian Church.

Hayden will graduate from Marysville High School on May 17, 2025. He is the son of Kristen and Brandon Beery. He plans to attend Wright State University and pursue studies in Exercise Science. Throughout high school he received many leadership recognitions: he was a member of the Distributive Education Clubs of America and two time national qualifier with his Virtual Business Team. He completed an internship with the Allen Township Firehouse, was a member of the National Technical Honor Society, played on the high school baseball team, was part of the Marysville Power Lifting Team, and has served in his church through the Marysville Grace Life Group and the Young Life Group.

The Emmaus Community extends their congratulations to Alex, Elizabeth and Hayden on their outstanding high school achievements. We wish them success in college and in their future professional careers.

These scholarships are made possible from the annual Emmaus Golf Outing and individual donations. This year's Emmaus Golf Outing will be June 21 at Marysville Rolling Meadows GC. Proceeds from the outing will go to the Emmaus Scholarship Fund and used for the scholarships awarded in 2026. For information about playing in the golf outing contact Jerry Ruskan at jgjsweets@aol.com or 641.381.7813. For information about the Central Ohio Emmaus Community, visit website – centralohioemmaus.org.