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The Erie County Community Foundation, in partnership with the Ohio Athletic Committee, is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 OAC Scholarships. Each recipient has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of their achievements. This year's OAC Wrestling Scholarship winners are Colin Broxterman, Xander Gfell, Cael Gilmore, Nolan Hartman, and Bodie Martin. The OAC Football Scholarship winner is Hunter Straub and the OAC Cheerleading Scholarship winner is Ellyse Schaefer.

- 1) Colin Broxterman of Cincinnati, Ohio is a senior at Elder High School, has a GPA of 4.00, is president of his senior class, a member of the National Honor Society, and is captain of Elder's wrestling team. He is planning to attend Ohio University to major in Actuarial Sciences.
- 2) Xander Gfell of Monroeville, Ohio is a senior at Edison High School, has a GPA of 3.56, is a four-year member of Edison's wrestling team, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is planning to attend Baldwin Wallace University and major in Biology.
- 3) Cael Gilmore of Marengo, Ohio is a senior at Highland High School, has a GPA of 4.00, is a member of the National Honor Society and is a four-year member and captain of Highland's wrestling team. He is planning to attend Northern Iowa University and major in Exercise Science.
- 4) Nolan Hartman of Bellevue, Ohio is a senior at Bellevue High School, has a GPA of 3.95, is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, and is a four-year member of Bellevue's wrestling, football, and track teams. He is planning to attend Heidelberg University and major in Business/Pre-law.
- 5) Bodie Martin of Lancaster, Ohio is a senior at Amanda-Clearcreek High School, has a GPA of 3.63, is a member of the National Honor Society, and a four-year member of Amanda-Clearcreek's wrestling, football, and baseball teams. He is planning to attend John Carroll University and major in Biomedical Science.
- 6) Hunter Straub of Sandusky, Ohio is a senior at Sandusky High School, has a GPA of 3.8, is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, and is a four-year member of Sandusky's football, bowling, and track teams. He is planning to attend the University of Michigan and major in Physical Therapy.
- 7) Ellyse Schaefer of Castalia, Ohio is a senior at Margaretta High School, has a GPA of 4.00, is a member of the National Honor Society, and a four-year member of Margaretta's basketball, golf, and cheerleading squads. She is planning to attend Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida, and major in Biology.

With so many outstanding applications received, selecting only seven recipients was extremely difficult. The committee is immensely proud of the seven scholarship winners and their accomplishments. We hope the OAC Scholarship continues to gain recognition throughout the State of Ohio and that it will help support top student-athletes in their educational pursuits.

