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### **Kahoks Teaching Kahoks 2023 Scholarships Announced**

May 2, 2023 - The 2023 Kahoks Teaching Kahoks scholarship recipients were honored at Collinsville High School. Kahoks Teaching Kahoks is the Collinsville Community Unit School District #10 "Grow Our Own" future teacher program to encourage current high school students to become educators in the district.

Kahoks Teaching Kahoks is a comprehensive program that includes specialized courses available to students in grades 9-12 and scholarships for graduating seniors who will be education majors.

The initiative was an outgrowth of work by the districtwide Kahok Diversity & Equity Committee whose initial task in 2019 was to recruit minority teachers. This led to the district's concerted effort to *grow* teachers by encouraging current students to pursue careers in education.

The future teachers scholarship program is for Collinsville High School seniors. It is funded through donations and CUSD 10 employee payroll deduction. Scholarship recipients are awarded \$1,000 per year toward their college expenses for four years.

#### **2023 Kahoks Teaching Kahoks Scholarship Recipients:**

**Ragin Clemons** - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; plans to teach high school psychology  
**Benjamin Dobbs** - Illinois College; plans to teach high school science  
**Addison DeLisle** - Lindenwood University; plans to teach high school math

The Kahoks Teaching Kahoks Scholarship is supported through the [Collinsville Area Community Foundation](#). CACF is a public charitable organization as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions and gifts are tax deductible. Donations and bequests are accepted from and disbursed to individuals, groups or businesses. To learn more and to make a donation to the scholarship fund, [visit the foundation website](#).

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