



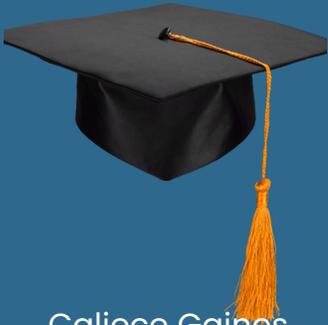
# C.R.A.F.T. Spring/Summer 2024

A Small Charity Doing Big Things!

Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it can change the world for one person.

*God's Faithfulness + Your Support = Successful Outcomes*

Because of God's faithfulness to C.R.A.F.T. and your continued support, we are able to celebrate our scholars who have recently graduated.



Caliece Gaines  
Grand Canyon University



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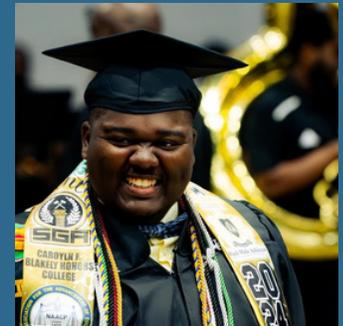
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Grand Canyon University



Makayla Mondy  
Savannah State University



Trenten Wills  
University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff

# ***MUSIC IN THE AIR FEATURING N'DEEP***

**On Saturday, March 23, 2024 the sounds of music once again filled the air at the Ralph J. Bailey Community Center, in Sun River Terrace, Illinois. The C.R.A.F.T. organization presented its Spring Concert featuring the melodious sounds of N'Deep, a local band. The concert raised funds to support the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship, Student Adoption Program, Student Assistance Program and the Eagles Program.**



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## ***CONGRATULATIONS!!***

Evera Ivy, C.R.A.F.T. board member and former Student Adoption Program scholar earned her Masters of Science, Training and Development with a Certificate in HR Management from University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. Evera was a member of the Augustus Tolton Honors Society.



## ***CONNECTIONS 2023!!***

On December 16, 2023, the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and staff had another opportunity to connect with the college students in C.R.A.F.T.'s Student Adoption Program for good food, good conversation and good connections. The students, who were also joined by their parents, were able to share about their experiences and even more importantly, could answer questions from some high school students who also attended the "Connection" time.



*Those who connected: C.R.A.F.T. Board Members, students, parents!*



The Center for Re-Creation And Family Training wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals, churches, businesses and volunteers who helped make 2023 a productive year for C.R.A.F.T. Those who contributed to the Eagles, the Student Adoption Program, the Student Assistance Fund and the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship made all the difference in the continued progress and accomplishments of the Organization. The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and all of the participants are very appreciative of your monetary and prayer support.

We know that you have the opportunity to support many worthy causes and we are grateful that you have chosen C.R.A.F.T. We ask that you continue to remember C.R.A.F.T. financially and prayerfully. C.R.A.F.T. thanks the following:

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Finances: (1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023)

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

General Contributions	\$59,309.01
Student Assistance Fund	\$11,990.00
Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship	<u>\$1,465.00</u>
TOTAL	\$72,764.01

**EXPENDITURES**

General Expenditures	\$51,444.66
Student Assistance Fund	\$25,450.00
Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$80,894.66

SKDO of Bourbonnais, IL. is the accountant for the C.R.A.F.T. Organization.

**Please keep C.R.A.F.T. on your prayer list:**

Pray for emotional, physical, spiritual, financial needs of our scholars. Additional funding as C.R.A.F.T. seeks to build a facility in Pembroke.

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