

John Meadows Future K-12 Leader Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of the late John Meadows, who left an impression on everyone he met. John was a scholar, a teacher, a mentor, and a friend, as well as a student of Advisory Board member Lisa Kovach, Ph.D. and President, Brian Van Brunt, Ed.D. Though he passed away unexpectedly the last day of 2018, he lives on in spirit.



The last Facebook post written by John read, “It starts with a vision of change. For me, schools need to create learning environments that provide stability and support in an integrated fashion (e.g., administrative leadership, professional development, teaching strategies, discipline policies, extracurricular components, mental health linkage, etc...). All of these moving parts need to be anchored to one another, not independent of each other. There is no place for a silo mentality. The only thing a silo mentality is good for is the ability to create barriers. Due to funding, time, and resources, it is even more imperative we all work together to assist “our” youth. I stand firm with “where you place your focus will always determine your reality...”

K-12 Teams

Early identification and intervention is key to preventing intrapersonal and interpersonal violence. It is imperative that K-12 schools provide a welcoming environment open to reporting behaviors of concern and willing to rehabilitate those whose suffering has led to thoughts of violence. It is clear from themes in letters found after a suicide and in post-shooting manifestos that a lifetime of alienation, isolation, and injustice are key contributors.

Eligibility

Current or future scholars or practitioners in K-12 are encouraged to apply. The recipient will be responsible for creating or improving upon a BIT or CARE Team within the school district, using NaBITA best practices as a guide.

Award

The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis. Scholarship winner(s) will receive a one-time award, up to \$1,500. This is a one-time only award to ensure growth of future leaders through the years.



How to Apply

Submit the application materials, which consists of a 500 – 800-word description of the district’s demographics, evidence of your ongoing commitment to K-12, and rationale for creating a BIT/CARE Team in general and within your district. Please email these to Dr. Lisa Kovach at lisa.kovach@utoledo.edu.