

# Raytown Educational Foundation

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Report to the Board of Education for April 8, 2024

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Raytown Educational Foundation Board of Trustees' Meeting Highlights for January & March 2024

**Walter A. & Charlotte Soule Family Foundation** – REF applied for its annual grant from the Soule Family Foundation. Rather than the usual grant award of \$6,000 for a scholarship, the Soule Family Foundation awarded REF a grant in the amount of \$48,000. \$30,000 is for REF's Teaching & Learning Grants for 2024-25. \$18,000 is for REF's Student Recognition Program.

**Scholarships** – Second semester marks “scholarship season” for REF.

- **Dual Credit Tuition Assistance Scholarships** – The foundation in partnership with Raytown Retired School Personnel provide a financial assistance to students enrolled in high school dual credit classes. The scholarship pays one-third of the student's total tuition costs. Through the generosity of 7 donors, including the Soule Family Foundation, this year REF and RRSP will be able to provide 47 students with scholarships that will provide **one-half** of the student's total tuition costs instead of one-third.
- **Graduating Senior Scholarships** – The foundation has over 40 Graduating Senior Scholarships. 87 students submitted applications. Using a common application form, students may apply for multiple scholarships thus essentially creating 695 applications. The foundation has 30 selection committees and 83 readers. Scholarship recipients are announced at each high school's Awards Night.

**Student Recognition** – REF holds celebration events to recognize high school students each quarter. Each quarter has a different area for recognition. Second Quarter's criteria was a 3.0 or above GPA for first semester. Third Quarter's criteria was no disciplinary referrals during that quarter.

Raytown High

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter - Eligible Students – 486 students – 36% of total student enrollment
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Eligible Students – 990 students – 73% of total student enrollment
- Raytown South High
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter - Eligible Students – 360 students – 30% of total student enrollment
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Eligible Students – 745 – 62% of total student enrollment

**The Cinder Experience** – Registration is now open for REF's fundraiser with Herndon Career Center's Culinary Arts Institute on Friday, April 19, 2024. Seating is limited to 70. Register through REF's website under the “Events” tab or through this link: <https://ref.raytownschools.org/events/cinder-experience/register-for-the-cinder-experience>

