

This video highlights the inspiring journey of Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) employee Daishawn Bates, embodying our theme for the school year: Planting Seeds of Greatness. His story showcases the power of encouragement, support, and opportunity. Daishawn first joined SCOE as a student in our Special Education Program. Recognizing his strengths early on, SCOE staff saw his potential as a role model for others. He quickly adapted to new technology, using his iPad to communicate effectively and engage with those around him. Daishawn's dream has always been to become an educator. With the guidance of SCOE staff and support from community organizations, he first applied as a volunteer and later transitioned into a paid internship. Today, he works with children in SCOE's preschool program, serving as an example and providing hope to others. The opening shots of this video offer a unique and insightful perspective on the process of working with non-verbal complex communicators. It highlights the challenges they face while also emphasizing the importance of patience, understanding, and tailored communication strategies. Daishawn's journey reflects SCOE's commitment to creating pathways to future employment for students. His story is a powerful reminder of the importance of recognizing and cultivating the seeds of greatness within each student-helping them learn, grow, thrive, and achieve lifelong success.