

Dakota Montavon

Trustee Term: 2020

Currently: Self-employed and pursuing a bachelor's degree at Northern Illinois University

Dakota Montavon was elected as Student Trustee in 2020 and served through the remainder of the calendar year. The DeKalb resident said he chose Kishwaukee College due to its affordability and the abundance of resources students can utilize.

Montavon was an active student on campus, taking part in the Performing Arts Club, Phi Theta Kappa, and serving as a peer mentor for TRIO student support services to go along with his tenure as Student Trustee. He is pursuing a

business degree at NIU — a major he chose during his time at Kish. Montavon has already begun putting his business education to use by establishing a journaling website in February 2021. *Sprout: Ponderings of a Human Being* looks to help create a sense of community and connection for its audience.



What initiatives or accomplishments are you most proud of during your time as Student Trustee?

I am proud of the Board's work to enhance the scholarship and financial initiatives (such as financial support that assisted students during the COVID-19 pandemic) that will help students throughout their educational journey.

What were the most positive aspects of your time at Kish?

Making new friends, meeting my best friend (and asking if she'd like to start dating), getting to connect with my teachers and gaining life experience.

How impactful was your experience at Kish?

I was very satisfied with my experience at Kish and would highly recommend it to friends, family and my future kids.