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**NEW HELP FOR NORTHERN NECK SENIORS LOOKING FOR  
FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

A new program at high schools in Virginia's Northern Neck, offered through GReat Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc. (GRASP), provides free, confidential, one-on-one counseling and financial support to students seeking financial aid and scholarships for continuing education after high school – whether that includes technical school, community college or a four-year college.

GRASP, co-founded in 1983 by Senator Walter Stosch (a Northern Neck native) and Dr. Ray Gargiulo, is a non-profit, education organization with highly trained advisors who are adept at navigating the maze of the college and post-secondary education financial aid process. GRASP advisors are available to meet with students and/or parents at Essex High School, Lancaster High School, Northumberland High School, Rappahannock High School, and Washington and Lee High School beginning in October 2014. Advisors will work one day per week at each school. Appointments, which are free of charge, can be made through the schools' counseling offices.

GRASP advisors are now serving students and families in 75 Virginia schools including schools in the greater Richmond area as well as western parts of the state. More information about GRASP is available at their website, [www.grasp4va.org](http://www.grasp4va.org).

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