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COLLEGE ACCESS ORGANIZATION HELPS LUNENBURG CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WITH FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

A program just introduced at Lunenburg Central High School this past academic year, offered through Great Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc. (GRASP), provides free, confidential, one-on-one counseling to students seeking financial aid and scholarships for continuing their educations after high school – whether that includes technical school, community college or a four-year college. GRASP is a non-profit organization with highly trained advisors who are adept at navigating the maze of the college financial aid process and paperwork. GRASP advisors work at high schools, augmenting the guidance staff, between October and May each year. Appointments to meet with the GRASP advisor can be made by contacting the school guidance office.

Gail K. Benjamin is the GRASP advisor for Central High School in Lunenburg County. Gail is a graduate of Brunswick Senior High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in recreation education, Magna Cum Laude, from Virginia State College (University). She retired from D.C. Parks and Recreation after more than thirty years of service, beginning part-time, then moving to recreation center manager, to ward manager, and then to department-wide Volunteer Coordinator. Gail returned to her home county and is thrilled to be GRASP’s first Lunenburg County advisor.

The GRASP program at Lunenburg Central High School is made possible by Universal Leaf Foundation which believes that education is beneficial to a prosperous future. Through Universal Leaf Foundation’s generosity, GRASP services are available, at no charge, to students and their families.

GRASP advisors are in 70 Virginia schools including the greater Richmond area as well as western parts of the state. More information about GRASP is available at their website, www.grasp4va.org.

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