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### **COLLEGE ACCESS ORGANIZATION AWARDS 163 SCHOLARSHIPS TO VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

RICHMOND, VA GGreat Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc. (GRASP), a non-profit, education organization, headquartered in Glen Allen, recently awarded 163 Last Dollar scholarships totaling \$161,000 to Virginia high school students graduating in 2014.

“We had an overwhelming number of scholarship applicants this year and were most impressed with the talent of our GRASP students. It is always exciting to be able to award deserving students our Last Dollar Scholarships which give students that extra financial bonus toward achieving their post-secondary education dreams,” said Betsy Heggie, GRASP CEO. “The GRASP mission is to help students with the financial aid process, but it is our supporters and donors who make it possible to provide scholarships to students, making GRASP’s role even more valuable.”

GRASP is dedicated to helping primarily low income and disabled students overcome financial and social barriers to attending college or vocational education after high school. Supported by individual, foundation and business donations, GRASP has advisors in 70 public and private schools throughout Virginia and provides services and scholarship assistance, free of charge, to students and their families. In the most recent school year, GRASP advisors assisted over 6,200 students and their families in developing post-secondary education game plans and leveraged more than an estimated \$69 million in financial aid.

GRASP salutes the 2014 Last Dollar scholarship winners. Many of this year’s Last Dollar scholarship winners will be the first members of their families to attend post-secondary education. All have learned about the importance of continuing their educations as the next step for their future successes. The 2014 GRASP Last Dollar scholarship winners are, as follows:

#### **Augusta County Public Schools**

Darlene Acero  
Brandon Cash  
Madison Clements  
Casey Gailey  
Ronald Jacobs

Connor Keenan  
Rachel Nye  
Alexis Painter  
Breanna Woolf

**Bath County Public Schools**

Lucy Lotts  
Mikayla Miller  
Ethan Wrights

**Brunswick County Public Schools**

Christina Clark  
Davonta Ferrell  
Ja'Mia Gillis  
Younique Morgan  
Jamari Stith

**Buckingham County Public Schools**

Brenell Banks  
Oasia Banks  
Jordan Reid  
Giandra Spradley

**Charles City County Public Schools**

Jessica Hill  
Daijah Johnson  
Casey Richardson

**Chesterfield County Public Schools**

Benjamin Adams  
Stephen Adams  
Brittany Baptiste  
Breona Barrett  
Tyler Butler  
Trish Cao  
Amelia Carley  
Carrie Chapman  
Devorian Dandridge  
Tiffany England  
Rudolph Ford III  
John Fuller  
Zachary Goodwyn  
Amber Harris

Tabetha House  
McKenzie Lawrence  
Isaiah Mason  
Stephen Mills  
Samuel Paek  
Spencer Paul  
Anthony Santin  
Kourtney Sparkman  
Jazmine Stith  
Marco Verdone III  
Sarah Wells  
Kimberly Weston  
Amber Wood

### **Colonial Heights Public Schools**

Jessie Jo Acfalle  
Christopher Bartlett

### **Cumberland County Public Schools**

Justin Coleman  
Mary Stewart

### **Goochland County Public Schools**

Kaytlyn Jones  
Kayla Moechnig  
Abbegail Preddy  
Kristina Stewart  
Anne Thrasher

### **Hanover County Public Schools**

Elizabeth Allen  
Josselin Cruz  
Madison Fabian  
Jasmine Ford  
Tyler Howard  
Shannon Johnson  
Ashley Jones  
Jasmine King  
Aaron Lyons  
Merwa Siddek  
Claiborne Wilson  
Melissa Wilson  
Alyssa Wright

## **Henrico County Public Schools**

Ashley Awosika  
Amalachukur Anene  
Adel Ayad  
Andrea Ball  
Ashlynn Bell  
Lil Bruneta-Souto  
Megan Cline  
Alexis Cosby  
Mercedes Delvalle  
Christopher Ferguson  
Jadasia Ferrell  
Dong Chen Guan  
Matthew Hodges  
Kenneth Johnson  
Autumn Lewis-Eaddy  
Hamid Mahabad  
Timothy Maxwell  
Helen McKinley  
Brianna Ong  
Chelsea Perry  
Breona Pritchett  
Kimberly Quinn  
Courtney Sadler  
Kirrill Shalakov  
James Strong-Brodie  
Tasneem Sunny  
Deonna Tinsley  
E'Shay Winfield  
Chinarah Winston  
Sarah Worthy

## **Highland County Public Schools**

Justin Sprouse

## **Hopewell City Public Schools**

Katelyn Durante  
Tyesha Evans  
Shanae Harris  
Zachary Hipps  
Kenya Lawrence

## **King William County Public Schools**

Melyna Wyand

**King and Queen County Public Schools**

Samantha Burrell

**Lunenburg County Public Schools**

Raekwon Ford

**Maggie Walker Governor's School**

Erica Lashley

**Nelson County Public Schools**

Briana Cousins  
Lydia Fitzgerald  
Savannah Mann  
James Miles  
Kashantae Miles  
Aja Vest-Turner

**New Kent County Public Schools**

Anna Mathis

**Northstar Academy**

Christopher Perry

**Petersburg City Public Schools**

Tiera Smith  
Adilene Varges

**Powhatan County Public Schools**

Erik Hockaday  
Madison Jones  
Bethany LeMaster

**Prince George County Public Schools**

Haley Eure  
Deborah Gardner

**Richmond City Public Schools**

Lamont Ambrister

Shanice Benn  
Kamryn Bonner  
Raekwon Carter  
Myracle Cash  
Brianna Chatman  
Jovon Green  
Joi Greene  
Ramesha Hampton  
Mercedes Hanks  
Kenneth Allen-Harris  
Jada Dyer  
Damara Hall  
Shanteisa Johnson  
Jesse Lucas  
Sean McGrath  
Shameeka Price-Cleare  
Abizue Santos  
Mustapha Stephens  
Channavy Ta  
Isaiah Walker  
Mia Washington  
Jaylen Williams  
Darius Young

**Staunton City Public Schools**

Liam Fairfax  
Alyssa Goff  
Lauren Knight  
Zachary Scheider  
Rula Tareq

**Sussex County Public Schools**

Candace Clark  
Jalisah Moore  
Michael Poarch

**Virginia Home for Boys and Girls**

Kristen Leaman  
Destiny Lewis

**Waynesboro City Public Schools**

Triston Beverly

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