GRASP Advising Thrives During Virtual School Year

- Adopted a system for advisors to provide financial aid information and assistance while secondary schools were virtual for most of the school year.
- New model included advising via cellphone calls, texting, emails, video conferencing, and - where possible and safe - in person.
- New model included evening and weekend "virtual" appointments via video conferencing, often accommodating parent work schedules.
- Participated in local events such as "drive-through FAFSA nights."

IN-SCHOOL ADVISING

- 4,117 high school students were assisted in accessing financial aid for post-secondary education.
- 1,008 of these students were mentored through SOAR Virginia®, obtaining $588,000 in scholarships funded by Virginia529.
- 80% of students were from low-income households.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Advisors helped students secure an average of $10,000 per student in financial aid.
- Awarded $119,000 in Last Dollar Scholarships to 105 seniors.
- Awarded $71,000 in Community College Pathway scholarships to 71 students seeking a transfer degree or career certification.

COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM

- 120 college students were supported on their path to degree completion through email programs, financial aid advising, problem-solving support, and summer boot camps.
- $100,000 in College Success scholarships to be awarded to participating students.
GRASP services are free of charge to students and families and are made available by the support of:

- individual contributions
- foundations and corporate partners
- school division partners
- the Virginia General Assembly

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GRASP has earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator 6 years in a row. Only 11% of charities evaluated receive 5 consecutive 4-star ratings.

GRASP is recognized by the Standards for Excellence Institute® as having met the requirements of the Standards Basics Enhanced program.

GRASP provided advising and assistance with post-secondary financial aid in 89 high schools, including implementing SOAR Virginia in 33 of those schools.

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