

PROGRESS REPORT

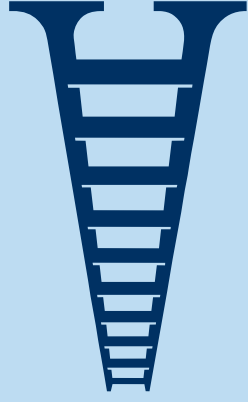
The ACCESS College Foundation works to reinforce the importance of continuing education for local students. Our primary objective is to ensure these students have access to information that will allow them to make informed decisions about postsecondary options. By increasing the number of students seeking postsecondary education, we are steadily expanding the pool of qualified workers and helping find solutions for long-term workforce development in the Hampton Roads region.

As a stakeholder in our community, you have a vested interest in the students of today who will become the leaders of tomorrow. Over the past 20 years, the generosity of the Hampton Roads community has enabled ACCESS to help over 70,000 students attain higher education.

In our 21st year of helping students go to college, we value your investment in the public high school students of South Hampton Roads. Thank you for believing in the students of South Hampton Roads as much as we do.

Mid-year "Progress Report":

- A+ 6,700 or 70% of all Seniors in the 29 public high schools in South Hampton Roads have already met one-on-one with their ACCESS Advisor to make plans for continuing their education.
- A+ Over 2,400 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms have been filed for students and their families by ACCESS Advisors between January 1st and February 27th. The current FAFSA is five pages long and focuses on the income and assets of the student and his/her family. This one form determines how much federal and state financial aid will be offered by Virginia's colleges and universities.
- A+ Over 450 ACCESS Seniors attended the Fall 2008 SAT Preparatory Workshops. Spring SAT Preparatory Workshops will be held for Juniors in the months of March and April.
- A+ Nearly 300 students participated in the Fall 2008 College Tours provided by ACCESS. Colleges visited include Virginia State University, Virginia Tech, Hampton University, James Madison University, University of Richmond and Longwood University. Spring College Tours and Open Houses will be held in the months of March and April.
- A+ ACCESS has already paid or provided waivers for \$124,120 in SAT/ACT test fees and college application fees for students demonstrating financial need.



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