

The ACCESS College Foundation has been working for over 22 years to build bright futures for the students of South Hampton Roads. As these students are encouraged to pursue a post-secondary education, we help to ensure far-reaching success and significant progress for our community as a whole.

Since 1988, the generosity of a passionate community and family of supporters has enabled ACCESS to help over 35,000 students attain higher education.

As we pass the mid-way point of another successful school year, we would like to share with you just a few markers of our progress. Thank you for providing for the future and helping to safeguard our students' dreams.

Mid-year "Progress Report":

Early Awareness Program:

A+ In the 19 low-income middle schools served by our middle school program, more than 3,500 7th and 8th graders have already participated in activities held by our Early College Awareness Advisors.



Early College Awareness Advisor Lakeisha Phelps Mayes working with a William E. Waters Middle School student and her family to help her get a head start on college preparation.

High School Program:

A+ Over 2,300 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms have been filed for students and their families by ACCESS Advisors between January 1st and February 15th. 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 colleges and universities.



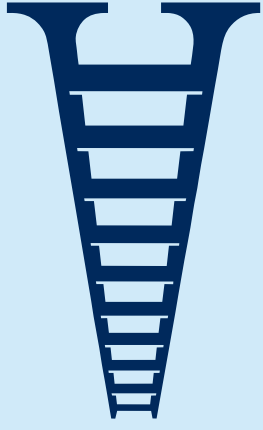
Advisor Lauren Collins assisting a student with the financial aid process.

College Success Program:

A+ This school year marks an exciting milestone for our College Success Program, as our first set of Scholars participating in the program will graduate from college after just four years. Retention results show that 87% of our targeted fourth-year students are still enrolled in our "Success Colleges," exceeding the overall average rate of 55% for all fourth-year students enrolled in these colleges.



ACCESS Co-Founder Josh Darden with ACCESS Scholars Angel Eason and David Kidd, and ACCESS Alumna Shakita Vick. Angel and David are both participating in the ACCESS College Success Program; Angel is slated to graduate Old Dominion University May 2012 and David will be graduating Virginia Wesleyan College May 2011.



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