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ACCESS has partnered with the national organization Network for Good to process online gifts. Network for Good is the Internet's leading charitable resource where donors can give online to more than one million charities, including the Access College Foundation.

To find out more about giving to Access online and how your donation will be used, visit www.accesscollege.org and click "Support ACCESS." ■

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"Last Dollar Awards" Scholarship Luncheon

Since 1988 we've helped over 50,000 students go to college.



One service that the **Access College Foundation** provides to South Hampton Roads public high school students is the "Last Dollar Award" scholarship. Funded by Frank and Jane Batten and a host of other endowment supporters, the "Last Dollar Award" provides a scholarship of up to \$1,000 to students with an outstanding financial need beyond the financial aid Access has helped them leverage.

Since 1988, ACCESS has provided more than 4,100 "Last Dollar Awards" to local students for a total amount of more than \$3.4 million. With applications available early April and due May 18th, an even larger number of scholarships are expected to be distributed for the 2007-08 academic year. Each student receiving the scholarship and one parent are invited to join the Access Board of Directors, community members and donors at the Scholarship Awards Luncheon in June to receive their scholarship and celebrate their many achievements.

For more information about the Scholarship Awards Luncheon event or to be added to the invitation list, please contact Gina M. Madden at (757) 962-6113 or gmadden@accesscollege.org. ■

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COLLEGE FOUNDATION HAS A FEW KEY SUPPORTERS THAT FORM THE CORE OF ITS SUPPORT. ONE OF THESE IS —

The Beazley Foundation, Inc.

ACCESS has impacted thousands of students' lives because of the dedicated support of the Beazley Foundation.

In each of the five cities of South Hampton Roads, there has always been a champion for the **Access College Foundation**, whether it was an individual, corporation or foundation. The Beazley Foundation is our Portsmouth champion as it became the catalyst for providing Access services to students in Portsmouth public high schools.

The Beazley Foundation was founded in December 1948 with funds provided by the late Fred W. Beazley, his wife, Marie C. Beazley, and son, Fred W. Beazley, Jr. The Beazley Foundation, founded on the premise of enhancing the lives of youth and underprivileged, supports the Access College Foundation and a number of other local charities. Based in Portsmouth, Virginia, and led by President and CEO Judge Richard S. Bray, the Beazley Foundation has been an integral supporter of the ACCESS College Foundation since our Portsmouth expansion in 1990.

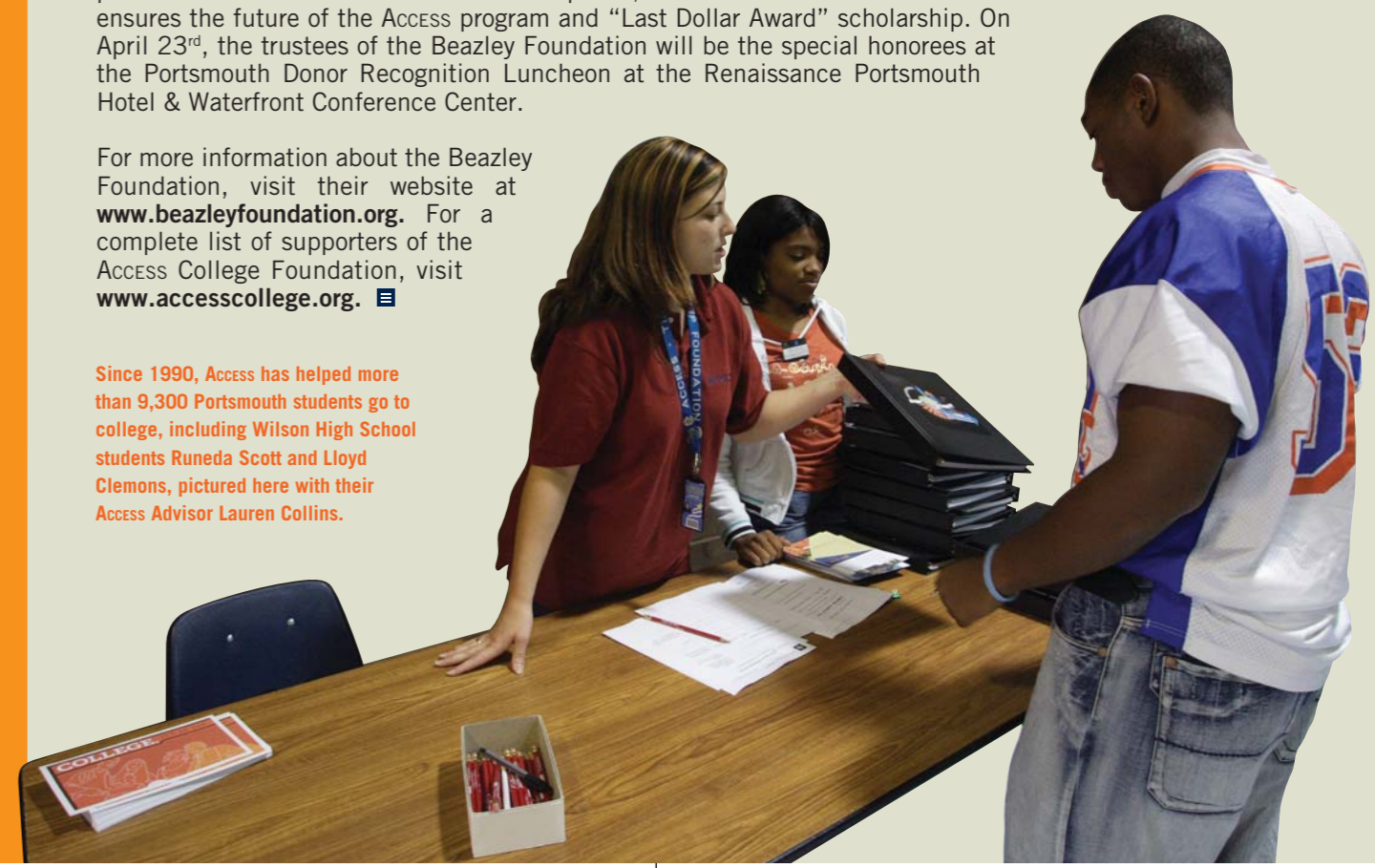
In April 1990, ACCESS co-founder Joshua P. Darden, Jr. called on the Beazley Foundation about the ACCESS program and the hope of bringing the program to Portsmouth. The Beazley Foundation pledged \$75,000 per year for a three-year pilot program in Portsmouth with a challenge to the Portsmouth Schools Foundation to raise \$75,000 from the business community. Portsmouth General Hospital Foundation immediately rose to the challenge, pledging \$30,000 per year for three years. The quick and decisive action by the Beazley Foundation and other members of the Portsmouth community allowed ACCESS to begin helping Portsmouth students go to college in September 1990.

ACCESS impacts thousands of students' lives because of the dedicated support of the Beazley Foundation. In the 16 years that ACCESS has provided services to Portsmouth public high schools, ACCESS Advisors have helped over 9,300 students with the college entrance process. More than 5,000 Portsmouth students have received the full range of ACCESS services and amassed more than \$38 million in financial aid and scholarships. ACCESS has also provided more than \$1.2 million in "Last Dollar Award" scholarships to Portsmouth students.

Over the years, the Beazley Foundation has provided more than \$1 million to ACCESS to provide services in Portsmouth and Chesapeake, and to fund the endowment which ensures the future of the ACCESS program and "Last Dollar Award" scholarship. On April 23rd, the trustees of the Beazley Foundation will be the special honorees at the Portsmouth Donor Recognition Luncheon at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center.

For more information about the Beazley Foundation, visit their website at www.beazleyfoundation.org. For a complete list of supporters of the ACCESS College Foundation, visit www.accesscollege.org. ■

Since 1990, ACCESS has helped more than 9,300 Portsmouth students go to college, including Wilson High School students Runeda Scott and Lloyd Clemons, pictured here with their ACCESS Advisor Lauren Collins.



College Tours

In 2006-07, Access provided tours of nine colleges and universities in Virginia.

College tours are a vital part of the college application process. For many students and their parents, making trips to see colleges of interest is not a possibility. They may get the opportunity to visit one local school or none at all depending on their family's transportation situation, their after-school work schedule and many other outside factors.

When students are able to visualize themselves on a college campus, they are better equipped to take on the challenge of making the grades and navigating the college application and financial aid processes. Thankfully, the **Access College Foundation** is able to help with this challenge.

Guided college tours are an important part of the **Access** program. During the 2006-07 school year, **Access** provided tours of nine colleges and universities in Virginia for the students we serve in the 28 high schools of South Hampton Roads. These free college tours include motor coach transportation, refreshments and/or meals and a guided tour of the campus by campus staff. Additionally, some colleges and universities provided on-site college admissions for the students who attended.

With more than 700 students participating this year, the **Access College Foundation's** college tours are just one more way we are helping South Hampton Roads public high school students go to college. ■

Fall 2006 College Tours:

- * College of William and Mary
- * James Madison University
- * Longwood University
- * University of Richmond
- * University of Virginia

Spring 2007 College Tours:

- * Old Dominion University
- * Norfolk State University
- * Virginia Commonwealth University
- * Virginia Wesleyan College

The official **Access College Tour** t-shirt displays the names of colleges in Virginia.



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SPRING 2007

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 14 th	* College Tour – Virginia Wesleyan College
Monday, April 23 rd	* Portsmouth Donor Recognition Luncheon
Friday, May 18 th	* ACCESS “Last Dollar Award” Scholarship Deadline
Tuesday, May 22 nd	* Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 28 th	* Scholarship Awards Luncheon

National Association of Women In Construction Pizza Parties

When partnerships are formed, great things can be achieved. An exciting partnership between the **Access College Foundation** and the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) has allowed the female students we serve in South Hampton Roads to explore career options in the world of construction. Women currently make up approximately 12% of the construction industry and their numbers continue to increase, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Both **Access** and NAWIC have reached out to our local students to educate them about an industry that requires architects, interior designers, engineers and accountants as well as framers, plumbers and project managers.

This partnership formed last spring when NAWIC offered to provide **Access** with additional funds for scholarships for senior girls interested in construction-related college majors. **Access** organized pizza parties in Norfolk and Portsmouth high schools to inform students about the scholarship and the many opportunities for women in the growing field of construction.

This year we continued our partnership with NAWIC, holding pizza parties in three high schools: First Colonial in Virginia Beach, I.C. Norcom in Portsmouth and Maury in Norfolk. Students from all of the 28 schools we serve in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Suffolk were invited to attend each regional information session and pizza party.



Amy Thompson, Preconstruction Manager with VIRTEXCO Corporation, reviews construction site blueprints with Maury High School student Crystal Johnson.

Nearly 100 female students were in attendance to learn about various career paths, educational backgrounds and the salary ranges offered for jobs in the field. Students were also given information and applications for the scholarship from NAWIC and **Access**.

This partnership has proven beneficial for **Access** and NAWIC, as we promote college education and disperse information about various career fields within the construction industry. Coming together, we are building a stronger workforce for tomorrow. ■

ACCESS worked with NAWIC to inform students about the opportunities for women in the field construction.

Alma and Howard Laderberg Fund

Annually, more than 200 community members pledge their support to the **Access College Foundation** and its mission of helping students go to college. It is due to the generosity of these donors that we are able to help thousands of students create and achieve their goals of attending and paying for college. It is our privilege to share the spotlight with a generous couple who make it possible for South Hampton Roads public high school students to go to college.

The Laderbergs designated \$10,000 per year to ACCESS for need-based scholarships to students in the ACCESS program.

Alma and Howard Laderberg, outstanding citizens of the Hampton Roads community, first were introduced to the **Access College Foundation** by Philip Rovner of the Tidewater Jewish Foundation. Mr. Rovner organized a meeting where we could educate the Laderbergs about the **Access College Foundation**, as they were interested in funding organizations working with local children and adolescents.



Photo courtesy of Steve Budman

Alma and Howard Laderberg

It did not take long to find out that the Laderbergs held a strong and profound desire to give back to the Hampton Roads community. As a result of our meeting, **Access** formed a relationship with Alma and Howard Laderberg and the Tidewater Jewish Foundation.

The Laderbergs ultimately designated their \$10,000 recurring annual gift to **Access** for need-based scholarships for **Access** students. The “Last Dollar Award” scholarships will help students bridge the gap between the cost of attendance at the chosen college and the financial aid and scholarships available to them. The Laderbergs’ philanthropic collaboration with **Access** and the Tidewater Jewish Foundation created an immediate benefit to our community by helping more students go to college and reach their fullest potential. The long-term benefits will be realized by our community, where these students will live and work in the future.

Sadly, Alma Laderberg passed away on February 12, 2007. She is truly missed, but her philanthropic spirit and legacy will be continued through the generous gift she and Howard established to benefit the **Access College Foundation**.

For more information about the “Last Dollar Award” scholarships or how to start a scholarship fund through **Access**, please contact Bonnie B. Sutton at (757) 962-7285 or bsutton@accesscollege.org or Gina M. Madden at (757) 962-6113 or gmadden@accesscollege.org. ■

Students who attended the SAT Prep workshop had an average point increase of 86 in their SAT scores.

Imagine this.

You're 17 years old and a junior in high school. You hit the alarm at 6 o'clock this Saturday morning, not to go to the beach or hang out with your friends, but to take a five-hour-long test. **The SAT.** This is the ultimate test that determines not only how much money in scholarships you may receive, but also which colleges will likely accept you. If this weren't enough, you also have to figure out how to pay the \$41.50 fee to take the SAT. The SAT that you probably should have studied for.

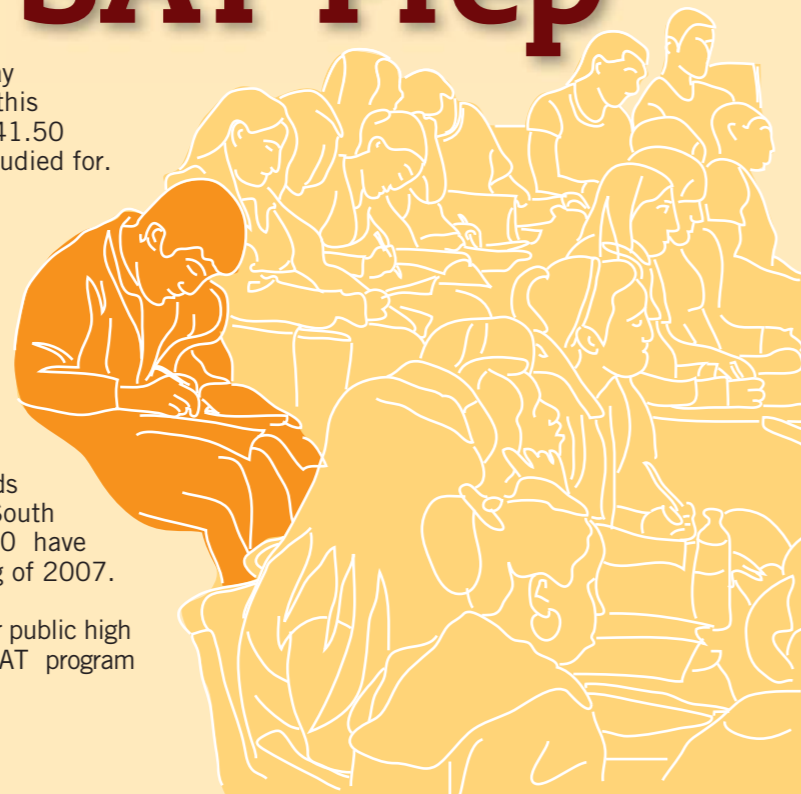
Anxious yet?

This is what thousands of high school students in South Hampton Roads, and around the country, experience during their junior and senior years of high school.

One of the many services the **Access College Foundation** provides to local students is a free SAT Prep workshop that helps students prepare for the standardized test used for college admissions. More than 750 South Hampton Roads students attended the 25 SAT Prep sessions held at South Hampton Roads high schools in fall of 2006. Nearly 350 have attended the six regional SAT Prep sessions held during spring of 2007.

SAT Prep workshops are offered each semester to junior and senior public high school students. These classes are taught by professional SAT program

SAT Prep



presenters and cover topics such as tips for taking the test, study habits and specific skill refreshers for each major section of the SAT – critical reading, writing and math.

“The SAT Prep workshop improved both my SAT score and my chances at getting more scholarships and financial aid at East Carolina University,” Chanay Smith, senior at Bayside High School explained. “After I attended the SAT Prep, my SAT score increased 120 points!” Recent research conducted by the **Access College Foundation** showed that students who attended the SAT Prep workshop had an average point increase of 86 in their SAT scores.

In addition to helping students prepare for the SAT, the **Access College Foundation** understands that the cost of the test prohibits some students from taking it more than once or even at all. This will lessen students’ chances of improving their score and getting into college, or even going to college at all. **Access** Advisors facilitate fee waivers for eligible low-income students and also pay the test fee for qualified students who are not eligible for fee waivers. Last school year, **Access** waived more than \$113,000 in SAT/ACT fees and paid more than \$5,400 in fees. ■

Over 1,000 students took advantage of the SAT Prep workshops provided by **Access** in 2006-07.