

GRASP News

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Alumni Spotlight, Meet Tatiana Carter

The wonderful stories and successes of GRASP Alumni are endless. Here is the first of future "spotlights" on GRASP Alumni.

Name: Tatiana Carter **What schools have you attended?** I graduated from Thomas Dale High School [Chesterfield County] in 2012 and VCU in 2016. **What is the best thing GRASP has done for you?** The best thing GRASP has done for me is show that it IS possible to go to the school of your dreams even if it seems impossible financially. They helped me navigate the FAFSA and that was the most helpful.



What one piece of "educational advice" would you give to high school students? I didn't have a 4.0 [GPA]...actually most of college I didn't have a 3.0, BUT I had EXPERIENCE. I found a passion and ran with it and made sure to take EVERY opportunity to get involved with it while in school- volunteering,

taking extra classes, meeting people and networking. Experience and passion are more valuable in the "real world" than an A, or GPA will ever be. Don't slack on your grades by any means, but don't get bent out of shape, chase your dream and it WILL fall into place. Dr. Scarbrough (my boss) told me repeatedly that although my work history was lacking when she interviewed me, one month before I graduated, that my PASSION is what pushed me ahead of other applicants.

What are you doing now? Now, I'M GETTING MARRIED! And bought a house and I'm working in a career in my field of study. I'm the Education Program Assistant at the Richmond City Sheriff's Office working under Dr. Sarah Scarbrough [GRASP board member].

Hero's Corner

Many thanks to the foundations who recently continued their support of GRASP's goal to ensure that every student has an equal opportunity for continuing education after high school, regardless of financial or social circumstances.

- \$10,000 from Capital One Foundation to support in-school advising at George Wythe High School in Richmond.
- \$15,000 from Dominion Foundation to support in-school advising in Bath, Brunswick, Buckingham, and Sussex counties as well as Hopewell and Staunton.

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