

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – PRESENTATIONS/ INFORMATION**

Talent Search, Career Coach, Grasp/SOAR Coach – Mike Perry

BACKGROUND:

Educational Talent Search - Noreen Mitchell, Counselor

- **Institution represented:** Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
- **Source of program funding:** U.S. Department of Education grant
- **Targeted population:** Economically disadvantaged and/or possible first generation college students (whose parents do not have a four-year college degree) in grades 8-12
- **Goal of program:** For every identified Talent Search student to graduate from high school and attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school to further his/her education

VCCS High School Career Coach – Marsha Keyser, Career Coach

- **Institution Represented:** DSLCC
- **Source of Program Funding:** Alleghany Foundation Grant Funding for 2014- June 2018
- **Targeted Population:** Coaching helps “middle majority” students-the mainstay of the emerging workforce-prepare for college and careers. Career coaches offer unique benefits to students, such as direct access to college programs and services, postsecondary faculty, and businesses and industries.
- **Purpose Goal of Program:** Career Coaches in Virginia are community college employees who are based in local high schools to help students define their career aspirations and to recognize community college and other postsecondary programs, including apprenticeships and workforce training, that can help them achieve their educational and financial goals.

GRASP/SOAR - Jami Fussell, Advisor and Community Ambassador

Program Name: GRASP – Great Aspirations Scholarship Program

- **Institution Represented:** GRASP
- **Source of Program Funding:** GRASP is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization funded through generous gifts of both time and funding from donors to the organization.
- **Targeted Population:** ALL Seniors and their families in participating GRASP Schools.
- **Purpose/Goal of Program:** GRASP will help students and their families, regardless of their financial resources and at no charge to them, develop an educational plan:
- **Ambassador Role:** Interact with the community to educate them on the role and services provided by GRASP in their community through media outlets and personal contact.

Program Name: SOAR Virginia®, - Jami Fussell, Advisor

- **Institution Represented:** SOAR Virginia® - Virginia 529
- **Source of Program Funding:** It is sponsored by the Virginia529SM, an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and brought to you by participating college access providers.
- **Targeted Population:** Students who are a U.S. citizen or legal U.S. resident, a Virginia resident, in grades 10-12 in a participating Virginia high school, and agree to comply with the SOAR Virginia pledge, including the minimum cumulative GPA at the time of enrollment of 2.5, and qualify to participate in the National School Lunch Program. **Goal** - eligible high school students across Virginia for success in post-secondary education through a combination of individual advising, encouragement and up to \$2,000 in an Invest529 scholarship account. (10th \$500, 11th \$500, 12th \$1,000) SOAR Virginia further expands Virginia529’s mission to make higher education more affordable and accessible, especially to students who face financial obstacles.