

# GRASP News

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## Alumni Spotlight: Jaela Harris - B.S. degree before age 20



*Jaela Harris*

J.R. Tucker High School  
2016 Graduate, Advance College Academy

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
2016 Graduate, Associate of Social Science

Virginia Commonwealth University  
2018 Graduate, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

**What is the best thing GRASP has done for you?** Without the GRASP scholarship I got in high school, I wouldn't have been able to further my education at a university.

**What are you doing now?** I've received and accepted a job offer to be a full time Mental Health Community Counselor for National Counseling Group.

**What one piece of "educational advice" would you give to high school students?** I recommend that you get involved and network, it is a huge part of your success in college. Networking and being social especially, you could meet someone who could meet someone who could potentially help you get the next job, internship, or volunteering opportunity.

**What is the biggest life challenge you faced relative to your educational path?** Beginning college at VCU, I was extremely shy my first year. I rarely went to campus events and I didn't join anything, and I missed out on a lot. I'm sure if I was involved I would have found the college life easier when it came to trying to find an internship and a job.

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These scholarships provide monetary assistance to students who might not otherwise be able to attend their schools of choice. Although GRASP in-school financial aid advising, education, and mentoring for students and their families is the primary focus of the GRASP program, the ability to award GRASP scholarships because of donor support is an extra bonus for which GRASP is most grateful.



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