



YOU EMPOWERED HANNAH'S FUTURE

YOUR SUPPORT UNLOCKED OPPORTUNITY

Hannah's Journey Reflects Your Commitment

Meet Hannah Walton, a sophomore at Averett University in Danville, VA. Hannah's college journey reflects the influence of your support, enhanced by the commitment of the Commonwealth Alliance for Rural Colleges (CARC) to create educational pathways like the 22nd Century Scholars Program.

Hailing from Danville, Hannah initially envisioned studying beyond her hometown. However, the sense of belonging she found at Averett, along with a remarkable scholarship package, redirected her course toward a rewarding local university experience.

As a connection leader on campus, Hannah's desire to assist others shines brightly. She has set her sights on becoming a high school history teacher, with aspirations to earn her Masters and PhD.

Hannah's unwavering sense of purpose made her an ideal fit for the 22nd Century Scholars Program, a virtual internship consisting of a public service curriculum focused on Virginia's public policy, political campaigns, and history.

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING PRIVATE COLLEGE

You Shaped Sarah's Future

Your donation paves the way for a promising career with the Gupton Initiative

Your generous donation goes beyond sparking a journey; it's shaping a bright future for students like Sarah Estes. Through CARC's Gupton Initiative, you empower students to excel in Virginia's thriving pharmaceutical sector.

The Gupton Initiative creates dual pathways to degrees, enabling students to earn both bachelor's and master's degrees through VCU's esteemed College of Engineering. As a pioneering participant, Sarah, a chemistry major from Ferrum College, stands as a testament to the initiative's potential and the doors it opens for students.

This innovative effort bridges a crucial gap by attracting students who aspire to thrive in the pharmaceutical industry. With none of the member schools previously offering a chemical engineering major, your contribution directly fills a void and paves the way for success.

You're not only shaping individual lives but also ushering in promising careers and rewarding futures, particularly for first-time generation, minority and resource-limited students.

Thank you for enabling this transformative opportunity, empowering our students and schools!

Thanks to your support, Sarah's inspiring journey and Carthan's leadership embody the promise of a bright future through the Gupton Initiative.



NOTE OF THANKS

I'm truly grateful for your contribution provided to the Commonwealth Alliance for Rural Colleges.

Your generosity has shaped the future of higher education and transformed the lives of countless students, enabling them to pursue their dreams despite financial barriers.

Our member community grew stronger with the inclusion of Christendom College, solidifying our commitment to providing transformative educational experiences to even more students, thanks to your essential support.

Your impact extended beyond a single institution; your donation created a ripple effect across multiple rural private colleges, amplifying the reach of positive change.

I appreciate your support as it empowered us to shape a brighter future for students, institutions, and the communities they serve.

Gratefully yours,

Carthan F. Currin III
President

MAKE COLLEGE DREAMS POSSIBLE FOR STUDENTS!

You Helped Make College Affordable

Your dedication to empowering dreams within rural education shines brightly for Hampton Roads student

Your remarkable generosity has paved the way for deserving students from the Hampton Roads region to access a private college education. Through your support of the Commonwealth Alliance for Rural Colleges, the establishment of the "S. Frank Blocker, Jr. Memorial Scholarship" was made possible, honoring the legacy of Mr. Frank Blocker, a loyal donor and respected former Board member.

Your thoughtful contribution not only transforms these students' futures but also ensures that education is attainable for those in need. With member schools offering an average financial aid package exceeding \$22,000 per student, your commitment acts as a catalyst for their dreams and ambitions. By attracting students through scholarships from an area our member schools might not typically reach, you're also aiding these schools in boosting and diversifying their enrollment.

In changing individual lives, you're also enriching education for everyone involved. Thank you for your dedication to constructing a brighter, more inclusive future for all!

Your Support Unlocks Opportunity

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After collaborating with Alliance staff, The Sorensen Institute expanded its 22nd Century Scholars Program to include CARC member schools, giving Hannah access to the program that she would have otherwise missed out on.'

Conducted over Zoom, the program included participation from Governors Mark Warner, Tim Kaine, Bob McDonnell, and Glenn Youngkin. Reflecting on her participation, Hannah shared, "Hearing from the Governors directly was truly invaluable. I gained understanding of their distinct approaches in developing initiatives for rural Virginia in contrast to Northern Virginia."

Hannah's journey wasn't just about meeting prominent figures; it was about self-discovery. Your gift offered her insights into the world of politics, and confirmed her passion in governance.



Hannah (far right) is on the road to a fulfilling college experience thanks to your support!

"I can see myself involved in creating educational policy," Hannah exclaimed. "I believe this program is crucial in shaping the next generation of government influencers."

Thanks to your support, CARC works to create opportunities to member schools and rural students that might otherwise be inaccessible. Your support is instrumental in driving positive change and creating pathways for students like Hannah.

GIVE STUDENTS AN EDUCATION & A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Help empower dreams for deserving students

Your transformative power has the potential to change lives and shape the dreams of determined students who yearn for higher education but are hindered by financial barriers.

These aspiring minds need your support. Your generosity can shatter these barriers and unlock doors of opportunity for countless young individuals.

Will you join us in making a private college education accessible to a student in need?



Your gift holds the key to empowering a brighter future, paving the way for success. You'll help to champion dreams, and foster an environment where students can thrive in their pursuits.

Your donation extends beyond any single institution's walls. When you contribute to the Commonwealth Alliance, your impact resonates across multiple rural private colleges, sparking positive change for students in need.

YES, I WILL HELP A STUDENT ATTEND COLLEGE!

Yes, use my gift to provide a student with access to a private college education that empowers their success in life.

\$100 to help a student	\$250 to help a student
\$500 to help a student	\$1000 to help a student

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide our member institutions the resources to ensure their students have access to an affordable, value-based education that prepares them for success in a global economy.

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