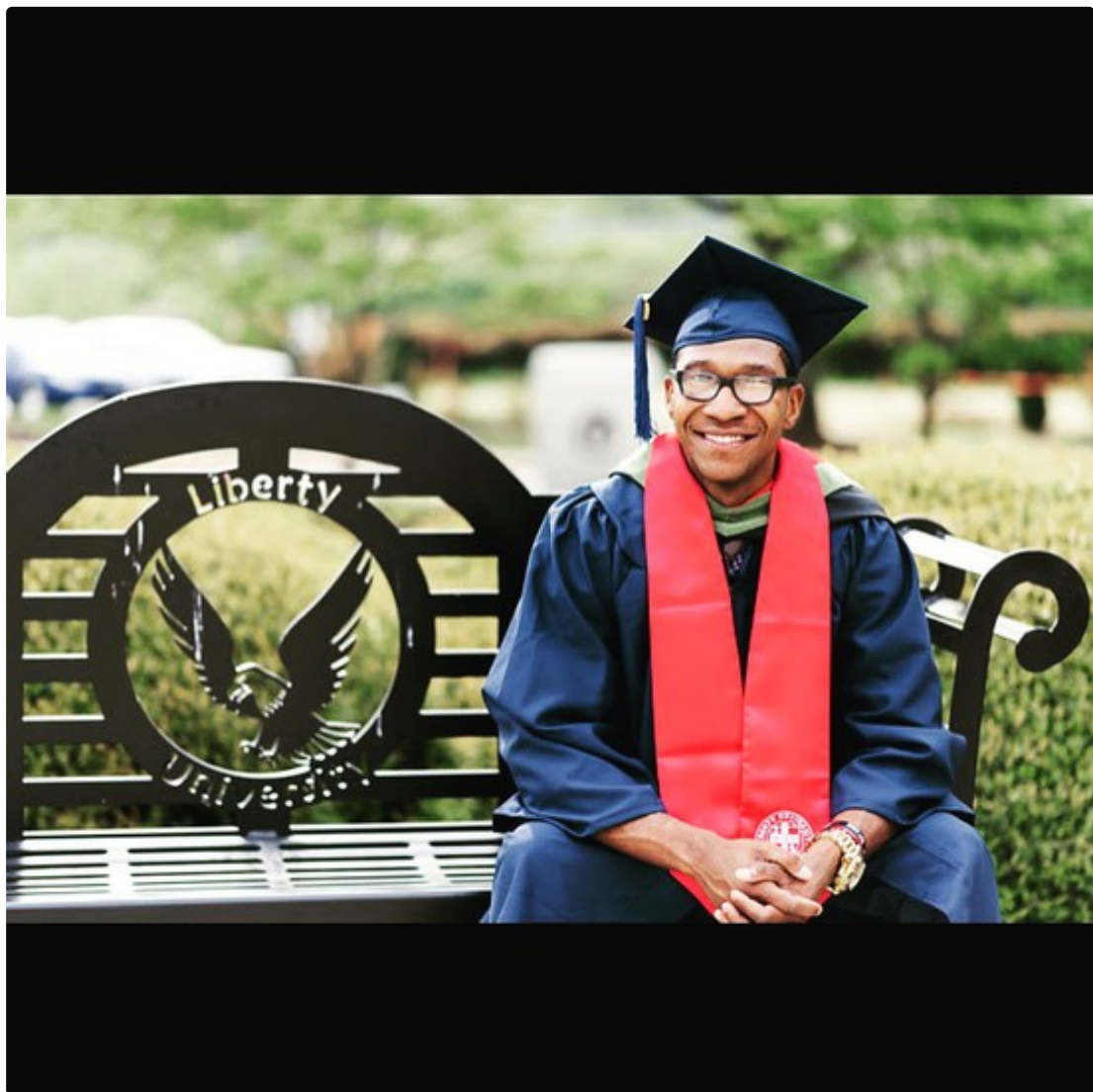


GRASP News

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Alumni Spotlight - Thriving at Liberty University

What are you doing now? I completed my undergraduate degree in Sports Management. I am currently working on my Master's degree at Liberty University, and I have a position working with Liberty University's Baseball Team as the Audio/Video Coordinator. **What has been your biggest life challenge in your educational journey?** Dealing with my visual disability. While I was younger, I struggled a bit dealing with this; as I grew through the years, I now have no problem advocating for myself.



What educational advice you would give to students? I would tell them, "Dreams are what gives us the drive to get things done; work on your dreams and find your passion. You have tremendous talents and abilities. In life, when one door closes, another opens. Continue to strive for success and remain focused on your goal. Dreams come true!" **What schools have you attended?** Buckingham High School and Liberty University. **What is your proudest moment associated with GRASP?** GRASP has offered so many opportunities and knowledge to me in the past and even the present; the best thing that GRASP has done for me was the constant support whether it would be financially or through their leadership and workshops. The bottom line is that GRASP made it possible for me to attend college and pursue my passion.



Graduation Excitement Abounds

Late spring is an especially wonderful time of year for GRASP, as we are able to award a Last Dollar Scholarship to at least one student at every school that is served by GRASP. We also begin to see our Facebook "friends" who are graduating from college and posting graduation photos which show the culmination of their education goals. These events reinforce the importance of the GRASP mission not only for today's students, but also for students in years to come.

Thank You "Shout Out" to the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge

GRASP is always appreciative of the support we receive from foundations and donors. This month, we would especially like to thank the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge for the \$8,000 grant we received to continue our goal of ensuring that every student has an equal opportunity for continuing education after high school, regardless of financial or social circumstances, for students in the region. We couldn't support our students without your help!



Our Mission

GRASP will help students and their families, regardless of their financial resources and at no charge to them, develop an educational plan by:

- **Assisting** them with the financial aid process;
- **Awarding** and administering scholarships;
- **Inspiring** them to believe that secondary and post-secondary education are attainable; and
- **Supporting** them during the completion of their educational goals.




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Pictured left is Selmira Avdic, University of Richmond, Class of 2017!

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