

Grant Awarded to TAP at The Learning Center at Beaufort Academy
Free Services Will Help Students Achieve Their College Dreams

The Learning Center at Beaufort Academy is pleased to be the recent recipient of a grant from The Beaufort Fund of Coastal Community Foundation. This \$5,000 grant will be used for scholarships for The Aspire Program (TAP), a new program at The Learning Center located at Beaufort Academy.



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Through collaborative efforts with local schools, specifically Lady's Island Middle School, The Aspire Program will identify able, conscientious, and interested rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade students willing to imagine new possibilities for themselves, their education, and their community. The mission of TAP is to prepare students for success in college, and will enroll students who have the ability and drive to succeed, but not necessarily the background or resources to achieve their goals.

"If no one in your family has ever attended college, it can be difficult to imagine yourself there," said Laura McAlhaney, Director of TAP. "Our goal is to enable students who have the dream of college attain it, while offering them the support and guidance they need for both acceptance and success in higher education."

TAP's multi-year approach will focus on improving specific academic skills, assess attendee's individual learning styles, and teach study strategies and leadership skills. Through the grant, TAP will be able to offer these services at no charge to students accepted into the program, and will follow students through high school course selection and the college application process.

TAP will begin with a Summer Institute in June 2012, and continue as an after-school program when school resumes in the fall. Please contact Laura McAlhaney at 843-524-3393, or lmcalhaney@beaufortacademy.org, for more information.