



Educating Children, Shaping Lives, Preparing Leaders

Northern Virginia foundation recognizes need for ESP!

**Emerging Scholars Program receives \$25,000 grant from
Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**

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Emerging Scholars Program, “ESP,” is pleased to announce that for the third consecutive year, the program has received a grant for \$25,000 from the Claude Moore Foundation, based in Fairfax, VA. This generous gift will directly support the fifth grade boys and girls who participate in the intensive academic and leadership program.

Trustee Peter Arntson shares that the foundation is “pleased to be able to support the important work of Emerging Scholars Program.” Established in 1987 by Dr. Claude Moore, a successful physician and Northern Virginia landowner, the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation is recognized for instigating programs and partnerships aimed at increasing academic competence and encouraging leadership abilities, with an emphasis on the underprivileged. For additional information on the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, please refer to www.claudemoorefoundation.org.

About Emerging Scholars Program

The mission of ESP is to provide an academic, social and leadership enrichment program for a diverse group of students who, without financial assistance, could not consider an independent school education. Upon completion of the fourteen-month curriculum, graduates apply to participating independent schools for grade six.

Established by a consortium of Northern Virginia independent schools, ESP’s program prepares students for success in independent schools and beyond. ESP executive director Alvarez LeCesne shares that “ESP is unique in that students attend for two summers and Saturdays during the school year. ESP also recognizes the importance of families in a child’s education and requires parents to attend workshops.” Students come from Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. To date, ESP has placed forty-three graduates into independent schools that have committed more than \$120,000 per student in need-based scholarships.

For more information about ESP and to learn about volunteer opportunities and how to contribute, please go to www.emergingscholarsprogram.org or call ESP at 703-584-2307.

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