## **Meyers recieves first** Lumsden scholarship

Thanks to a generous donation from Sentara Healthcare, The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) used the \$75,000 donation to establish the Chris A. Lumsden Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship to help students in need in the greater South Boston region.

Peyton Meyers, a second year nursing student at Southside Virginia Community College, earned the inaugural scholarship.

"I am very honored to be the first recipient of the Chris A. Lumsden Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship is truly a blessing as it will allow me to achieve my goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. I hope to continue Mr. and Mrs. Lumsden's legacy of generosity and compassion by giving back to my community as a

nurse," Meyers said. In addition to Sentara Healthcare, Lumsden's friends and family contributed monies to the endowment fund.

The scholarship will provide financial assistance to students at Southside Virginia or Danville Community Colleges who are enrolled in a nursing program or pursuing an associate degree related to healthcare.

"Many of our students are pressed for time and resources," said VFCCE executive director Jennifer Gentry. "A lot of them are working full-time to support themselves and in some cases, their families. This scholarship will help eliminate some of the barriers that are preventing them from pursuing a degree and realizing their true potential."



Peyton Meyers is the first recipient of the Chris Lumsden Scholarship. From left, Anne McCaffrey, director of community engagement for Virginia's community colleges, David White, board member for Sentara, Meyers, Lumsden and Jennifer Gentry, director of VFCCE. (HS photo)

The Lumsden scholarship honors Lumsden, who previously served as chair of the State Board for

Community Colleges, for his devotion to the communities of Southern Virginia and leadership as president his belief in Virginia's

of Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital. It also serves as a lasting testament to Community Colleges and the role they play in building an educated and welltrained workforce.