

**Hampton University**  
**Chronology of Events**  
**2010 - 2015**

## 2010

- President Barack Obama, the first African-American, 7<sup>th</sup> sitting president and 10<sup>th</sup> U. S. president to speak at Hampton University, delivered the Commencement address. He was presented with a seedling from the Emancipation Oak, which was planted on the South Lawn of the White House.
- U. S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan spoke at the 2010 Ministers' Conference.
- Hampton University received \$8 million to build a new Biomedical Research Center for research activities such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, adolescent health, HIV/AIDS, bio-molecular cancer imaging, medical chemistry and Alzheimer's. This building is referred to as Research II.
- Hampton U Online was launched, offering online programs to distance education students in 23 program areas, including certificates, associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.
- Hampton University's President Dr. William R. Harvey was awarded PepsiCo's Harvey C. Russell Inclusion Award. The award is part of PepsiCo's prestigious Chairman's Award, the highest honor the company bestows.
- Hampton University was named a top research institution by Washington Monthly College Guide; and listed No. 32 in the Top 50 Master's Universities category out of more than 500 such institutions surveyed.
- Hampton University celebrated the opening of the world's largest proton therapy institute. HUPTI will ultimately treat approximately 2,000 patients per year with prostate, breast, brain, lung, ocular, and pediatric cancers. HUPTI's 200-ton cyclotron originates and spins the protons at 60 percent of the speed of light, sending the resulting beam down a beam line to the treatment room.

## 2011

- The Multi-use facility, replacing the former Alumni House, was dedicated on Founder's Day 2011. The 35,798 square-foot facility houses Offices of Alumni Affairs, University Relations, and the Career Center on the first floor. The second and third floors are a woman's residence hall. This is the first building at Hampton University to use a geothermal heating and cooling system. Geothermal grids were installed beneath Armstrong Lawn across from the Multi-purpose Building.
- The Virginia Chamber of Commerce honored Hampton University with the presentation of the Virginia Torchbearer Award in recognition as a leading economic development organization.
- Dr. and Mrs. William R. Harvey donated a second \$1 million to Hampton University to be utilized as incentives to increase faculty salaries.
- Dr. William R. Harvey was named the Daily Press Citizen of the Year for 2010.
- Hampton University became a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAE/IAE), a designation from the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.
- First Annual Gala of Hope held to raise funds for cancer patients who cannot afford treatment.

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- Dr. William R. Harvey accepted a request from the Mayor of the City of Hampton, to head a city-wide representative committee to spearhead the redevelopment of Downtown Hampton.
- Hampton University purchased Hampton City's tallest office building. The 13-story Harbour Centre building was partly donated to HU by Armada Hoffer, a Virginia Beach real estate company. The rest was paid in an undisclosed amount of cash.

## 2012

- Dr. William R. Harvey was appointed to the National Geographic Society Board of Trustees.
- Hampton University senior, Kendyl Crawley-Crawford was selected as a 2012 Marshall Scholar.
- The Hampton University Honors College was named the Dr. Freddye T. Davy Honors College.
- Former Hampton University track and field standout, Francena McCorory, became Olympic gold medalist in Team USA Relay. Alumna Kellie Wells won the bronze medal in the 100m hurdles.
- The new state-of-the-art waterfront student dining facility opened. It is on the site of the old Queen Street residence hall and sage Court houses.
- The Softball Stadium was completed.

## 2013

- Former Miss Hampton University, Desiree Williams, was named Miss Virginia 2013.
- Dr. Deborah White was named president of North Carolina Central University. Dr. White was the fifteenth former administrator or vice-president to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution.
- Hampton University endowment exceeded \$260 million.
- A five-time MEAC Lady Volleyball Player of the Week, Vendula Strakova led the nation and the conference in points and kills. On Sept. 3, Strakova became the first Hampton player named Div. I Player of the Week by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).
- Lady Pirates Volleyball Team won first ever MEAC Championship. The team played #7 Stanford University in the NCAA Division I Tournament.
- The Hampton University School of Nursing (HUSON) was awarded a \$1 million gift, donated by HU Alumna Dr. Lois Price Spratlen'54.
- Hampton University received a \$192,332 planning grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish a National Research Mentoring Network Consortium.

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- The Hampton University School of Nursing (SON) was awarded a \$1.3 million grant by the Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.
- AT&T made a \$50,000 contribution to the Hampton University William R. Harvey Leadership Institute.
- Hampton University partnered with the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine (JCESOM) to create a mentoring/collaborative joint BS-MD program.
- Hampton University received \$13.5 million grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to combat and reduce selective health disparities in minority men.
- Dr. Zina McGee, Endowed Professor of Sociology at Hampton University, was recognized by StateStats.org and their partner site OnlineSchoolsVirginia.com as one of Virginia's Top 26 Women Professors.
- The Hampton University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic (HUSLHC) received a Special Recognition Award at the Office of Human Affairs (OHA) Board of Directors' 47<sup>th</sup> annual awards banquet.
- State of HBCUs and HBCU Digest have named Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey as one of the "Top 5 HBCU Presidents" of all time.
- Hampton University and Old Dominion University students began construction on the solar-powered home for the Solar Decathlon 2013 on the HU campus.
- Hampton University senior Kayla Lee has received one of nine 2013 Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study awarded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI).
- Hampton University's Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications (SHSJC) students received access to international journalism professionals and internships under a cooperative agreement between SHSJC and the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG).
- Hampton University Provost Dr. Pamela V. Hammond was appointed chair of the board of directors of the National Institute of Aerospace (NIA).

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## 2014

- The Hampton University Student Counseling Center was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Office of Violence Against Women.
- Hampton University's Department of Counseling was awarded \$986,845 over a three year period by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide behavioral health workforce education and training for professionals.
- The Hampton University Department of Biological Sciences was awarded a \$900,000 grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop vascular protection against select pathogens.
- The Hampton University First in the World Partnership (HU-FITWP) was awarded a \$3.5 million grant from the [U.S. Department of Education](#).
- Hampton University Alumna Dr. Gladys Hope Franklin White, Class of 1939, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony in Atlanta.
- Hampton University has recently been recognized in national rankings. The University overall, research programs and university services have received recognition from *U.S. News & World Report* and *Washington Monthly* Magazine.
  - HU was ranked **#18 overall in the South Regional** category in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2015 edition of Best Colleges.
  - In the South regional universities category, HU was ranked **#1 on the students who graduate with the least debt list and #2 on the "Best Colleges for Veterans"** list. HU was recognized for participating in federal initiatives that help veterans and active-duty service members apply for, pay for and complete their degrees.
  - HU ranked number **24 in the Best Master's Universities** category of the 2014 *Washington Monthly* College Rankings. *Washington Monthly's* new college rankings measure institutions based on three criteria: civic engagement, research and social mobility.
  - HU also ranked **#3 in the Research/Bachelor's to PhD** category. This category measured the number of bachelor's degree recipients who go on to receive PhDs, relative to school size. The University also ranked **#9 in the Service/ROTC** category, which measured the percentage of students who served in ROTC.
- Hampton University was named the HBCU of the Year at the fourth annual HBCU Awards ceremony presented by Dillard University on July 11. The award was one of three of the evening for Hampton, which also won top honors for research and women's athletics.

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- Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey received the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. 2014 Chairman's Award in Mentoring. The award was presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Conference.
- The Hampton University Department of Computer Science received a \$397,000 grant from the National Science Foundation that was used to equip incoming freshman students with the necessary tools to achieve in the field of computer science.
- The Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications launched a Center for Digital Media Innovation to introduce students to new journalism techniques with \$245,000 from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.
- The Hampton University School of Nursing (SON) received a \$25,000 donation to create an endowed scholarship in the name of the nursing class of 1954.
- The U.S. Army awarded the Hampton University chemistry department a \$223,000 grant to install microwave reactors and develop standardized procedures for other chemistry programs to follow.
- The Hampton University School of Science was awarded a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation's HBCU-Research Infrastructure in Science and Engineering (RISE) program.
- Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey and Mrs. Norma B. Harvey gave a \$108,403 personal gift to HU to support a wage increase for all full-time permanent HU staff earning less than \$9 an hour. Through this donation, 121 full-time, permanent HU staff employees received a wage increase equal to \$9 an hour.

## 2015

- Hampton University's Department of Athletics was awarded \$675,000, over a three-year period NCAA Accelerated Academic Success Program (AASP) grant.
- The Hampton University Department of Architecture in partnership with the Old Dominion University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering was awarded a 2015 Norfolk Environmental Action Award by the Norfolk Environmental Commission.
- The Hampton University community extended congratulations to Dr. Desiree Williams, who was crowned Miss Virginia USA 2016 on Oct. 11 at the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville, VA. Williams is an assistant professor of physical therapy at HU and an HU alumna. Williams represented Virginia in the Miss USA pageant in 2016.

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- The Hampton University Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders received a \$1.2 million grant to train scholars to work in high poverty schools.
  
- Dr. Dorian Lee-Wilkerson, Chairperson of the Hampton University Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, was named a Fellow of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).
  
- The documentary "*Birth of a New Nation*," produced by nine journalism students under the supervision of Associate Professor Van Dora Williams at the Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications, was featured in a prestigious Hampton Roads film showcase entitled Birth of an Answer (BOAA).
  
- Hampton University is ranked at the top of several prestigious college listings distancing many institutions of its size across many noteworthy categories. Money Magazine, U.S. News & World Report and Washington Monthly gave Hampton University high rankings for its research programs, university services and for being one of the best universities overall.
  
- The Hampton University Department of Counseling in the School of Education and Human Development received accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs and College Counseling programs received accreditation.
  
- Hampton University's Student Support Services Program was awarded a \$1,461,700 continuation grant from the U.S. Department of Education to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants.
  
- The NCAA awarded the Hampton University Department of Athletics \$675,000, over a three-year period, to continue the tradition of excellence on-and-off the field of play.
  
- The Hampton University School of Engineering and Technology in partnership with Tuskegee Airmen Inc. (TAI) are hosting the 2nd Annual TAI/HU Aviation STEM program for high school students.
  
- The Hampton University School of Liberal Arts received a \$517,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support the creation of a Center for Teaching and Learning in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

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- Hampton University's online program (HUUC) is the third best in the entire state of Virginia according to Affordable Colleges Online.
  
- Hampton University was awarded a five-year \$622,480 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to implement the "Workforce Preparation through Computing Scholarship (We-Prep-CS) Program."
  
- Hampton University launched a Hispanic/Latino Initiative designed to meet the higher education needs of a fast growing Hispanic community, in Hampton Roads, and all across the country. The initiative is the brainchild of HU President, Dr. William R. Harvey.
  
- The Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications (SHSJC) launched the BRAND757, Hampton University's first, student-run PR and brand agency in the university's nearly 150-year history. By the school's account, it is one of the only student-run PR agencies in the Hampton Roads area.
  
- The Hampton University Department of Chemistry was awarded a \$225,728 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a project designed to assist science teachers in the Hampton City School system to develop laboratory activities.
  
- Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey appeared live on C-SPAN on Feb. 5. Harvey talked about issues that affect higher education and the state of historically black colleges and universities in the U.S.