

**Hampton University**  
**Chronology of Events**  
**2016-2017**

## 2016

- Hampton University Chaplain Rev. Debra L. Haggins was honored with delivering the invocation at the 2016 National Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on a chilly night in Washington, D.C. at President's Park.
- The Hampton University Child Development Center won the 2016 Best of Hampton Award in the Child Care category by the Hampton Award Program.
- Hampton University partnered with the Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) and the new Virginia Earth Science Scholars Academy (VESSS) to connect high school students with NASA to promote secondary education.
- Hampton University alumna Dr. Dietra Trent, Deputy Secretary of Education, was appointed to serve as Virginia's Secretary of Education by Governor Terry McAuliffe.
- Hampton University Online ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> for online bachelor's degree in Religious Studies by [collegevaluesonline.com](http://collegevaluesonline.com).
- The Hampton University Department of Aviation was ranked the top flight school in the Commonwealth of Virginia and ranks 24th nationally according to [pilot-colleges.com](http://pilot-colleges.com).
- The Hampton University School of Education and Human Development recently received a \$109,837 grant from The Walton Family Foundation. The purpose of the grant is to create a K-12 education advocacy platform.
- The Hampton University Health Center met all criteria for laboratory re-accreditation by the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation (COLA), a national healthcare accreditation organization.
- Hampton University Director of Sports Information Maurice Williams was presented the 2016 President's Award at the annual College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) convention.
- Alumna Brint M. Martin was been named director of alumni affairs at Hampton University.
- The Hampton University School of Engineering and Technology in partnership with Tuskegee Airmen Inc. (TAI) hosted the 2nd Annual TAI/HU Aviation STEM program for high school students. The objectives of the one-week program was to introduce the student participants to the historical impact of the Tuskegee Airmen experience and to the basics of how math and science are applied in aviation, to aviation careers.

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- Hampton University students joined students from three other Virginia universities to develop and fly a constellation of small satellites through a recently announced award from the NASA Undergraduate Student Instrument Program.
- The Hampton University sailing team qualified for the College Sailing Nationals for the first time in program history. The Pirates finished a program-best ninth in the America Trophy.
- Hampton University announced Dr. Stefan Malone Cooper, Jr. and Dr. Marcos J. Guerrero-Munoz joined the HU Department of Engineering as research assistant professors under a National Science Foundation PREM grant.
- Hampton University alumna R. Denise Everson '04 was selected by the American Institute of Architects as the 2016 Associate of the Year based on her promotion of affordable housing.
- Hampton University was awarded a two-year grant totaling \$399,911 for the Verizon Minority Male Makers Program – Directed by Hampton University.
- The Hampton University Department of Aviation ranked the top flight school in the Commonwealth of Virginia and ranks 24th nationally according to [pilot-colleges.com](http://pilot-colleges.com). These programs ranked Hampton the best flight school in Virginia, the #9 flight school in the South, and #24 flight school in the United States.
- Hampton University was named No. 7 Best Risk-Reward for College Students in the 2016 College Risk-Reward Indicator (CRRRI) study, one spot above Harvard University.
- The Hampton University Department of Architecture was named a National Resilience Initiative network, a collection of six design studios across the nation that serve their local communities preparing for and adapting to natural challenges.
- The Hampton University Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) team qualified to compete against the nation's brightest HBCU students in the 27<sup>th</sup> annual HCASC National Championship Tournament (NCT).
- Celebrity stylist Shiona Turini, Hampton University alumnus, was recognized along with several other HBCU alumni for their exceptional work at the "Celebrating Successful HBCU Alumni Panel."

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- The Hampton University Graduate College was named one of the 2016 Best Graduate Schools in America by Gradschoolhub.com.
- Hampton University alumni Andrew Bisnaught, better known as DJ Babey Drew, took home a Grammy for his contribution to Diplo and Skrillex award winning album.
- Hampton University made history as the first HBCU to field a men's NCAA Division I Lacrosse team. To mark the occasion ESPN's Sports Center on the Road traveled to HU and provided pre-game coverage of the monumental sporting event.
- Hampton University's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) opened the program's weeklong celebration to kick off their 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Event with a Cadet Helicopter Movement exercise.
- Dr. and Mrs. William R. Harvey gifted \$100,000 to the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute, HU's University President has given more than \$3 million to the institution of higher learning that has grown exponentially under his leadership. That personal donation dollar amount is \$3,066,327. The gift speaks to the couple's heartfelt commitment to the "Standard of Excellence" that is Hampton University.
- Hampton University extended its congratulations to alumnus Sashi Brown, Class of 1998, for his recent promotion in the Cleveland Browns' organization. Brown was named the new Executive Vice President of Football Operations for the Cleveland Browns.

## 2017

- Alumna, Rear Adm. Sylvia Trent-Adams was appointed as the acting Surgeon General of the United States, the first African-American Nurse to fill the position. During the Bush administration, Dr. Richard Carmona, a nurse and a physician, served as the Surgeon General and often referred to himself as the first nurse.
- The Hampton University Child Development Center Director Ms. Joy L. Phelps was recognized by Old Dominion University for her achievements at Hampton and received the 2017 Darden Fellow Award.
- A planetary probe mission concept study proposed by a team led by Hampton University assistant professor of Planetary Science, Dr. Kunio M. Sayanagi, was selected for funding by NASA. The Small Next-generation Atmospheric Probe (SNAP) team received \$435,000 from NASA.
- Hampton University professors Maureen Elgersman Lee and Robert C. Watson received a 2017 Common Heritage grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to fund the "Preserving African American Material Cultural in Williamsburg", project.

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- Hampton University athletic director *Eugene Marshall, Jr.* was named to the 10-person selection committee for the 2017 Colleg Insider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT).
- The Hampton University School of Science received a \$400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program.
- Dr. William R. Harvey and Mrs. Norma B. Harvey have gifted another \$100,000 to their beloved "Home by the Sea," adding to the \$3,166,327 in personal donations already on the books from the university's first couple.