

**Hampton University**  
**Chronology of Events**  
**1930-1939**

## 1930

- George P. Phenix was appointed as fourth principal.
- Dr. Nathaniel Dett and choir sang before President Herbert Hoover at the White House.
- The name Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute was changed to Hampton Institute and the title of "principal" was changed to "president."

## 1931

- School of Nursing was established, offering diplomas after a three-year program.
- Arthur Howe became the fifth president.
- First class of the School of Music graduated.
- Kelsey Hall, a dormitory for girls, was erected.

## 1932

- Hampton Institute was accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a "Class B" school.
- First master's degree was awarded. George P. Phenix School, which served as the City of Hampton's Senior High School for African Americans until the 1960s, was completed on the campus.

## 1933

- Hampton Institute was accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a "Class A" school.
- In a vote conducted by *The Hampton Script*, students select "Pirates" as the name of the school mascot.

## 1938

- Hampton Institute commissioned its first class of Army officers.