

Hampton University
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1940

- First Annual Fall Convocation was held.
- Malcolm MacLean was inaugurated as the sixth president.

1941

- Land (on the northern side of what is now I-64 East) that was acquired by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) at an unknown date, was conveyed to the City of Hampton.

1942

- U.S. Naval Training School, the first offered at a black college, activated and continued until August 1945. In addition to other sites on campus, students coming from other black schools were housed in the attic of Stone building. They carved their names with dates on the beams.

1943

- Baccalaureate nursing program began under the Hampton Institute Division of Nurse Education, with first class of three women graduating in 1946.
- Charles White mural, "The Contribution of the Negro to Democracy in America," was dedicated in Clarke Hall.
- Scrolls were presented to 39 charter members of the Quarter Century Club during convocation.

1944

- Division of Trades and Industries closed.
- Ralph P. Bridgman appointed seventh president.
- Graduate courses in education and guidance techniques began.

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- Alonzo G. Moron became the eighth president and first African-American president of Hampton Institute.