

**Hampton University**  
**Chronology of Events**  
**2000-2009**

## 2000

- Dr. Dianne Boardley Suber was named president of St. Augustine's College. Dr. Suber, the first female president of Saint Augustine's College was the sixth administrator or vice-president to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution.
- Women's basketball team won MEAC tournament, earned berth to the NCAA Division I tournament for the first time in school history.
- Hampton University opened Data Conversion and Management Laboratory. Hampton University was named one of the nation's 100 Most Wired Universities according to Yahoo! Website.
- Hampton purchased Strawberry Banks Motel and resort property.
- Dr. Calvin Lowe was named president of Bowie State University. Dr. Lowe was the seventh administrator or vice-president to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution.
- University broke ground on Scripps Howard Center, the new home for the Department of Mass Media Arts – School of Journalism and Communications.
- University broke ground on White Hall and Holmes Hall, new residence halls, for women and men, respectively.
- Board of Trustees announced \$200 Million fundraising Campaign exceeded goal by \$16 million; Campaign increased to \$250 million.
- Mr. Leon Scott was named president of the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Scott was the eighth administrator or vice-president to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution.

## 2001

- Dr. Rodney D. Smith was named president of Ramapo College of New Jersey. Dr. Smith was the ninth administrator or vice-president to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution. Dr. Smith was later named president of the College of The Bahamas in 2004.
- The No. 15 seeded Pirates basketball team stunned the nation with its upset over No. 2 Iowa State in its first ever trip to the NCAA Division I Tournament.

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- Dr. and Mrs. William R. Harvey donate \$1 million for student scholarships; specifically, for students wanting to become teachers.
- First annual William R. Harvey Executive Leadership Summit was held.

## **2002**

- Dr. Dennis Thomas named commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Association Conference (MEAC). Dr. Thomas was the tenth administrator or vice-president to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution.
- School of Pharmacy was granted full accreditation from the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education.
- Dr. Phyllis Henderson was awarded the first HBCU Ph.D. in Nursing at Hampton University.
- Holmes and White residence halls opened.

## **2003**

- Rev. Dr. Leah Gaskin Fitchue was named president of Payne Theological Seminary. She is the first woman to serve as President of Payne Theological Seminary. Dr. Fitchue was the eleventh person from Hampton to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution.
- Dr. Michael Battle was named president of Interdenominational Theological Seminary. Dr. Battle was the twelfth former administrator or vice-president to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution.

## **2004**

- General Wallace Arnold was named president of Cheyney University. General Wallace was the thirteenth administrator or vice-president to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution.

## **2005**

- Hampton University initiated efforts to create a world-class Proton Beam Therapy Center.

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- Dr. Joann W. Haysbert named president of Langston University. Dr. Haysbert, the first female president of Langston University was the fourteenth administrator or vice-president to be named president or chief executive officer at another institution.

## **2006**

- NASA, Hampton University launched the Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation (CALIPSO) satellite from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.
- Intel Corporation and Center for Digital Education named Hampton University one of America's Top 50 colleges for wireless internet capability (No. 39).
- Dr. William R. Harvey established the Presidential Fellows Program.

## **2007**

- The University became the first Historically Black College and University to have total mission responsibility for a NASA satellite mission.
- Groundbreaking was held for the new Frank Fountain Interdisciplinary Research Center (Research I).
- U. S. Senator Barack Obama addressed attendees of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hampton University Ministers' Conference and the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Choir Directors' and Organists Guild.
- The University made history when it had a Division 1-AA record of five players invited to the NFL Combine in Indianapolis.
- Construction was completed on the 98,000 square-foot, world's largest free-standing proton therapy facility, using 85 million pounds of concrete and 70 tons of steel.

## **2008**

- The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmed accreditation for Hampton University through 2018.
- President-elect Barack Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden Inaugural Committee officially extended an offer to Hampton University Marching Force to participate in the 56<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Parade

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on January 20, 2009.

## 2009

- Schools of Nursing, Architecture and Pharmacy receive accreditation.
- On March 31, 2009 Dr. William R. Harvey raised the Singapore flag at the Circle of Nations in observance of the first 12 students from Singapore enrolled at Hampton University.
- The Rev. Deborah L. Haggins was named University Chaplain and Pastor of the Hampton University Memorial Church. She is the first female to be named in this position.
- Dr. William R. Harvey was appointed to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Board of Directors.
- Dr. William R. Harvey was appointed by U.S. President Barack Obama as Chair of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- U. S. Senator Mark Warner sponsored the Virginia Summit on Energy Opportunities at Hampton University on July 9<sup>th</sup> with over 500 entrepreneurs and activists in attendance.
- Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., Executive Director of the White House Initiative on HBCU's delivered the HU Convocation address.
- The inaugural Hampton University Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed its first members when 15 legendary names were inducted in November 2009.