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2018, May 4

Hampton University and Under Armour, Inc. (NYSE: UA, UAA) announced a new partnership agreement. The Baltimore-based global leader in performance footwear, apparel and equipment will become the official outfitter of Hampton University athletics beginning July 1, 2018.

2018, May 3

Hampton University alumni Dr. Freeman and Mrs. Jacqueline Hrabowski, President and First Lady of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, have donated \$100,000 to their alma mater in tribute to President Dr. William R. and First Lady Norma B. Harvey's 40 exemplary years of service

2018, April 24

The Hampton University School of Liberal Arts and Education presents the third annual Hampton University Film Festival (HUFF) April 24-25, on HU's picturesque campus.

2018, April 18

The Hampton University Child Development Center (HUCDC) has been selected for the 2018 Best of Hampton Award in the Child Care category by the Hampton Award Program.

2018, April 11

The Hampton University School of Science, in partnership with the School of Engineering and Technology, and the Graduate College, hosted the 23rd annual School of Science Research Symposium in Horne Hall and the HU Student Center.

2018, April 6

Hampton University's held its 40th Annual High School Day on the University's main campus. This year's theme was "Hampton University: The Standard of Excellence."

2018, April 1

Hampton University commemorated its 150th Anniversary and the 40th Anniversary of Dr. William R. Harvey through fellowship on Easter Sunday at the historic Ogden Hall.

2018, March 14

The Hampton University School of Liberal Arts and Education presents the 40th Annual Conference on the Black Family: "A Spotlight on Strong Black Families: Faith, Identity, & Community - Building on the Strengths of Black Families through the Arts and Social Sciences," March 14-16 on the University campus.

2018, March 12

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey received the prestigious John Hope Franklin Award, recognizing his outstanding achievements in higher education, at the 100th national meeting of the American Council of Education in Washington, D.C.

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2018, February 28

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey's very name will mark a street in Hampton, after a resolution was made in his honor, and in Hampton University's honor, at a special meeting of the Hampton City Council.

2018, February 19

Hampton University alumna and two-time Academy Award and Emmy nominated costume designer Ruth Carter's latest blockbuster film "Black Panther" shattered box-office projections with a \$404 million worldwide opening weekend. Carter, a 1982 graduate of Hampton University's Department of Fine and Performing Arts, majored in Theatre Arts and has worked in the entertainment industry for over three decades. Carter holds the distinction of being the first African-American costume designer to be nominated for an Academy Award.

2018, February 12

Students from the Hampton University Department of Computer Science won first place in the Google DC Hack Competition Feb. 10 and 11. The Google DC Hack Competition was a 24-hour event, which pitted Hampton University students against rival Howard University and Morgan State University students. At the event, computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects.

2018 February 9

The Hampton University Engineering Design Team earned first place during the Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering (AMIE) Design Challenge as part of the Black Engineer of the Year Awards annual conference.

2018, January 27

Hampton University senior Whitley Pannell won the First HBCU National Debate Championship Jan. 25 - 27 at Wiley College. Hampton University's six-person team placed fourth overall among 22 HBCUs.

2018, January 11

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey is donating the proceeds from his motivational book Principles of Leadership: The Harvey Leadership Model, which was recently published in China, to fund student scholarships at Hampton.

2017, December 15

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Education has awarded two Hampton University students, David Barnes and Maurice Roots, with the prestigious Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship.

The Hollings Scholarship Program provides Barnes and Roots with a two-year scholarship, a stipend and a paid 10-week summer internship at a NOAA facility. The internship will provide them hands-on experience in NOAA-related science, research, technology, policy, management, and education activities.

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2017, November 27

Hampton alumna Deputy U.S. Surgeon General Rear Adm. Sylvia Trent-Adams ('87), was awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal in Washington, D.C.

2017, November 7

A cross disciplinary team of Hampton University students won first place at the NASA Institute for Local Innovations (ILI) Technology Implementation Market Engine (TIME) Challenge Competition in New Orleans.

2017, November 2

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Hampton University nearly \$1.2 million to fund its Ronald McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. The project will prepare 25 low-income, first-generation students and underrepresented students as they work toward a doctoral degree.

2017, October 27

Hampton University Kicks Off "Dream No Small Dream" \$150 Million Campaign

2017, October 25

Hampton University Named Best University in Daily Press Reader's Choice Awards

2017, October 16

Hampton University's sailing team garnered its first co-ed national ranking in school history, the Pirates captured the team title for the second year in a row on Sunday at the Henry Luce Trophy hosted by Cornell University.

2017, September 29

Hampton University celebrated the official opening of its Student Success Center with a ribbon cutting by President Dr. William R. Harvey, Vice President for Administrative Services Dr. Barbara L. Inman, Director of Student Success Center Morgan Russell, Student Government Association President Martha Baye and hundreds of students. The day marks the culmination of Dr. Harvey's vision to help every new student graduate.

2017, September 26

Hampton University's William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library has been awarded two grants -- a \$99,980 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and a \$39,955 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

2017, September 24

Hampton University graduate Jordyn Hawkins-Rippie ('17) is off for an 11-month foreign exchange study in Malaysia after being chosen for the prestigious and highly competitive Fulbright Program.

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The Fulbright Program allows American college graduates to study, conduct research, or exercise their talents in more than 140 countries. Established by Congress in 1946, the Fulbright Program is meant to promote international goodwill through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture and science. He is the first Hampton University Fulbright scholar in 44 years.

2017, September 20

On a hot Wednesday afternoon, standing in front of the historic Emancipation Oak at Hampton University, civil rights icon Rev. Jesse Jackson preached a powerful message to bridge the gaps that divide our nation. Whether talking about voter registration, medical treatment inequality or the country's racial division, Jackson emphasized unity through respect. Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey is a long-time friend of Jackson, and applauded his message to the gathering of students, alumni, staff and friends of the university.

2017, August 23

Hampton University's Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications (SHSJC) is putting its students on the path to working in Hollywood production houses and Silicon Valley firms with new Digital Media Innovation and Animation & Motion Graphics classes.

2017, August 22

The Hampton University Child Development Center (HUCDC) has been named Child Care Provider of the Month for June. The award presented by Child Care Aware of America (CCAoA), National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), National Head Start Association (NHSA), National Indian Child Care Association (NICCA), National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), Teachstone, and the Afterschool Alliance, recognizes the HUCDC for their excellent care and service.

2017, August 17

Hampton University, a dynamic, progressive institution of higher education and a leader among the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities has begun preparations for twin celebrations in 2018 – the University's 150th anniversary of its founding as Hampton Institute in 1868, and a celebration of the unparalleled executive tenure of Dr. William R. Harvey, HU's president for the past 40 monumental years.

2017, August 8

Hampton University continues to make a name for itself with respected publications. US News and World Report, The Princeton Review and Money Magazine have all named Hampton University one of its top schools.

2017, July 6

Hampton University is adding another name to its list of distinguished alumni. Darrell K. Williams ('83) was promoted to a three-star general in the United States Army June 16.

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2017, June 23

MEAC Names 98 Hampton University Student Athletes to 2017 Commissioner's All-Academic Team

2017, June 22

Hampton University Receives \$600,000 from the Mellon Foundation Grant to Launch a Student Success Center Aimed at Raising Student Completion Rates

2017, June 19

Hampton University received 11 nominations in the 2017 HBCU Awards presented by the HBCU Digest.

2017, June 7

Hampton University receives more than \$1.2 million in funds for local students in need. Hampton University is a prestigious institution dedicated to seeing young men and women receive a top quality education regardless of their background. Those efforts were recently furthered when the university was granted funding for HU's Upward Bound program, which will address the needs of 60 low income and potential first-generation college students in Newport News Public Schools. The project will run from September 2017 through 2022 with one goal, develop the skills and motivation necessary for students to complete a rigorous secondary and, subsequently, post-secondary education.

2017, May 30

Academically, artistically and athletically, Hampton University continues to stand as one of the best colleges in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation as a whole. According to Collegechoice.net, HU is ranked in the top 10 of 25 universities to make the list within Virginia. The selection process took into account all colleges within the state that offer four-year degrees ranking them by three factors: diversity, academic quality and return on investment.

Speaking of Hampton University Collegechoice.net said, "This private co-educational institution is a historically black university with an inspiring past and a multicultural, 21st Century Future."

The site noted Hampton's commitment to developing student character and preparation for the real world. Hampton University's small class sizes with a 9:1 student/faculty ratio where students get more one-on-one attention was also taken into consideration.

Collegechoice.net continued to say, "Progressive teaching, diversity, and the pursuit of excellence are the hallmarks of Hampton University."

Collegechoice.net isn't the only publication giving Hampton University the credit it deserves. Hampton University Online was recently mentioned by Onlinecollegeplan.com as a top 10 university in the state for earning an online degree. According to US News and World Report, Hampton University ranks in the top 5 among Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the country. Hampton University also scored within the top 20 best colleges in the south and best school for veterans in the south.

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2017, May 30,

The 103rd Annual Hampton University Ministers' Conference and 83rd Annual Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild Workshop will convene on the campus of Hampton University. The Hampton University Ministers' Conference is the largest gathering of interdenominational African-American clergy in the world of its kind.

The theme for this year's conference is "Preaching Forward, Forward Preaching: Prophetic Preaching." The core bible verse for this year's conference comes from Acts 2:17 "In the last days God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people; your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see vision, your old men will dream dreams."

2017, May 26,

Hampton University's online program does it again, this time ranked among the top 10 in a recent poll from Onlinecollegeplan.com. The site recently ranked historically black colleges and universities with the best online programs and Hampton University Online ranked near the top of that list. Hampton University achieved its high ranking based on its incredible quality of education and for the variety of online degree programs offered.

With 107 historically black colleges for students to choose from throughout the country, Hampton understands the importance of providing the best education possible. Currently, Hampton offers 48 bachelor programs, 23 master programs, eight doctoral programs, two professional programs and eight certification programs. Many of these academic programs are also available in an online and asynchronous format to allow "distance learning" students to obtain a quality education from Hampton.

Recognizing the crucial aspect of job placement beyond graduation, Hampton Online students also have access to the Career Counseling and Planning Center. The center provides resources and information for job search workshops and networking opportunities with potential employers.

2017, May 14

Cheers poured from the stands of Armstrong Stadium as Hampton University's 917 graduates marched across the field wearing their cap and gowns. As the sun shined bright, the day was perfect for the 147th commencement ceremony and following a long-standing Hampton tradition, a special treat for moms on Mother's Day.

Keynote speaker Katherine Goble Johnson, former NASA mathematician and the 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, delivered a powerful message to the graduating class.

"You got it made graduating from Hampton," she said. People already know that you know a lot of information and they will use it and use it well," she said. "Help as many people as you can because it is not fun if you know a lot of stuff and they don't know anything. Go as many places as you can to help as many persons as you can. Make it worth their while and it will be worth your while all your life."

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2017, April 23

Hampton University has produced some of the most influential leaders in American history. Now, HU is adding another name to its list of outstanding alumni, Rear Adm. Sylvia Trent-Adams. As of Friday, April 21, Admiral Trent-Adams will serve 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.

2017, April 20

The Hampton University Child Development Center is, hands down, the best of its kind in Hampton Roads and HU couldn't be more proud of the program's Director Ms. Joy L. Phelps. On April 4th, 2017, Phelps was recognized by Old Dominion University for her achievements at Hampton. Surrounded by friends and family at a luncheon on ODU's campus, Phelps stood before the crowd and received the 2017 Darden Fellow Award. ODU's Darden College of Education Alumni Fellows program honors one graduate from various departments for their outstanding efforts.

2017, March 23

A planetary probe mission concept study proposed by a team led by Hampton University assistant professor of Planetary Science, Dr. Kunio M. Sayanagi, has been selected for funding by NASA. The Small Next-generation Atmospheric Probe (SNAP) team will receive \$435,000 from NASA to examine the advantages, cost, and risk of adding SNAP to the future Uranus Orbiter and Probe mission, which is the current decade's next-highest priority planetary flagship mission after the Mars 2020 and Europa Clipper missions.

2017, March 15

Hampton University professors Maureen Elgersman Lee and Robert C. Watson have 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. Under the NEH program, HU will work with the Williamsburg Regional Library to deliver free public programming for the preservation of African American materials.

2017, March 14

The Hampton University Child Development Center has more reason to boast after winning their third award in the past two years. Their latest accolade is the 2017 Best of Hampton Award in the Child Care category by the Hampton Award Program.

2017, February 17

Hampton University athletic director *Eugene Marshall, Jr.* was named yesterday to the 10-person selection committee for the 2017 CollegenInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT).

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2017, February 1

The Hampton University School of Science has received a \$400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program. The grant is designed to encourage STEM majors and professionals to become chemistry, mathematics and science teachers in high needs areas.

2017, January 26

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.

2016, December 5

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 event aired on The Hallmark Channel on Monday, December 5th at 7 p.m. ET.

2016, November 22

The Hampton University Child Development Center has won the 2016 Best of Hampton Award in the Child Care category by the Hampton Award Program.

2016, August 2

Hampton University has 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.

2016, July 26

Hampton University alumna Dr. Dietra Trent, Deputy Secretary of Education, was been appointed to serve as Virginia's Secretary of Education by Governor Terry McAuliffe.

2016, July 6

Hampton, VA- Hampton University Online ranked 3rd for online bachelor's degree in Religious Studies by collegevaluesonline.com

2016, July 4

The Hampton University Department of Aviation has been ranked the top flight school in the Commonwealth of Virginia and ranks 24th nationally according to pilot-colleges.com.

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2016, June 30

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.

2016, June 27

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, as of May 20, 2016. Accreditation is given only to laboratories that apply rigid standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing, and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey.

2016, June 16

Hampton University Director of Sports Information Maurice Williams was presented the 2016 President's Award on Wednesday at the annual College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) convention. The body recognized Williams for his work on the organization's Strategic Plan. He currently serves on CoSIDA's Academic All-American and Scholarship Committees. The President's Award debut in 2014-15, and the award is handed out by the reigning CoSIDA president. The award serves to honor exemplary volunteer service and leadership with the organization's committee structure in support of programs that benefit CoSIDA members. This is the second time CoSIDA has awarded Williams; in 2012, he was given the Rising Star Award.

2016, June 14

Brint M. Martin has been named director of alumni affairs at Hampton University, effective June 13. Martin will be responsible for strengthening the relationship between the university and the 25,000 plus members of the international HU alumni community. Martin is an enthusiastic alumna herself. She holds two Hampton degrees, the Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing (2000) and the Master's Degree in Business Administration (2007).

2015, July 2

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 July 5 - 11. The objectives of the one week program will be 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.

2016, May 18

Hampton University students will join 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 work will be done by a cross-institutional student team. Student leaders and team

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members will consist of undergraduate students in the disciplines of physics, electrical engineering, aerospace engineering, mechanical engineering and chemical engineering. HU students will be working with satellite orbit prediction software, to determine possible atmospheric density affects that could alter the three cubsats formation in orbit. The students have 18 months to complete their work and deliver the satellites to NASA for launch.

2016, May 6

The Hampton University sailing team has qualified for the College Sailing Nationals for the first time in program history. The Pirates finished a program-best ninth in the America Trophy this past Saturday and Sunday.

2016, April 13

Hampton University is pleased to announce that Dr. Stefan Malone Cooper, Jr. and Dr. Marcos J. Guerrero-Munoz have joined the HU Department of Engineering as research assistant professors under a National Science Foundation PREM grant. The grant is designed to increase the number of minority and underrepresented STEM professors at colleges and universities. The National Science Foundation grant was awarded to Hampton University research and is a renewable 5-year \$3.0 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Division of Materials Research's Partnership for Research in Education and Materials (PREM) program. This funding expands an established collaboration between Hampton University-based materials science researchers and colleagues at the Brandeis University Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC).

2016, April 11

Hampton University alumna R. Denise Everson '04 has been selected by the American Institute of Architects as the 2016 Associate of the Year based on her promotion of affordable housing. The American Institute of Architects has been a professional membership association for licensed architects, emerging professionals, and partners since 1857. Every year they select a partner who has upheld the association's goals and mission.

2016, April 8

Hampton University has been awarded a two-year grant totaling \$399,911 for the Verizon Minority Male Makers Program – Directed by Hampton University. The Verizon Minority Male Makers Program – Directed by Hampton University is a mentorship and training program for 100 middle school male students from Hampton Roads. The program focuses on STEM-related pursuits such as app design and development, robotics, basic coding, 3D design, 3D modeling and 3D printing. In addition, students will learn entrepreneurship and go on field trips.

2016, April 4

The Hampton University Department of Aviation has been ranked the top flight school in the Commonwealth of Virginia and ranks 24th nationally according to pilot-colleges.com. These programs rank Hampton the best flight school in Virginia, the #9 flight school in the South, and #24 flight school in the United States.

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2016, March 31

Hampton University has recently been named No. 7 Best Risk-Reward for College Students in the 2016 College Risk-Reward Indicator (CRRI) study, one spot above Harvard University. The analysis compared 1,004 public and private colleges in the United States, and the colleges with the highest scores are considered the best risk adjusted choices for undergraduate students.

2016, March 28

The Hampton University Department of Architecture has been 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 HU Department of Architecture will be the representative for the Mid-Atlantic region and the designated center on the study of adaptation to sea level rise.

2016, February 24

The Hampton University Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) team has qualified to compete against the nation's brightest HBCU students in the 27th annual HCASC National Championship Tournament (NCT) in Torrance, California on April 2-6, 2016.

2016, February 23

Celebrity stylist Shiona Turini, Hampton University alumnus, will be recognized along with several other HBCU alumni for their exceptional work at the "Celebrating Successful HBCU Alumni Panel." This event organized by The White House will highlight HBCU alumni who are doing exceptional work in diverse fields including entertainment, fashion, business, and technology. Honoring these alumni's accomplishments personifies the very best of HBCUs and the numerous contributions of HBCUs to African Americans and American society at large. The event will also feature remarks on the importance of HBCUs and the work being done to promote and sustain HBCUs under President Obama's Administration.

2016, February 23

The Hampton University Graduate College has been named one of the 2016 Best Graduate Schools in America by Gradschoolhub.com. Factors weighed to determine the top 50 Graduate Schools in the country included class size, level of degree awarded, prestige of the faculty, and program rankings.

2016, February 17

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.

2016, February 16

Hampton University made history this month 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 on Feb. 13 and provided pre-

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game coverage of the monumental sporting event. The Pirates faced Roberts Wesleyan College in the historic debut.

2016, February 6

Hampton University's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) opened the program's weeklong celebration to kick off their 100th Year Anniversary Event with a Cadet Helicopter Movement exercise on Feb. 6, 2016.

2016, January 20

Dr. and Mrs. William R. Harvey's latest \$100,000 gift 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. Dr. William R. Harvey and Mrs. Norma B. Harvey are more than President and First Lady of the Hampton University community. They have dedicated their lives to the success of the university.

2016, January 3

Hampton University extends 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 as of Jan. 3, 2016.