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### **2019, April 16**

Hampton University will host the 1st Annual Caribbean Health Disparities Conference, in partnership with the 24th Annual School of Science Research Symposium, on April 16-18, 2019. The theme for the Conference is, "A Hampton University Response...Addressing Health Inequities In Caribbean Populations One Step at a Time."

### **2019, April 13**

Five Hampton University students from the School of Engineering and Technology successfully competed in the Solar Decathlon Design Challenge Weekend at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado.

### **2019, April 11**

The Hampton University Child Development Center has been selected for the 2019 Best of Hampton Award in the Child Care category by the Hampton Award Program.

### **2019, April 9**

The Hampton University Department of Computer Science hosted the 10th Annual Cyber Security Symposium. The theme, "Pathways to the Future," afforded many professionals in the cyber security industry, government and academia to come together to help give advice to students about the cyber security field and their future careers.

### **2019, April 9**

The Hampton University School of Liberal Arts and Education has selected Tim Seibles' "One Turn Around The Sun" as the 2019 Hampton University Read-In book. This year's Hampton University Read-In will take place at the Memorial Chapel.

### **2019, April 4**

Hampton University will recognize the generosity of Hampton University alumnus and Board of Trustee member, Mr. James T. George ('58) with the dedication and naming ceremony of the James T. George School of Business inside the Ethel C. Buckman Hall Rotunda.

### **2019, March 29**

Hampton University has been recognized as a Gold Level Campus from the Exercise is Medicine On Campus Committee (EIM-OC). Hampton University is also the only HBCU that has a Gold Level status. Colleges and Universities can earn gold, silver or bronze status based on their

### **2019, March 25**

Hampton University's School of Pharmacy hosted the second annual Alzheimer's Disease Conference in the Student Center Ballroom.

### **2019, March 25**

Students from the Hampton University Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders recently won the first annual Knowledge Bowl held at the 2019 Speech and Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV) Conference in Richmond, Va.

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### **2019, March 20**

The Hampton University Office of Development has launched its newly designed website at <https://givetohamptonu.org>. The completely revamped website features a streamlined and simplified design, improved functionality and enriched content areas, and shares important faculty, student, and donor stories.

### **2019, March 11**

Hampton University Becomes a Member of the National Cancer Institute's QIN and Secures \$2 Million Contract for Cancer Imaging Research and Proton Therapy

### **2019, February 23**

Hundreds of students and their families gathered in the Hampton University Convocation Center for the 7th Annual Admitted Student Day. Admitted Student Day is a special visit opportunity for students who have been accepted into the incoming fall semester, and gives students a view of the campus in a more intimate setting. Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey, was on hand to officially welcome all the newly admitted students.

### **2019, February 24**

Ruth E. Carter, a Hampton University alumna, is officially an Academy Award winner! Carter took home the Oscar in the Best Costume Design category for her work in the 2018 film, "Marvel's Black Panther," at the 91st Academy Awards. Carter's win makes her the first African-American to win in the Costume Design category. It's also the first ever Oscar for Marvel Studios.

### **2019, February 21**

Hampton University partners with donor program, "Be The Match," operated by the National Marrow Donor Program, managing the world's largest and most diverse donor registry

### **2019, February 8**

Hampton University's Master of Science in Information Assurance (Cyber Security) degree has been named one of the nation's top schools for an online Master's Information Assurance degree by CyberDegrees.org.

### **2019, January 27**

Hampton University alumnus Zachary Scott delivered a moving tribute to several important individuals during the 126th Founder's Day Ceremony, in the historic Hampton University Memorial Church. Scott began his address by giving thanks to Hampton University founder Brig. General Samuel Chapman Armstrong.

### **2019, January 27**

Zachary Scott, President & CEO EboxSecure Logistics Group and Hampton alumnus '78, gave the keynote address at the 126th Annual Hampton University Founder's Day ceremony in the Hampton University Memorial Church. Following the ceremony, the university will unveil "Legacy Park." The park will be centered between Hampton's noted historical landmarks Memorial Church and Ogden Hall facing the campus' scenic waterfront. This dedicated space will serve as a memorial to a long list of contributors and stalwart supporters of the mission of Hampton University. The intricately designed park will include sculpted

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benches and statues commemorating the likes of US Presidents, Civil Rights icons HU alumni and a special tribute in statue to the founder of HU Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong and our visionary President, Dr. William R. Harvey, the longest seated university president in the country. The unveiling of this is breathtaking site culminates a full year of celebration of the leadership of Hampton University.

### 2019, January 27

Eleven exquisitely sculpted figures of men and women of varying ethnicities from all walks of life are virtually coming to life along the scenic waterfront of the historic campus of Hampton University. The veils were lifted in a special ceremony revealing a breathtaking place of reflection that will forever be celebrated as "Legacy Park."

All of the names and faces are iconic and have significantly contributed to the lives and futures of the students, faculty and staff of this storied, sesquicentennial institution of higher learning. Some of the names and faces are familiar and their connection to Hampton well known. Others spark surprise and intrigue as the discovery of their demonstrated support of Hampton's mission is realized.

The sculpted figures represent a wide spectrum of US Presidents, Civil Rights icons, HU alumni as well as the University founder Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong and President Dr. William R. Harvey, who has served the institution for more than four decades.

The privately funded park was established by the Hampton University Board of Trustees and the honored individuals and their contributions to Hampton University are as follows.

- **Martin Luther King Jr.:** an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement from 1954 until his death in 1968. Dr. King made several visits to Hampton University's campus. His mother Alberta Williams King graduated from Hampton University in 1924.

- **Rosa Parks:** During the period of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and following, Mrs. Parks and her family experienced constant harassment. She and her husband were fired from their jobs and unable to secure other employment. As a result, they returned to her home in Detroit. A mere 9 months after the boycott officially ended on December 20, 1956, Mrs. Parks (mother of the Civil Rights Movement) was offered and accepted employment at Hampton University. On September 5, 1957, then President of Hampton, Alonzo G. Moron wrote to Mrs. Parks, "...I would like very much to have you come to work for us at Hampton as hostess at the Holly Tree Inn." He further shared with her, "...in this job you have an opportunity to meet many interesting people, for we always have visitors at Hampton." A few days later, Mrs. Parks responded, "If your offer of the job is still open, I would like to hear more about it, and will come to Hampton when you are ready for me to begin." She concluded the letter stating, "Thank you for considering me as Holly Tree Inn's hostess." On September 23, 1957, she arrived on campus to assume the aforementioned position. In that position, she demonstrated grace, competence, and courtesy. Mrs. Parks remained employed at the University for 1 year, after which she returned to Detroit where she lived the remainder of her life. Mrs. Parks desired "to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free...so other people would be also free."

- **William Howard Taft:** While serving as President of the United States and later Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, President Taft was the President of the Hampton University Board of Trustees. During this time, he was very influential in securing federal support for Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. The Board of Trustees were so pleased with his support and contributions that they named a bedroom in the Mansion House in his honor. The William Howard Taft Room in the Mansion House is still utilized as a bedroom for distinguished visitors. President Taft served on the board from 1909 until his death in 1930.

- **Mary Jackson:** an African American mathematician and aerospace engineer at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), which in 1958 was succeeded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She worked at Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, for most of her

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career. She began as a computer analyst at the segregated West Area Computing division. She took advanced engineering classes and, in 1958, became NASA's first black female engineer. Jackson's story is featured in the non-fiction book "Hidden Figures: The Story of the African-American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race." She is one of the three protagonists in Hidden Figures, the film adaptation released the same year. Jackson graduated from Hampton University in 1942.

- **Barack Hussein Obama:** an American attorney and politician who served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017. He was the first African American to be elected to the presidency. Obama's relationship with Hampton University dates back to 2007, when President William R. Harvey invited then Senator Obama to address attendees of the 93rd Annual Hampton University Ministers' Conference. The Hampton University Marching Force Band, performed in President Obama's Inaugural Parade. President Barack Obama returned to the campus when he served as the University's 140th commencement speaker on May 9, 2010.

- **Susan B. LaFlesche:** an Omaha Native American doctor and reformer in the late 19th century. She is widely acknowledged as the first Native American to earn a medical degree. She campaigned for public health and for the formal, legal allotment of land to members of the Omaha tribe. She graduated from Hampton Institute in 1886, as class salutatorian.

- **Mary Peake:** daughter of a freed African American woman and a Frenchman who conducted the first lessons taught under the Emancipation Oak located on the University's campus. Classes continued at The Butler School, which was constructed in 1863 next to the oak.

- **George H. W. Bush:** an American politician who served as the 41st president of the United States from 1989 to 1993. Prior to assuming the presidency, Bush served as the 43rd vice president of the United States from 1981 to 1989. His earlier posts included those of congressman, ambassador, and CIA director. President Bush demonstrated a long-standing support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities over his career. He delivered the 1991 Commencement address at Hampton University. Within the three years following President Bush's address, Hampton University received \$40 million in federal support for faculty research, scholarships for students, and programs to enhance the university. Under the Title III Program alone, salary supplements, scholarship support and the acquisition of instructional and research equipment were received. President Bush founded the United Negro College Fund chapter at Yale University during his college days. As president, he continued his overwhelmingly positive support for Black Colleges with initiatives such as appointing 23 individuals to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities to advise him and the Secretary of Education on ways to strengthen the HBCUs; directed the Office of Personnel Management, in conjunction with the Secretaries of Labor and Education, to develop a program to improve the recruitment of graduate, and undergraduate HBCU students for part-time and summer federal positions; and signed Executive Order 12677, which directed 27 agencies to increase the opportunities for the participation of HBCUs in federal programs. Increases in total funding over the fiscal years 1989 award levels were reported by most of these agencies. HBCUs received a total of \$776 million in fiscal year 1989 and \$894 million in fiscal year 1990, an increase of \$118 million.

- **Jerome Holland:** Jerome H. Holland was inaugurated as the ninth president of Hampton Institute in 1960. During Holland's service to Hampton Institute, the dedications of Thomas Turner Hall, Martin Luther King Hall and the William A. Freeman Hall were accomplished. President Holland was responsible for Virginia Hall, Academy Building, Mansion House, and Memorial Chapel being included on the Virginia Landmarks Register. President Holland served at Hampton until 1970.

- **Reuben Burrell:** or "Mr. B" as he was also called, said he would work until the day he died and that he did, rarely missing a day of his 66-year career as Hampton's photographer. He worked under eight presidents recording now-historical events, student life, graduation ceremonies and famous visitors. Hampton University's broad range of history and culture is readily apparent through Burrell's work. His photographs and his stories were an inspiration. He touched the lives of many Hampton University administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and visitors.

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- **Frederick Douglass:** an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman. After escaping from slavery in Maryland, he became a national leader of the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts and New York, gaining note for his oratory and incisive antislavery writings. He visited the campus in 1884 and said, "This school is too vast, too multiform, too cosmian, to be grasped in a single hour. I have seen London, I have seen Edinburgh I have seen Venice, I have seen the Coliseum, I have seen the British Museum, but I should not have seen the world if I had not seen Hampton Institute. I have seen more today of what touches my feelings, more of prophecy of what is to be, more of contrast with what has been, than I have ever seen before. I can't talk, I can only say I am glad-glad-glad deep in my heart, with what I see." Frederick Douglass [January 1884]

### **2019, January 21**

Hampton University held its annual Martin Luther King Jr. march and program to remember his life and celebrate his birthday.

### **2019, January 18**

The Hampton University School of Engineering and Technology hosted an induction ceremony for chemical engineering students that were initiated into the Gamma Beta Chapter of the Omega Chi Epsilon Chemical Engineering Honors Society. Omega Chi Epsilon is a newly, re-established chapter at Hampton University and this is the first induction ceremony in over 20 years.

### **2019, January 9**

Hampton University's 'Marching Force' drumline made history over the holiday break by participating in the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena California. Eight members of the drumline were a part of the 60-piece Honda Anniversary Mass Drumline which led the storied parade in its 130th annual installment. The parade's Grand Marshal was none other than R&B legend, Chaka Khan.

### **2018, December**

The Hampton University Museum held its 25th Annual Holiday and Kwanzaa Marketplace, December 7-8, 2018, where faculty, staff, students and community members could come to celebrate, shop and enjoy the weekend full of festivities.

### **2018, December 11**

The Hampton University William R. Harvey Leadership Institute dedicated their conference room to President, William R. Harvey's father, Willie D.C. Harvey. Several of the W.D.C. Harvey Scholars were in attendance for the dedication ceremony and to speak with Dr. Harvey.

Often cited as an impressive Civil Rights Activist and community leader, W.D.C. Harvey was known as a strong leader and advocate for social change. He was a social activist and a business leader. The William R. Harvey Leadership Institute (WRHLI)'s W.D.C. Scholars is named after Dr. Harvey's father.

### **2018, December 7**

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### **2018, December 5**

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced that the Hampton University Department of Education has received accreditation for its education preparation programs. The fall 2018 review by the CAEP Accreditation Council resulted in 52 newly-accredited programs from 27 states and Puerto Rico, bringing the total to 196 providers approved under the CAEP Teacher Preparation Standards – rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs

### **2018, December 3**

Students from both the Hampton University Departments of Computer Science and School of Business took part in a technology competition for AT&T on November 2, 2018, and won first place.

### **2018, November 29**

The sound of Christmas music from the Hampton University's wind ensemble graced the ears of 200 students, faculty and staff during the 35th annual tree lighting ceremony. Smells of cider and ginger lingered with the view of red and green lights, with ornaments donning the Hampton University's Christmas tree, to celebrate the season to give thanks.

### **2018, November 15**

The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) announced that Kyla Wright, Hampton University senior, journalism major, is one of five recipients of the 2018 NABJ Les Payne Reporting Trip to China Scholarship.

### **2018, November 10**

The Hampton University Office of Admission welcomed over 1,500 high school students, parents and guardians, including 101 students who were invited to the Honors Visitation program, during the 2018 Fall Open House.

### **2018, November**

The Hampton University family is mourning the loss of alumna Dr. Gladys Hope Franklin White, Class of 1939, who passed away on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. Dr. White was one of Hampton University's most notable and influential alumna who positively impacted the entire campus. As she always said, she let her life do the singing, and she truly did. Her legacy will live on here at Hampton University.

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### **2018, October 30**

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey and Director of Athletics Eugene Marshall, Jr. announced today that with the assistance of USA Triathlon, Hampton University will introduce Women's Triathlon as the 19th varsity sport starting in the Fall of 2019.

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### **2018, October 25**

Students and faculty gathered in the Hampton University Convocation Center as Ludwidg (Lulu) Louizaire was crowned the 61st Miss Hampton University for the 2018-2019 academic year, exhibiting her platform, "Uplift Leading Influence through the Arts."

### **2018, October 23**

Four Hampton University students competed in the 2018 BE Smart Hackathon in Silicon Valley, October 8-9, 2018. Ernest Horton, Coleman Scott IV, Tauren Bass, and Jeffrey Grant, made up the Hampton Pirate team where they spent an intense 36-hours developing an app and competing for prizes. The Hampton University Pirate team took home 1st place in the Tech Challenge and 3rd Overall.

### **2018, October 16**

Hampton University physics graduate student, Sahara Jesmin Mohammad Prem Nazeer, is officially the first Hampton University Office of Science Graduate Student Research Awardee.

### **2018, October 16**

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) has awarded the Hampton University School of Science with a \$4 million grant, specifically aimed to enhance research capabilities and strengthen educational programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

### **2018, October 12**

Hampton University Students, Kennedi Scott and Kristopher Small, have been selected as Summit Fellows by the United Negro College Fund, Inc., to participate in the 2018 HBCU Innovation Summit in Silicon Valley, CA, this month.

### **2018, October 9**

Two Town Hall forums featuring Virginia U.S. Senator Tim Kaine (D) and challenger Corey Stewart (R) took place at both Hampton University and Liberty University as part of a partnership between the two schools to inform and engage the Commonwealth of Virginia in this candidate race. Both Town Halls were sponsored by Hampton University's Center for Public Policy and Liberty University's Center for Law & Government.

### **2018, October 8**

Hampton University officially welcomed the pharmacy class of 2022 during the 17th Annual White Coat Ceremony hosted by the Hampton University School of Pharmacy. During this tradition, first year pharmacy students officially don their white coats, showing their dedication to health care and the pharmacy profession.

### **2018, September 30**

Hampton University welcomes Secretary Frederick M. Lawrence, civil rights scholar and CEO of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the nation's first and most prestigious honor society, to present the keynote address at the 76th Annual Opening Convocation on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Opening Convocation will be held in the Hampton University Convocation Center and will begin at 10:45 a.m. Following the Opening Convocation ceremony, Hampton University will recognize the generosity of Hampton University alums Dr. and Mrs. Freeman Hrabowski with the naming and dedication ceremony of The Freeman and Jacqueline Hrabowski Student Success Center.

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### **2018, September 25**

Hampton University and the School of Engineering and Technology is hosted the 90th Annual National Technical Association (NTA) 2018 Conference from September 26 – 28, 2018. The conference theme this year is “Full STEAM Ahead!”

### **2018, September 11**

The Hampton University Department of Computer Science has just received a renewal grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the CyberCorps: Scholarships for Service program in the amount of \$3.98 Million for the next five years.

### **2018, September 10**

Hampton University is continuing to be recognized by well-respected publications across the world, including The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report, MONEY Magazine, and many others.

The Princeton Review has once again named Hampton University as a “Best College” in their 2019 book – The Best 384 Colleges: 2019 Edition, as well as a “Best Regional College.” The Princeton Review has been a trusted resource for parents and students in choosing the best college for over 25 years. The Best 384 Colleges rankings are based on surveys of 138,000 students at 384 top colleges that includes a wide representation by region, size, selectivity and character.

### **2018, August 31**

Hampton University received \$500,000 in grant funding from the National Park Service (NPS) for the Wigwam Preservation Project, with the goal of restoring the historic structure.

### **2018, August 25**

A new Saturday morning television show featuring Hampton University Athletics debuted Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 9 am as “Respect The H with Eugene Marshall, Jr.” will air on WSKY TV-4.

### **2018, August 15**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded Hampton University a grant of \$3,600,000 over the next six years, in support of an exciting project, entitled, “Hampton-Brandeis Partnership for Research and Education in Materials.” This continuous grant, which is a Partnership for Research and Education in Materials (PREM) project, begins September 1, 2018 and concludes on August 31, 2024, and expected to total \$3,600,000, with award distributions of \$600,000 per year.

### **2018, August 15**

Hampton University and Goodman & Sons have teamed up to offer two exclusive Hampton University Pandora charms. The two select charms contain a picture of either the Emancipation Oak or the Memorial Chapel, with both donning the Hampton University logo. Each charm is hand-finished sterling silver jewelry and costs \$85. Fifteen percent of the proceeds benefit the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI).



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### **2018, July 18**

Dr. Neelam Azad, Chairperson and Associate Professor for the Hampton University Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received her second independent investigator award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The grant is titled, "Targeting Lipogenic and Angiogenic Mediators in Pulmonary Fibrosis," and is a follow up to her previous grant in 2011. The period of funding is from July 2018 through May 2022, with a first year funding amount of \$343,000, and for a total funding amount of \$1,269,500 over the next four years.

### **2018, July 16**

The African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) held its second annual conference on Hampton University's campus during the week of July 16-19, 2018. Each year, the conference fashions a theme of uplift, unity and continuous improvement and this year sought to close the gap in understanding between younger and older generations.

### **2018, July 8**

Hampton University hosted the 21st Annual William R. Harvey Leadership Institute High School Leadership Summit from July 8 – 14, 2018. This year's theme was 21st Century Leaders: The Millennial Generation, specifically designed to help rising high school juniors and seniors focus on "The Leader Within," while gaining knowledge about Dr. William R. Harvey's Ten Step Leadership Model. This residential program provided students with opportunities to establish a plan for after graduation through several challenging, but beneficial programs throughout the summit.

### **2018, July 6**

Hampton University rising senior, Leondra Head, recently published her first book entitled, *Walking In Your Path*, a self-help novel encouraging young adult students and young adults to follow their passions.

### **2018, July 3**

Dr. and Mrs. William R. Harvey are donating an unexpected and unprecedented gift of \$553,000 to their "Home by the Sea." Hampton's first couple is no stranger to giving and giving back to the university they have led for 40 years. This latest gift was given to the faculty and staff in the form of a 1% additional raise on top of the optional annual increase that is given at the start of each fiscal year. For an example, if the supervisor's recommendation was a raise of 3%, Dr. Harvey's gift will increase that raise to 4%. The Harvey's personal generosity to Hampton University now totals nearly \$4.2 million.

### **2018, July 1**

Hampton University officially joined the Big South Conference as the calendar flips to July.

### **2018, June 26**

The Peninsula Sports Club held its 69th annual Headliner's Night at the Newport News Marriott on Monday night, and Hampton University was well represented with four award winners.

Leading that group was Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey who was named the Herbert Morewitz Sportsman of the Year. Joining him was three women's track

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### **2018, June 24**

Hampton University track and field standout Francena McCorory added another Hall of Fame honor to her stellar career as she was inducted to the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame.

### **2018, June 19**

Hampton University alumna Raichele Privette ('18) is the recent recipient of the 2018 National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)/ESPN Stuart Scott Internship.

The NABJ is the largest organization of journalists, students, and media related professionals of color. They are committed to strengthening the ties among young black journalists while expanding the number of journalists in management positions.

### **2018, June 14**

Dr. Arlene J. Montgomery (PI), Professor of the Department of Graduate Nursing Education in the Hampton University's School of Nursing, has been awarded a \$200,486 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP). The grant's purpose is to help increase the number of qualified nursing faculty to facilitate education of the nurses needed to address the nursing workforce shortage for the academic year 2018-2019.

### **2018, June 13**

The Hampton University, University College, hosted their first Annual Latino Resource Fair at the Hampton University Center for Hispanic Achievement and Training (HUCHAT) on Saturday, June 9, 2018 in Newport News, VA. This center, which was a vision of Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey, with the guidance and leadership of Hampton University, University College, provides educational opportunities for the growing number of Hispanic and Latinos of the Hampton Roads community and beyond.

### **2018, June 13**

Hampton University's Strength and Conditioning and Personal Training Programs have been recognized as an approved National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) Education Recognition Program (ERP). Through these two programs, housed in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation in Hampton University's School of Liberal Arts and Education, student

### **2018, June 3**

Hampton University Athletics celebrated its past, present and future with the induction of the third class into the Hampton Athletics Hall of Fame. Hampton alum and current Assistant Offensive Coach for the Detroit Lions Derius Swinton was the keynote speaker and he challenged the teams to continue to raise the standard of excellence as Hampton heads into the Big South Conference starting July 1.

Mrs. Norma B. Harvey was inducted with the Humanitarian Award celebrating her 40 years of constant support for not only the student-athletes, but the entire athletics program. During her 40 years of service, Norma B. Harvey has been a respected figure giving student-athletes hope, drive and playing a vital role in empowering all she met. She attends as many as possible athletic events, keeping up with all statistics, standings and is considered by many across Hampton Nation as the number one fan of Hampton University.

Jacqueline "Jacqie" McWilliams was a two-sport athlete as she pursued her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from 1987-1990. Currently serving as the Commissioner of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), she was a member of the 1988 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship team, as well as the 1987 and 1990 CIAA volleyball championship teams.

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Issac “Ike” Readon participated in wrestling and football in his time at Hampton, but made his mark on the defensive side in football. He played a key role in the 1985 CIAA football championship which was Hampton’s first in over 50 years. A two-time All-American and three-time Townsend Award winner, which is given to Hampton’s Most Valuable Player, Readon was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in 1986 and ultimately played for the Miami Dolphins.

### **2018, May 29**

Hampton University graduate ('17) and Fulbright Scholar Jordyn Hawkins-Rippie has spent the last five months in Malaysia, teaching English to a wide variety of students, and advocating for sending more people of color abroad. Hawkins-Rippie is the first Hampton University Fulbright scholar in 44 years. He was extremely active during his tenure at HU, participated in many clubs and organizations and even interned for U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan.

### **2018, May 24**

Hampton Alumnus, Mr. Zachary Scott, Makes \$250,000 Gift in Support of the 'Dream No Small Dreams II' Campaign to Raise \$150 Million

### **2018, May 22**

Hampton University, a leader among the world’s mid-size colleges and universities, has reached new heights by raising over \$700,000 at the Anniversary Gala – reveling the University’s 150th Anniversary and the 40 years of leadership of Hampton University’s President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

### **2018, May 22**

The 2018 HBCU Awards finalists have been announced and Hampton University’s President Dr. William R. Harvey will be the inaugural recipient of the Lifetime Achievement award, which will also be formally named in his honor during this year’s awards ceremony.

### **2018, May 17**

April Woodard, an Assistant Professor in the Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications, has been nominated for an Emmy® Award for her work as a co-host on Coast Live on WTKR, and for hosting the Norfolk Christmas parade, among other events throughout the year.

### **2018, May 16**

The Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications student Kyla Wright has been awarded the Betty Endicott Scholarship worth \$5,000 to be used towards her Hampton University education. The Betty Endicott Scholarship is given out annually from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences-National Capital Chesapeake Bay (NATAS-NCCB) Chapter to full-time undergraduate or graduate students who are studying communications and/or broadcast journalism. The scholarship is named after Betty Endicott, the first female news director in Washington, D.C.

### **2018, May 13**

Keynote speaker Ruth E. Carter, Hampton University alumna, two-time Academy Award nominated costume designer, and first African American woman nominated for an Oscar in costume design, delivered a powerful message to the graduating class at 148th Commencement Ceremony. Her message connected the newest graduates of Hampton University to the early beginnings of the world class institution and the heroes who paved the way for its founding over 150 years ago.

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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.

### **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.

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### **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.

### **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.

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### **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.

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.

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### **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.

### **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.

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### **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.

### **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.



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### **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."

### **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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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### **2017, February 17**

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

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.

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### **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](http://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.

### **2016, March 31**

Hampton University has recently been named No. 7 Best Risk-Reward for College Students in the 2016 College Risk-Reward Indicator (CRRRI) 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.

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### **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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-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 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Event with a Cadet Helicopter Movement exercise on Feb. 6, 2016.

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### **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.