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2020, May 19

Hampton University is celebrating the graduating class of 2020 a little differently this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If circumstances followed the normal pattern, the seniors would have donned their caps and gowns this past Mother's Day to attend Hampton University's 150th Commencement ceremony. These students have worked hard these past years to earn their degrees and so Hampton University wants to recognize the importance of honoring their achievements.

2020, May 16

Dr. and Mrs. William R. Harvey are doing their part to assist Hampton University students during these unprecedented times by making a donation of \$100,000 to their "Home by the Sea" to provide financial relief to individual students who have needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hampton's first couple is no stranger to giving and giving back to the university they have led for 42 years. This latest gift matches the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's gift of \$100,000 to the University in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hampton University will use the \$200,000 to provide each on-campus student \$100 to assist with travel costs to retrieve their belongings or return to school in the fall.

2020, May 8

Hampton University student, Sierra Williams-McLeod, was selected to receive \$10,000 as a 2020 EmPOWERED to Serve Scholar. The American Heart Association EmPOWERED to Serve Scholars are college freshmen, sophomores and juniors working as agents of change to create health equity in their communities. She was selected as one of ten students from over 170 entries from college students across the United States.

2020, May 3

Hampton University Pharm.D. student, Margaret "Morgan" Morales, was named the winner of the 2020 Student Investigator Award during the 29th Annual Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA) Meeting, April 29-May 3, 2020. Morales presented her poster virtually when the conference had become a virtual one due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020, April 29

For the 8th consecutive year, Hampton University faculty and staff participated in the national observance of Denim Day on Wednesday, April 29, calling attention to Sexual Assault Awareness. Sponsored by the HU Title IX Office, the HU Community wore jeans in support of sexual assault survivors everywhere. As the campus is practicing social distancing due to COVID-19, the decision was made to hold the annual campaign virtually.

2020, April 29

Hampton University has announced the creation of the **Hampton Cares Student Emergency Fund**, which is designed to relieve barriers for students to continue their attendance at Hampton University. Because many Hampton University students are facing severe financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, they need emergency aid now more than ever.

2020, April 27

Hampton University assistant professor for the School of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Zhao (Joy) Sun, is part of a team of faculty and students, which has been awarded \$8 million from NASA. The team will

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seek to develop tools involving machine learning in autonomous systems for unmanned aircrafts, over the next four years. The award is part of the University Leadership Initiative (ULI), a collaborative effort between NASA Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate (ARMD) and the U.S. university community, where universities take the lead, build their own teams, and set their own research paths.

2020, April 27

The Resource Management Class is called to do a community project for Earth Day for their class, especially since this year was the 50th celebration of Earth Day. They had planned to do some fun activities to involve the community, such as a campus clean up and creating an art piece from recycled materials. Unfortunately, those plans did not occur due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the pandemic, the class decided to create this video as a class to discuss why we celebrate Earth Day, the history of Earth Day, Hampton University's past involvement in Earth Day, and how our community can celebrate even during the COVID-19 quarantine.

2020, April 24

Hampton University, The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), the Virginia Secretary of Education's Office, and the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) teamed up with Virginia's 43 public and private colleges and universities to create a message of solidarity for Virginia high school and college students and their families. The statewide #VAHigherEducationTogether campaign launched April 24 to express support and hope to those who are anxious about the status of higher education during and after the COVID-19 crisis.

2020, April 23

Hampton University graduating senior Anthony Burley is helping to give back to seniors through his job at Anna's Pizza in Buckroe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Anna's has teamed up with Hampton Councilwoman Chris Snead to help provide meals for seniors and they are encouraging others to do the same.

2020, April 16

Hampton University student Sara Avery recently appeared on Black College Quiz, a game show series that encourages an appreciation of African American Heritage by all people in an entertaining quiz show format. Avery not only won the episode but walked away with scholarship money.

2020, April 9

During this time of urgency and emergency, Hampton University has partnered with the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank to assist in an important role in meeting community needs. Hampton University is serving as a host for the Foodbank's Drive-Through Mobile Pantry.

2020, April 6

Hampton University alumnus Jaylian "JJ" Williamson has been hired by the Los Angeles Rams as the Player Engagement Fellow. He just served as a Compliance and Championships Intern with the conference office.

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2020, April 1

Students from the Hampton University Departments of Architecture and Electrical Engineering participated in a National JUMP into STEM competition at the Oakridge National Renewable Laboratory (ORNL) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee at the end of January. The Hampton team presented so well that they received internship opportunities at the ORNL and the National Renewable Energy Laboratories.

2020, March 20

Author, motivational speaker and Hampton University alumna Chental Song Bemby (c/o 2018) is continuing her legacy of children's literature. Since making her debut on the 2015 BET Honors and Black Girls Rock! awards shows as an Early Riser and a Making a Difference Girl, she has published a new middle-grade novel called "Desiree Davenport: Welcome to Treeless Park." Bemby is a literacy advocate who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Hampton with a bachelor's degree in Journalism and a minor in Leadership Studies.

2020, March 20

Hampton University is excited to announce the hire of Valora Richardson, Ph.D. as the Director of Hampton University Online (Hampton U Online). Dr. Richardson came to Hampton from Georgia State University where she worked as the assistant director of Technology Enhanced Teaching and Learning.

2020, March 19

Hampton University student Jamil Gambari has just been named an EBONY HBCU Campus King. Gambari is a senior, marketing major from New York. He is one of ten winning Kings who will be featured in the pages of EBONY magazine and at EBONY.com. Gambari is the first Mr. Pirate to receive this honor. These young men demonstrate the ability to inspire, lead and give back to their communities.

2020, March 11

The Hampton University James T. George School of Business will hosted the 42nd Annual Conference on the Black Family.

2020, March 3

Hampton University is getting an essential network upgrade with several phases that will be implemented over the next year, and some that began in October 2019. Hampton's business management processing software system is being upgraded, as well as the Windows platform for all the computers on campus. All these upgrades will better support the students, faculty, administration and staff on campus, and position Hampton for future innovation challenges.

2020, February 28

Hampton University students from the School of Engineering and Technology competed in the 3rd Annual Advancing Minorities Interest in Engineering (AMIE) Design Challenge at the Black Engineering of the Year Award (BEYA) STEM Symposium. For the 3rd consecutive year, Hampton University Students won the competition.

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2020, February 20

Hampton University hosted a dedication ceremony in honor of former Dean of Residence Life, Jewel B. Long inside the lobby of John S. Kennedy Hall on Valentine's Day. The lobby was packed with Hampton administration, staff, faculty, students and family of Ms. Long. Hampton University's President, Dr. William R. Harvey, provided the official naming of the lobby.

2020, February 19

Vice President Mike Pence visited the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI) to support the University's efforts in providing state-of-the-art cancer research and delivering advanced cancer treatment to military veterans and their families. The Vice President met with Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey, along with several students, administrators and professors during a meaningful roundtable discussion. Pence was also able to tour the facility and meet with HUPTI patients.

2020, February 11

Allison Seymour, WTTG-TV Washington D.C. FOX 5 News Morning Anchor, took her D.C. viewers for a look at black history at her HBCU alma mater, Hampton University!

Seymour graduated from Hampton University in 1988 with an undergraduate degree in Mass Media. Seymour was inducted into The Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications Hall of Fame in 2012. Currently, Seymour's oldest daughter Sydney is a freshman at Hampton, and she is featured in the video as well.

2020, February 8

Prospective graduate students packed the Hampton University Student Center Ballroom to tour campus, meet with faculty and staff from different departments, and receive information about financial aid and scholarships. Prospective students were also able to receive on-site review of applications.

2020, February 4

The Hampton University Career Center hosted its 2020 Spring Career Fair on Tuesday, February 4 in the Student Center Ballroom. Over 700 students were in attendance to meet with over 80 companies and organizations including Aldi, the CIA, PepsiCo and more.

2020, February 4

Almost 50 Hampton University students spent the day in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, to lobby for the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI), the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG) and for the continued support of Black Lives and Historically Black Institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2020, February 4

Hampton University welcomes Ms. Laura M. Tanganelli as the Inbound Immigration Specialist for the Hampton University International Office. Ms. Tanganelli comes to Hampton all the way from the South of France. In this role, Tanganelli will oversee all matters related to U.S. immigration regulations for international students.

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2020, January 31

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey returned to his undergraduate alma mater, Talladega College, for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new building that will bear his name. The Dr. William R. Harvey Museum of African American Art will house the college's extensive art collections including six critically acclaimed Amistad Murals by Hale Woodruff. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held Friday, January 31, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at the entrance to the museum.

2020, January 26

Hampton University celebrated the 127th Annual Founder's Day Ceremony on Sunday, January 26, 2020. From the commemorative service for Hampton University Founder, General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, to a wonderful tribute for the same man from President Dr. William R. Harvey, and a moving keynote address from Christopher Newport University President Paul S. Tribble, it was a truly wonderful day.

Founder's Day began at the Hampton University Cemetery where Dr. Harvey placed a wreath on General Armstrong's tombstone, commemorating all he did for the University.

2020, January 26

Paul S. Tribble Jr., Christopher Newport University President, gave the keynote address at the 127th Annual Hampton University Founder's Day ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11:30 a.m. in Robert C. Ogden Hall.

2020, January 24

Hampton University student and Student Government Association Vice President Bruce Wilson gave a TEDx Talk at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia about the importance of leadership development and service.

2020, January 24

Hampton University and Wendy's hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the official grand opening of the new Wendy's restaurant near campus, located in The Shops at Hampton Harbor at 1006 Settlers Landing Rd., Hampton, VA, 23669.

2020, January 8

Hampton University is excited to announce the hire of Dr. Kristie Norwood as the Director of the Student Counseling Center (SCC). Dr. Norwood is a licensed clinical psychologist and recently worked at the Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center as the Assistant Chief of Psychology, working primarily with veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder.

2020, January 8

Dr. Shahid M. Shahidullah, Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice for Hampton University, recently published his seventh book titled "Modernity, Modernization, and Globalization: Issues and Challenges of the 21st Century." In this volume, published in 2019 by NOVA Science Publications of New York, Dr. Shahidullah has assembled an impressive array of social scientists from different regions of the world, including Hampton University's Dr. Zina McGee of the Department of Sociology and Dr. Mohammed Sillah of the Department of History and Political Science, to examine issues and challenges of modernization and globalization in the 21st century.

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2020, January 8

AT&T Inc., a diversified, global leader in telecommunications, media and entertainment, and technology has partnered with Hampton University's Hampton U Online in the provision of online learning for its more than 250,000 employees.

2020, January 8

The Hampton University band, 'The Marching Force,' is receiving a proclamation of praise and celebration from the City of Hampton, Wednesday, January 8 during the City Council Meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m. This proclamation is to recognize the band's service to the City of Hampton based on their representation of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Rome New Year's Day Parade.

2019, December 31

The Hampton University Marching Band, otherwise known as "The Marching Force," is participating in the 2020 Rome New Year's Day Parade tomorrow in Rome, Italy. The Parade is set to start at 11:00 a.m. Rome time, which is 5:00 a.m. EST.

2019, December 20

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam presented his budget for Fiscal Years 2020-2022, which includes \$11,143,500 for the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI). The proposed funds will support the Institute's life-saving efforts including proton therapy to treat cancerous tumors with fewer side effects to traditional cancer treatments, proton research and therapy activities

2019, December 19

Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey honors the 54 years of continuous service and dedication from Jewel B. Long, Dean of Residence Life, by renaming John S. Kennedy Hall's lobby in her honor. Long is set to retire in January. Kennedy Hall is a women's Residence Hall built in 1918 and was one of the first buildings Dean Long worked in as a Resident Assistant and Graduate Assistant.

2019, December 19

Two Hampton University alumnae, Ruth Carter and Shiona Turini, are nominated for Excellence in Costume Design in their respective film categories by the Costume Designers Guild Awards. Carter has been nominated in Excellence in Period Film for "Dolemite is My Name," and Turini for Excellence in Contemporary Film for "Queen & Slim."

2019, December 17

Hampton University Sports Management professor, David C. Hughes, has created a mobile app called 'Give Black,' which is dedicated exclusively to making donations to HBCUs, black nonprofits, businesses, churches and other nonprofit organizations that help the Black community. This app will allow anyone with a mobile phone to make a donation, supporting these businesses.

2019, December 12

Hampton University alumna Rear Admiral Aisha K. Mix will be promoted to Assistant Surgeon General and Chief Nurse Officer for the United States Public Health Service on Friday, December 13 in Washington D.C.

"Congratulations to Rear Admiral Aisha K. Mix on her recent promotion. Her Hampton family is very proud of her accomplishments, and we hope many Hamptonians are able to attend the ceremony," said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

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2019, December 12

Hampton University's new Center for Gerontology Excellence and Minority Aging has established its Advisory Council, including members from Eastern Virginia Medical School, Alzheimer's Association, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and more.

"The creation of this Advisory Council for our newly formed Center for Gerontology Excellence is an important step in ensuring that exceptional health care is provided for older adults in our state. Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson has done an outstanding job on developing the Council and we are excited to witness what they will accomplish," said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

2019, December 5

The sound of Christmas music from the Hampton University's brass ensemble graced the ears of 200 students, faculty and staff during the 36th annual tree lighting ceremony. Smells of fresh Christmas cookies 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.

2019, December 3

Hampton University alumna Dr. Ebonie Vincent is starring in a new TLC show entitled, "My Feet Are Killing Me." Dr. Vincent is a highly trained foot and ankle surgeon in Orange County, Ca. The show follows Dr. Vincent and another doctor as they tackle everything from wart clusters and fungus, to toe amputations and foot reconstructions.

2019, November 12

The Hampton University School of Liberal Arts and Education held its Fourth Annual Film Festival, November 12-14. This theme was "A Seat at The Table: Hampton to Hollywood, Nollywood and Beyond," where speakers shared their expert knowledge on the topic. There were also film screenings, mic sessions and a panel discussion on how to secure a career in the film and television industry.

2019, November 9

Dr. Jessica Sullivan, assistant professor and graduate coordinator for the Hampton University Communicative Sciences and Disorders department, is serving as the 2019 convention co-chair of the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) in Orlando, FL.

2019, November 8

The Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications welcomed New York Times Investigative reporter and creator of the landmark '1619 Project' – Nikole Hannah-Jones to campus as part of the Caldwell Café Lecture Series. Hannah-Jones was able to meet with students, and discuss with a packed audience this important project.

2019, November 8

Hampton University alumna April Drake ('04) was recognized with the Virginia Emerging Professional Award at the Visions for Architecture gala for the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The event will be held at the Hilton Downtown Richmond where Drake will be granted an award for her tremendous work in the architecture profession, as well as her efforts to advocate for underrepresented voices.

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2019, November 6

The Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications welcomed New York Times investigative reporter and creator of the landmark '1619 Project' - Nikole Hannah-Jones to campus to discuss the major initiative which observes the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery, in the Scripps Howard Auditorium.

2019, October 30

For the second consecutive time, the Hampton University "Marching Force" is a finalist at the 17th Honda Battle of the Bands (HBOB) Invitational Showcase Jan. 25, 2020, at the Mercedes-Benz Dome in Atlanta, and will compete with seven other dynamic Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching bands

2019, October 26

PepsiCo Beverages North America, in partnership with ESSENCE, brought the "She Got Now" tour – a multi-tiered platform that celebrates, supports and honors young Black women aspiring to and attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country to the Hampton University Homecoming Tailgate.

2019, October 22

For the second year in a row, Hampton University welcomed VA ratify ERA representatives to the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute (WRHLI) to speak about ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This year, they launched the #iScream4Equality Ice Cream Tour on August 26th, Women's Equality Day, to educate Virginians on the historical opportunity to be the 38th and final state needed to ratify the ERA.

2019, October 21

Students and faculty gathered in Ogden Hall for the coronation of the new Miss Hampton University and Mr. Pirate. Carmen Jackson is now the 62nd Miss Hampton University and Jamil Gambari is the 16th Mr. Pirate.

2019, October 19

The Hampton University School of Nursing, in conjunction with the Hampton University Cancer Research Center, held the very first Hampton University Barbershop Outreach Project at BK's Barbershop in Hampton, VA.

2019, October 17

The Hampton University William R. Harvey Leadership Institute (WRHLI) kicked off its 2019-2020 Meet the Leaders Series with Marisa Porto, former publisher and editor-in-chief for Virginia Media/Daily Press Media Group, a multi-million business in Hampton Roads, who is spending this year at Hampton as an Executive-in-Residence.

2019, October 11

Hampton University welcomed Congressman Bobby Scott, along with representatives from Old Dominion University, Christopher Newport University, Norfolk State University, Thomas Nelson Community College, Paul D. Camp Community College, and Virginia State University, to sit down for a roundtable discussion about the cost of college.

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2019, October 6

Hampton University officially welcomed the senior class of 2020, Onyx 11, at the 77th Annual Opening Convocation in Ogden Hall. Attendees were regaled with inspirational musical sounds of the Hampton University Symphonic Choir. Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey provided encouraging words to the audience, and Keynote Speaker and alumna Dr. Desiree Williams provided encouragement for a great academic year.

2019, October 4

Two outstanding journalism Hampton University students, Whitney Bronson and Randall C. Williams, have been selected to participate in the third class of the Rhoden Fellowship – a one-year sports journalism internship program with ESPN's The Undefeated that identifies and trains aspiring African American journalists.

2019, October 3

The Hampton University William R. & Norma B. Harvey Library hosted an extension workshop of the Hampton University Forum on Minority Recruitment and Retention in the Library & Information Science (LIS) Field, where librarians, leaders and experts in library science convened to learn about equity, diversity and inclusion in the LIS Field. The forum was funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through a grant received in the amount of \$99,980.

2019, October 3

Hampton University welcomes the parents and family members of the class of 2023 to our "Home by the Sea" for the 59th Annual Parents Weekend. The weekend-long event will give parents and other family members the opportunity to experience university life here at HU.

2019, October 2

Hampton University and the Common Application or 'Common App,' the non-profit membership organization dedicated to access, equity and integrity in the college admissions process, today announced Hampton's addition to their online resources for students and counselors. "Hampton University's membership with the Common App provides a wonderful opportunity for prospective students, parents, teachers, and guidance counselors to get an up-close and personal look at Hampton University's excellent academic programs and exceptional student services," said Dr. William R. Harvey, Hampton University President

2019, September 25

The George P. Phenix High School Alumni Association hosted a Memorial Wreath Laying Program to honor Dr. George P. Phenix. The program will take place at noon at his gravesite on the campus of Hampton University. Dr. George P. Phenix was born on September 25, 1864. The memorial service will mark the 155th Anniversary of his birth and celebrate how his life and accomplishments still have a lasting impact on Hampton University and the public educational system in Hampton. The event is open to all that attended a Phenix School and the general public is welcome to attend.

2019, September 20

The Hampton University School of Science is hosted a free one-day Pre-Med Conference on Friday, September 20, starting at 7:30 a.m, and ending at 12:30 p.m. The event was held inn Hampton University's campus, located at 200 William R. Harvey Way, Hampton, in the Student Center, and the theme is "Increasing Diversity in Healthcare."

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2019, September 18

Dr. Michelle Fletcher Claville, Director of The Nanoscience Project at Hampton University (NanoHU), Assistant Dean for the School of Science and a professor of chemistry, will spend the next year at the National Science Foundation (NSF) as a Rotator. NSF offers a chance for scientists, engineers and educators to join as temporary program directors – or rotators - who are able to make recommendations about which proposals to fund; influence new directions in the fields of science, engineering, and education; support cutting-edge interdisciplinary research; and mentor junior research members.

2019, September 14

Hampton University 5-year MBA student Jayla Brown from Detroit, MI, won a \$5,000 scholarship from the leading lifestyle, fashion and social commerce brand, Ashley Stewart. Brown attended Ashley Stewart's finale event on Saturday, September 14, in search of their 2019 brand ambassador.

2019, September 9

Donations are pouring in to support the Bahamian students displaced by Hurricane Dorian who are lining up to take advantage of Dr. William R. Harvey's invitation to continue their academic studies here at Hampton University. To top off a list of growing donations, HU Board member, Zachary Scott has pledged \$100,000 to help offset the international travel costs.

2019, September 9

Hampton University is consistently ranked as the top of several prestigious college listings, including U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, MONEY Magazine and many others, distancing itself from many institutions of its size across many noteworthy categories.

The Princeton Review named Hampton University as a "Best Regional College" and "Best 385 Colleges" in their annual college guide. The Princeton Review has been a trusted resource for students and families to make the right college choice for over 27 years. For this 28th edition, The Princeton Review surveyed over 140,000 students from across the country so that they could tell the public which colleges have the best food, best career services, happiest students and more.

2019, September 5

In an effort to help those students and families affected by Hurricane Dorian, Hampton University is entering into an agreement with the University of the Bahamas-North to allow students who have been displaced by the hurricane to continue their education on HU's campus.

2019, September 3

Hampton University hosted the 26th Annual Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering (AMIE) Annual Conference and Gala, September 3-5. The conference brought together college and university deans, industry leaders, government officials, faculty and students, all in the name of Engineering.

2019, August 30

On a night unifying culture and celebrating Black excellence, Hampton alumna and Academy Award winner Ruth Carter won the Alumna of the Year Award at the 2019 HBCU Awards in Baltimore.

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2019, August 30

Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, DNP, MSN, RN-BC has been appointed to the role of associate professor at Hampton University's School of Nursing. Her newly created role will help develop the University's Center of Excellence in Gerontology that will focus on developing inter-professional health care providers to deliver care for older adults, developing community-based programs to address social determinants of health for older adults and lead community-engaged research with a focus on helping older adults live healthy lives.

2019, August 23

Hampton University's President, Dr. William R. Harvey, spoke at Liberty University's Convocation on Wednesday, August 23, delivering a powerful message of leadership, service and character, and receiving two standing ovations during his allocution.

2019, August 23

It's that time of year again! Hampton University welcomed nearly 1,000 new Hamptonians to their new 'Home by the Sea,' as they moved into their residence halls, in preparation of having a successful year during the two-day move-in, August 23 and 24.

2019, August 19

The Virginia Department of Health has recently approved Hampton University's formal request for one fixed MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) machine to be constructed at the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute.

2019, August 8

In partnership with the Hampton University director of Film Studies, Eleanor Earl, Connect With a Wish and Foster Focus Films, the first annual Young Women's Possibilities Conference 2019 took place inside the Student Center on Thursday, August 8, to help young women who have experienced foster care cultivate their leadership skills.

During this one-day leadership conference, young women aged 17-21 who have experienced foster care, were invited to hear from speakers, learn leadership skills and experience fellowship and sisterhood.

2019, July 26

Hampton University rising sophomore, Nupol Kiazolu was recently crowned Miss Liberia USA 2019-20, in her first ever participation in a pageant. This year was the 17th Annual Pageant, which took place on Liberia's Independence Day, July 26th at the Suzanne Roberts Theater in Philadelphia, PA.

2019, July 25

The Hampton University Department of Sports Management secured a \$340,658 technology grant from the Department of Homeland Security to create an Esports lab, offering courses in Esports to students.

2019, July 25

Hampton University would like to extend sincere congratulations to alumnus Sashi Brown, Class of 1998, who has been named the Chief Planning and Operations Officer for Monumental Basketball, a newly-formed collective that includes the Washington Wizards, Washington Mystics, Capital City Go-Go and Wizards District Gaming.

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2019, July 18

Hampton University, with Dr. Jean Muhammad, Department of Computer Science chair (PI) and Dr. Chutima Boonthum-Denecke (Co-PI), was awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant (CNS-1849541) to host HBCU Computer Science Faculty Research workshops over the next year, promoting cross-institutional strategies.

2019, July 17

Hampton University has received notice of a \$135,000.00 grant from the Economic Development Authority City of Hampton, Virginia, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, (“EDA”) to fund the “Center of Excellence,” Hampton University’s Severe Storm Research Center.

2019, July 7

The Hampton University William R. Harvey Leadership Institute (WRHLI) hosted the 22nd Annual High School Leadership Summit, July 7 – 13, 2019, designed for rising high school juniors and seniors to learn skills in order to establish a plan for success after graduation.

2019, June 27

Hampton University reaches the Elite 8, competing in the National Championship Tournament (NCT) of the 30th Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC).

2019, June 26

Ruth E. Carter, Hampton University alumna and Academy Award winning costume designer, is getting her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. No dates for her ceremony has been announced yet, but the date is usually shared about 10 days in advance.

2019, June 18

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) announced its reaffirmation of accreditation for Hampton University. The reaffirmation continues HU’s accreditation through 2028.

2019, June 12

Hampton University student, Carlos Mayers, rising junior, computer information systems major, was recently part of The Pitch 2019 competition’s first place winning team, which built an app that helps school teachers. The Pitch 2019 is a four-day conference in Durham, NC, where selected scholars use critical and creative thinking skills to solve problems.

2019, June 6

Dr. Andrij Horodysky, assistant professor in Hampton University’s Department of Marine and Environmental Science, has been awarded a prestigious five-year, \$700,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development award (NSF CAREER) for his groundbreaking research on the effects of ocean acidification on fish neurosensory biology.

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2019, June 6

The Hampton University Cancer Research Center (HUCRC) has received a \$446,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. This new grant focuses on improving the characterization of the genetic changes that could potentially be causing breast cancer in African-American women.

2019, June 5

The Hampton University Department of Architecture welcomed representatives from the Walt Disney Imagineering team, to share information with students about their experiences at Disney. Representatives also encouraged students to apply for "Imaginations," a design competition that seeks the next generation of Imagineers. One of the representatives was Hampton University alumnus, Dexter "Dex" Tanksley ('93). He is the Sr. Project Manager for Walt Disney Imagineering. Imagineering, the combined name of imagination and engineering, is the unique, creative force behind Walt Disney Parks and Resorts that dreams up, designs and builds all Disney theme parks, resorts, attractions, cruise ships, real estate developments and regional entertainment venues worldwide. Building upon the legacy of Walt Disney, Imagineers bring art and science together to turn fantasy into reality and dreams into magic.

2019, June 3

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey welcomed the thousands in attendance at the 105th Annual Hampton University Ministers' Conference and 85th Annual Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild Workshop at the Hampton University Convocation Center.

2019, May 22

Hampton University alumnus, Derrick Baskin ('97), has been nominated for a 2019 Tony Award® for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical. The nomination is for his work in the musical, "Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations," which can be seen on Broadway in New York.

Baskin graduated from Hampton University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology. He was last seen in the Oscar-nominated film "Marshall" and is best known for his role in the critically acclaimed Hulu sitcom "Difficult People" and his recurring role on "Law & Order: SVU." Other film credits include "Annie," starring Cameron Diaz and Jamie Foxx; and "Anesthesia" starring Glenn Close, directed by Tim Blake Nelson.

2019, May 12

Hampton University's 149th Commencement Ceremony was an exciting and momentous day, especially for graduating seniors, Elisabeth Kuester and Jose Thomas, who were named Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectfully, for the graduating class of 2019. Over 6,000 attendees cheered on the graduating class of 2019 inside the Hampton University Convocation Center. A total of 920 graduates donned with caps and gowns, walked across the stage to accept their diplomas, and look forward to the next step in their lives. Keynote speaker, alumnus Lieutenant General Darrell K. Williams, class of 1983, delivered a powerful message about dreams to the graduating class.

2019, April 20

Over 1,700 guests joined Hampton University for the 14th Annual Easter by-the-Bay E-G-G-stravaganza on Saturday, April 20 in the Convocation Center. Due to inclement weather Friday night, the event was moved to the Convocation Center, and the event committee and staff worked diligently to ensure this year's E-G-G-stravaganza was a success.

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2019, April 30

The Hampton University Department of Computer Science hosted the 10th Annual Cyber Security Symposium on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. 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.

Hampton University was recently named a top school for our online Master's Information Assurance degree program. We also received an almost \$4 Million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for our CyberCorps: Scholarships for Service program.

2019, April 16

Hampton University hosted 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 was, "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

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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.

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.

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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 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."

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- **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 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

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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.

- **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.

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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.

2018, November 8

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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.

2018, October 25

Students and faculty gathered in the Hampton University Convocation Center as Ludwidge (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.

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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.

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.

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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).

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.

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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 Sportsperson of the Year. Joining him was three women's track

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

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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.

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.

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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.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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.

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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.

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

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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.”

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

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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 [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 3rd for online bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies by [collegevaluesonline.com](#)

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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.

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

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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.

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.

2016, March 31

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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.

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-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.

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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.

2015, October 27

Hampton University's Department of Athletics is off to a great academic year on and off the field of play. In July, HU was awarded \$675,000, over a three-year period NCAA Accelerated Academic Success Program (AASP) grant.

2015, October 16

The Hampton University Department of Architecture in partnership with the Old Dominion University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering has been awarded a 2015 Norfolk Environmental Action Award by the Norfolk Environmental Commission. The students were honored for their contributions towards improving Norfolk's environmental sustainability.

2015, October 11

The Hampton University community extends congratulations to Dr. Desiree Williams, who was crowned Miss Virginia USA 2016 on Oct. 11 at the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville, VA. Williams is an assistant professor of physical therapy at HU and an HU alumna. Williams will represent Virginia in the Miss USA pageant in 2016.

2015, October 6

The Hampton University Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders has received a \$1.2 million grant to train scholars to work in high poverty schools.

2015, October 1

Dr. Dorian Lee-Wilkerson, Chairperson of the Hampton University Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, has been named a Fellow of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA). This prestigious honor will be recognized during an Awards Ceremony at the Association's National Convention, which will be held Nov. 12-14 in Denver, Colorado. This most deserved achievement is reflective of the more than 25 years of dedicated clinical and academic contributions to the field of Speech-Language Pathology.

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2015, September 18

The documentary "*Birth of a New Nation*," produced by nine journalism students under the supervision of Associate Professor Van Dora Williams at the Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications, will be featured in a prestigious Hampton Roads film showcase entitled Birth of an Answer (BOAA) on Sept. 18, 2015.

2015, September 8

Hampton University is ranked at the top of several prestigious college listings distancing many institutions of its size across many noteworthy categories. Money Magazine, U.S. News & World Report and Washington Monthly gave Hampton University high rankings for its research programs, university services and for being one of the best universities overall.

2015, August 4

The Hampton University Department of Counseling in the School of Education and Human Development recently received accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs and College Counseling programs received accreditation.

2015, July 28

Hampton University's Student Support Services Program has been awarded a \$1,461,700 continuation grant from the U.S. Department of Education to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants. Through this grant HU will continue to provide low-income and first-generation college students with opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education.

2015, July 24

The NCAA has awarded the Hampton University Department of Athletics \$675,000, over a three-year period, to continue the tradition of excellence on-and-off the field of play.

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.

2015, June 26

The Hampton University School of Liberal Arts has received a \$517,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support the creation of a Center for Teaching and Learning in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

2015, June 11

Hampton University's online program (HUUC) is the third best in the entire state of Virginia. That's according to Affordable Colleges Online. This most recent distinction comes on the heels of several previous noteworthy University rankings achieved this academic year alone.

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2015, June 10

Hampton University has been awarded a five-year \$622,480 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to implement the "Workforce Preparation through Computing Scholarship (We-Prep-CS) Program." The grant will assist the continuing efforts to enhance undergraduate education and research in computer science and increase the number of minorities and women who pursue advanced degrees and careers in computing.

2015, May 5

Hampton University is launching a Hispanic/Latino Initiative designed to meet the higher education needs of a fast growing Hispanic community, here in Hampton Roads, and all across the country. The initiative is the brainchild of HU President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

2015, April 23

The Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications (SHSJC) is again making its mark with the launch of BRAND757, Hampton University's first, student-run PR and brand agency in the university's nearly 150-year history. By the school's account, it is one of the only student-run PR agencies in the Hampton Roads area.

2015, April 17

The Hampton University Department of Chemistry has been awarded a \$225,728 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a project designed to assist science teachers in the Hampton City School system to develop laboratory activities.

2015, February 18

The Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV), has been awarded more than \$807,000 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative. The Initiative will help Hampton University and the other 14 CICV members, all private nonprofit colleges in Virginia, develop comprehensive plans for implementing solar power on their campuses through the Solar Pathways Program.

2015, February 5

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey appeared live on C-SPAN on Feb. 5. Harvey talked about issues that affect higher education and the state of historically black colleges and universities in the U.S. Click below to view video.

2014, October 29

The Hampton University Student Counseling Center was recently awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Office of Violence Against Women. The funding was provided by the Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating, Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking on Campus Program. The projects are designed to enhance victim services and implement prevention and education programs

2014, October 14

Hampton University's Department of Counseling was awarded \$986,845 over a three year period by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide behavioral health workforce education and training for professionals.

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2014, October 4

The Hampton University Department of Biological Sciences has been awarded a \$900,000 grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop vascular protection against select pathogens

2014, September 30

Hampton, Va. - The Hampton University First in the World Partnership (HU-FITWP) has been awarded a \$3.5 million grant from the [U.S. Department of Education](#). The project goal is to increase the access to and affordability of a university education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines (STEM) for underrepresented, and or low-income students.

2014, September 26

Hampton University Alumna Dr. Gladys Hope Franklin White, Class of 1939, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award today at National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony in Atlanta.

2014, September 12

Hampton University has recently been recognized in national rankings. The University overall, research programs and university services have received recognition from *U.S. News & World Report* and *Washington Monthly Magazine*.

HU is ranked **#18 overall in the South Regional** category in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2015 edition of Best Colleges. Also in the South regional universities category, HU is ranked **#1 on the students who graduate with the least debt list and #2 on the "Best Colleges for Veterans"** list. HU was recognized for participating in federal initiatives that help veterans and active-duty service members apply for, pay for and complete their degrees.

HU ranked number **24 in the Best Master's Universities** category of the 2014 *Washington Monthly* College Rankings. *Washington Monthly's* new college rankings measure institutions based on three criteria: civic engagement, research and social mobility. HU also ranked **#3 in the Research/Bachelor's to PhD** category. This category measures the number of bachelor's degree recipients who go on to receive PhDs, relative to school size. The University also ranked **#9 in the Service/ROTC** category, which measures the percentage of students who serve in ROTC.

2014, July 11

Hampton University was named the HBCU of the Year at the fourth annual HBCU Awards ceremony presented by Dillard University on July 11. The award was one of three of the evening for Hampton, which also won top honors for research and women's athletics.

2014, June 14

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey has received the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. 2014 Chairman's Award in Mentoring. The award was presented at the 28th Annual 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Conference.

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2014, May 20

The Hampton University Department of Computer Science received a \$397,000 grant from the National Science Foundation that will be used to equip incoming freshman students with the necessary tools to achieve in the field of computer science.

2014, April 25

The Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications will launch a Center for Digital Media Innovation to introduce students to new journalism techniques with \$245,000 from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

2014, April 24

The Hampton University School of Nursing (SON) recently received a \$25,000 donation to create an endowed scholarship in the name of the nursing class of 1954. Members of that class included Dr. Lois Price Spratlen, who upon her death in 2013, left over \$1 million to the SON. Her husband, Dr. Thaddeus H. Spratlen, provided the funding to establish the scholarship in honor of his beloved wife.

2014, April 16

The U.S. Army has awarded the Hampton University chemistry department a \$223,000 grant to install microwave reactors and develop standardized procedures for other chemistry programs to follow. This grant will allow the HU chemistry department to replace most conventional forms of heating, in the organic chemistry laboratory and in synthetic research, such as bunsen burner, water, oil and sand baths with microwave irradiation.

2014, March 26

The Hampton University School of Science has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation's HBCU-Research Infrastructure in Science and Engineering (RISE) program.

2014, January 13

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey and Mrs. Norma B. Harvey have given a \$108,403 personal gift to HU to support a wage increase for all full-time permanent HU staff earning less than \$9 an hour. Through this donation, 121 full-time, permanent HU staff employees will receive a wage increase equal to \$9 an hour. This increase took effect Jan. 1.

2013, October 28

The Hampton University School of Nursing (HUSON) was recently awarded a \$1 million gift, donated by HU Alumna Dr. Lois Price Spratlen '54 who passed away in March. Spratlen earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from HU. The funding is to establish The Lois Price Spratlen Endowed Chair (LPSEC) within the school, and the selected professor will focus on mental and community health research.

2013, October 14

Hampton University has received a \$192,332 planning grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish a National Research Mentoring Network Consortium. The Consortium will bring together

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mentoring and networking programs for undergraduate, graduate and professional students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty members to create a national health research network

2013, October 3

The Hampton University School of Nursing (SON) was awarded a \$1.3 million grant by the Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration. The funding will be dispersed over a four-year period, and was given to only nine schools. HU was the only Historically Black College or University (HBCU) to be awarded.

2013, September 24

AT&T has made a \$50,000 contribution to the Hampton University William R. Harvey Leadership Institute to support a program that connects HU students with high school students to assist them with academic tutoring; college selection; and the financial aid and admission processes, so that they are well prepared to enter college after high school graduation.

2013, September 17

Hampton University has partnered with the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine (JCESOM) to create a mentoring/collaborative joint BS-MD program. The program allows students to earn a bachelor's of science degree from HU and a Doctor of Medicine degree from JCESOM.

2013, July 12

Hampton University President William R. Harvey announced today that Hampton University has received \$13.5 million grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to combat and reduce selective health disparities in minority men.

2013, June 12

Dr. Zina McGee, Endowed Professor of Sociology at Hampton University, was recognized by StateStats.org and their partner site OnlineSchoolsVirginia.com as one of Virginia's Top 26 Women Professors

2013, May 24

The Hampton University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic (HUSLHC) received a Special Recognition Award at the Office of Human Affairs (OHA) Board of Directors' 47th annual awards banquet. The clinic is the training arm of the University's Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders.

2013, May 17

State of HBCUs and HBCU Digest have named Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey as one of the "Top 5 HBCU Presidents" of all time. The criteria for the State of HBCUs list, published on May 15, is "demonstrated the ability to fundraise, those who proved to be academic innovators, those who resisted and pushed back against political opposition, and those who fostered an atmosphere conducive to community building, social, political, and economic advancement."

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2013, March 28

Hampton University and Old Dominion University students will begin construction on the solar-powered home for the Solar Decathlon 2013 on the HU campus with a groundbreaking ceremony on March 27, 2013 at 11a.m. The groundbreaking will be held adjacent to HU's Bemis Laboratories.

2013, March 19

Hampton University senior Kayla Lee has received one of nine 2013 Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study awarded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). The awards provide full support to outstanding students in their pursuit of doctoral degrees in life sciences.

2013, February 7

Hampton University's Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications (SHSJC) students will receive access to international journalism professionals and internships under a cooperative agreement between SHSJC and the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG).

2013, January 11

Hampton University Provost Dr. Pamela V. Hammond was recently appointed chair of the board of directors of the National Institute of Aerospace (NIA). Headquartered in the city of Hampton, NIA is a non-profit research and graduate education institute created to conduct cutting-edge research in the areas of aerospace and atmospheric science.