

HAMPTONIANS

We stood

on the banks of the Hampton
River
in the shadows of those
who went before us.

Under the watchful protection
of that great
Emancipation Oak,

the ordered
steps that
we followed--

through the hallowed halls of
Armstrong, Bemis, Holland, MLK,
Ogden, Phenix, and Turner

through the bonds of friendships formed in
Kennedy, Kelsey, Virginia-Cleveland,
DuBois, Twitchell, Harkness,
Moorings, Holly Tree, Winona,
Stone, Pierce, Moton and James

through the years as we've let our lives
do the singing--

have led us to *this...*
moment in time.

Dr. Rhonda Rhea Byrd '80

President Barack Hussein Obama

140th Commencement Speaker

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