

NHAA, INC. HOLIDAY EDITION NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings! Happy Kwanza!
Tis' the season of joy, hope, and love.

Fellow Hamptonians,

Over the past six months, it has been my **joy** to:

- Serve you as President of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. (NHAA, Inc.);
- Work with a dynamic Board of Directors;
- Partner with University President, Dr. William R. Harvey and his leadership team in affirming a shared alumni strategy; and
- Mobilize our Hampton Village in support of our beloved "Home by the Sea."

Over these past six months, there is much for HU alumni to be **joyful** about including the following.

- A work plan was approved by alumni in attendance at the 8th NHAA, Inc. Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada (August, 2008). This plan serves as the blue print for the association's actions over the coming year. Visit www.nhaainc.org to see the detailed work plan.
- NHAA, Inc. awarded 7 Freshmen each a \$10,000 NHAA, Inc. scholarship (August, 2008). See article by LeVonne Harrell and Daniel Wilson that identifies NHAA, Inc. Endowed Scholars.
- Freshmen were welcomed to Hampton with a gift from the alumni association (September, 2008). See article by Kathryn Littleton in this edition for details.
- A \$3000 contribution made to Hampton University on behalf of Wal Mart, an 8th Biennial Convention sponsor (September, 2008).
- Recognition of Immediate Past HU Booster President, Elbert Walker for years of service to HU, Alumni Weekend (September, 2008)
- The Hampton Village mobilized under the leadership of Anne Baird-Bridges (National Alumni Giving Chair) in partnership with Dr. Cynthia Sellers (Executive Assistant to President Harvey) to support Hampton as the Tom Joyner School of the Month. Over \$80,000 was raised (October, 2008).
- The following seven Chapters met the Tom Joyner Chapter Challenge and raised \$5000 each: Northern Virginia, Charlotte, Raleigh, Long Island, Washington, DC (October, 2008)
- A quarterly electronic newsletter was launched (November, 2008). Submit future articles to Joan Wickham, editor, jwickham@nhaainc.org
- Hosted On-Site Admission events for local high school students in Texas, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio (See articles from the Charlotte and Raleigh Chapters).

It is time now for us to look ahead to 2009 with a sense of **hope** about the positive outcomes that can be achieved through the collaborative efforts of our Hampton Village.

We will use innovative technologies to increase awareness about NHAA, Inc. For updates, join the NHAA, Inc. President in a monthly live web broadcast every third Sunday night, 9:00 EST at www.helloworld.com/pathhicks or catch it pre-recorded in the President's corner on www.nhaainc.org.



We will increase young alumni participation in and support of association and university activities. A Young Alumni Task Force comprised of alumni from 1995-2008 classes has been established. Mitchell Brown ('06) Chair will facilitate a "Conversation with Young Alumni," on May 7, 2009 at Hampton University.

We will honor and celebrate alumni whose lives have done the singing. Hear the NHAA, Inc. Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning, as he delivers an inspiring message during the Memorial and Worship Service in Hampton University's Chapel, May 8, 2009.

We will continue to raise funds for Hampton University. The Hampton Village will raise dollars for scholarships and the new cafeteria during the first National Hampton Bowling Day, March 7, 2009. Contact abairdbridges@nhaainc.org to identify a bowling party near you.

We will expand our mentoring program by connecting HU alumni with students. **Sign up as a mentor, host a student as an intern, recruit students at HU. For additional information, contact dgrant@nhaainc.org**

We will offer local and national discounts to alumni who join our Member Advantage Program (MAP). **MAP members will receive expanded benefits that represent cost-savings to alumni. Expect to receive a MAP brochure outlining member benefits.**

As we begin 2009, let us be reminded that the greatest gift of all is *love*. Love is an action word. I invite you to show your love for Hampton over the next twelve months. Act boldly and give of your time, talent and treasure in support of our beloved alma mater. I am certain that together we can find ever-more meaningful ways to support our "Home by the Sea." Let us do our part in preserving the Hampton legacy. Together, NHAA, Inc. will grow and succeed. As a result of our collective effort, God's little green acre, Hampton University, will prosper.

Let me hear your ideas and suggestions about how we improve NHAA, Inc. and better serve you. Please, send e-mails to plarkinhicks@nhaainc.org.

Patricia Larkins Hicks

Patricia Larkins Hicks, '71
NHAA, Inc. President

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



First Vice President

Joan McMillan Wickham

As we enter into this holiday season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a blessed and safe holiday. Classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and the Emeritus Class, it is time for you to come back home to your beloved "Home by the Sea," Hampton University. Reunion Weekend May 8-10, 2009 is the time for you to rekindle relationships, reflect back on your days as a student at Hampton, have fun, enjoy great food and great events, and give back to your alma mater. I am planning on greeting each and every one of you at the Alumni Banquet on Saturday night, and I also plan to attend at least one of your classes' events during reunion weekend. I will be available all weekend for any assistance that you may need to help your class activities run smoothly. I enjoyed meeting with the Class Leaders from the classes ending in 4's and 9's during Homecoming Weekend. I am looking forward to communicating with you on "Hello World", a live video presentation in the upcoming month. You will receive an e-mail telling you when to tune in for the broadcast. I encourage all Class Leaders to adhere to the time line that was given to you for mailing your class letters. If you need any assistance with the planning of your reunion, don't hesitate to call on me. I am here for you. I am excited about Reunion Weekend and look forward to all of the classes surpassing your goals with "Possibilities Unlimited".

The Newsletter needs you. The Winter Edition will be published on March 9, 2009, and it will feature alumni who are "letting their lives do the singing." If you are aware of an alumnus who is doing something very outstanding in their community or on their job, please submit an article about the individual to me via e-mail by February 13, 2009 at wickham@nhaainc.org or imladyj@aol.com. Please keep in mind that the next dates for the Newsletter are as follows:

<u>Article Due Date</u>	<u>Newsletter Publication Date</u>
February 13, 2009	March 9, 2009
May 22, 2009	June 12, 2009

A big thank you to all of you who submitted articles for this Holiday Edition. Keep in mind that we are going green, "Yes We Can." Therefore, the Newsletter will be distributed by the Internet only. If you are aware of a Hamptonian who does not have access to the Internet, please print a copy of the Newsletter and share it with them. For those of you who are reading the Newsletter on Hampton University's website and you do not receive mail from the University, please forward your new address to the Alumni Affairs Office so that we can stay in touch with you.

It is the time of year for all of us to start thinking about those alumni whom you feel are exceptional in the things that they are doing in their lives. NHAA, Inc. gives merit awards at the Alumni Banquet during Reunion Weekend to chapters, regions, and alums whose names have been submitted and meet the criteria that have been established. This year's awards are going to be very special because, for the first time and in addition to the awards that are already in existence, criteria have been established and awards will be given to young alumni who graduated in the last five years. I will send the criteria package for all of the awards via the Internet in the month of January. If you do not receive a criteria package via the Internet, it will be available on Hampton University's webpage under Alumni.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as your First Vice President and please be safe during this holiday season.

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EAST MESSAGE

Greetings from the Eastern Regions of NHAA, Inc. Isn't it a wonderful feeling to see people come together for a common cause and have their input considered for an outcome that benefits us all? YES WE DID!! And we can continue to do so, as active participants in the Alumni Association. Consider service to our "Home by the Sea" and join us as we reach for "Possibilities Unlimited".

Yours in the Hampton Spirit,
Terry Moore Mutakabbir, '77
NHAA, Inc. Vice President for the Eastern Regions.

THE CASE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

"If You Don't Know Where You Are Going, Any Road Will Take You There"¹

Jacqueline Rogers
Organizational Effectiveness Committee, Chair

The NHAA, Inc. is embarking on a Strategic Planning process.

There are four fundamental reasons why this strategic planning, at this time, is not just necessary, but essential:

1. It allows us to recognize the need for and manage change
2. It compels us to focus on the long term
3. It helps us find and keep a competitive advantage
4. It gives our alumni a basis for identifying with the association and its goals

We have not spent enough time on identifying issues that can have a fundamental influence on NHAA, Inc.

The Association can not think through the implications of changing, until we first identify the need for change.

I have developed a number of templates to assist in the process. In the end, however, it is not about the forms you fill out, it's about the thought you put into it.

A well-conceived and executed strategic planning process compels us to look far enough down the road to see how things could evolve and how that evolution could affect our chapters, regions, and alumni at large.

It forces us to ask what new competition lies over the horizon and why we are and will remain a better choice for our alumni rather than other networking opportunities that exist in the marketplace, e. g., Pirates Roundup.

It helps us to identify how our alumni are likely to change in the future and whether our association will shrink, or grow.

The strategic plan helps us ask what do our alumni need, or will need in the future so that we can add value to what they do. Only with a strategic planning process that gets at real issues will we be able to manage this.

The real threats to any organization come from inside the organization, not outside. It isn't the competition, or the economy – it's us.

- It is our inability to focus on what might happen, when it's not happening today.
- It is our not wanting to initiate change, when there's no "burning platform" that we can point to, to justify the change.

We are too often unwilling to invest our time and effort, not to mention our stress and frustration, in a real strategic planning process; one that lets us ask the right long term questions, and come up with the best answers for them that we can.

Finally, strategic plans, when they're done correctly, pull people together and give them a sense of purpose and direction. The best strategic planning process involves all stakeholders directly, in a hands-on way.

So, we need **all** of you to be involved in this process. You may be asked to serve on committees, respond to surveys, or provide feedback. I know that you will be actively involved in some capacity.

We can not know the outcome of real change with any certainty and, to do it right, we need a process that at least lets us think through the risks and be better prepared to minimize them.

But, more than a process, we need a mentality, a mindset that helps us to get at real issues that make a difference and that produce the results we are looking for. And, we need to do it consistently, all the time – not just once a year or every 10 years.

On **December 21**, I will be joining our President, Dr. Hicks, in her webcast. The subject will be the strategic planning process and our approach to achieving it. I hope that you will all tune in and be involved.

Real change involves taking risks – and strategic planning lets us identify those risks and decide when they are worth taking.

¹ *Steven Covey, The 7 Habits of Effective People*"

CHAPTERS MEET THE TOM JOYNER CHALLENGE

NHAA, Inc.'s Charlotte Chapter Meets TJF Chapter Challenge

Congratulations to the Charlotte (NC) Chapter of NHAA, Inc. for meeting the Tom Joyner Foundation and Hampton University October School of the Month "Chapter Challenge". The Chapter met its challenge by generating more than \$5,000 for the Tom Joyner Foundation on behalf of Hampton University scholarships. By the end of October, \$5,665.78 had been recorded from 91 donors for Charlotte, making it the Chapter with the highest total of generated donations.

The Charlotte Chapter of the North Carolina Region, along with six other NHAA, Inc. chapters, including Raleigh, also from the North Carolina Region, made the Tom Joyner Morning Show Roll Call, as well as Hampton's Homecoming scoreboard and public announcement recognitions.

Charlotte proudly thanks its "Hampton Village" for leading the way. The Chapter's successful results came from alumni donations, as well as reaching out to Hampton "villagers" of family, friends, co-workers, churches, businesses, and others. The Chapter also sponsored a family bowling fundraiser, and author and alumnus Cheryl E. Oliver ('70) donated specific October proceeds from the sale of her book *"Breakfast With Bubby ..."* (www.breakfastwithbubby.net).

The Tom Joyner Foundation's "Chapter Challenge" was a lot of hard work! ... but for a worthy cause! ... helping HU students go to, and stay in school! The hard-fought efforts truly lets all Hamptonians know that "Possibilities (are indeed) Unlimited", and "Yes We Can!".

At the alumni chapter's November meeting, members celebrated the important achievement of the Charlotte Chapter, along with that of the newly elected United States President-Elect Barak Obama. "Yes We Did!" Appreciation was expressed to everyone! Further, the TJF/HU committee members were thanked for their teamwork, hard work, and endurance. Some special Charlotte Chapter "Initiative Awards" went out to the people who were "firsts", or who showed initiative in helping the Chapter reach its goal, and thereby help HU students receive scholarship money.

Some alumni recognitions included: "1st Person" Awards: Terry Mutakabbir '77 - First to make a donation (Biennial); Adria Collis '04 - First to make a donation in Charlotte; Dr. Spurgeon Webber, Jr. '55 - First to mail in a direct donation to the TJF; Jenifer Abubakari '95, and Wanda Nelson '73 - First to make on-line donations. "Villager" Awards: Brenda Mickles Foote '74, and Brenda Robins '67- Alums with the most "villagers" to make donations. "Largest Donor" Award: David Powell '90 - Alum making the largest personal donation. "Double Dip" Award: Fred Anderson '74 - Alum who gave, then gave again to help the chapter reach its goal. "Sponsorship - Thank You" Awards: Cheryl Oliver '70 - Alum/author who donated a percent of "Breakfast With Bubby" book proceeds; David Powell '90 - Alum who donated McDonald's Gift Cards to recognize event participants and donors. "Leading the Charge" Awards: Jazlyn Brewington '03 - Alum who took the initiative to organize a fundraising event (Bowling), along with organizers Kenton Dunn '00 and Whitney Mungin '03.

Charlotte is proud that generated dollars will be used and appreciated by deserving students in 2009, especially considering the difficult times many students may encounter. The Charlotte Chapter of NHAA, Inc. strongly supports the Tom Joyner Foundation and its efforts to help students receive an education at HBCUs. The Chapter further supports the efforts by Hampton University to give students an "Education for Life".

Chapter Challenge coordinated by TJF Champions Brenda Mickles Foote and Jenifer P. Abubakari. To contact the Charlotte Chapter, email Chapter President Jenifer Abubakari @ jenifer.abubakari@bankofamerica.com



The NHAA, Inc. Charlotte Chapter celebrates! Brenda Robbins & Brenda Foote enjoy the celebration!

"Yes We Did", The Raleigh Chapter NHAA Raised Dollars for Hampton Scholars in Tom Joyner Foundation Chapter Challenge"

The Raleigh Chapter was one of seven chapters to meet the Tom Joyner Foundation Chapter Challenge for the Hampton University October School of the Month Campaign. The Chapter raised at least \$5,411 dollars for Hampton scholars. Listed below are Team Raleigh's medalists and team members of the Chapter's TJF-Hampton Giving Olympic team. Team members donated at least \$10-\$99, and medalists donated from \$100-\$500.

TJF-Hampton Giving Olympics (Team Raleigh donations received by 11/18 - \$5411 Team Raleigh Goal \$5000

TJF-Hampton 2008 Giving Olympic Champions

Gold Medals: Leslie Johnson, Dr. Frederick and Geraldine Burroughs

Silver Medal: Raleigh Chapter NHAA <http://nhaaraleigh.blogspot.com>

Bronze Medals: Louise Brimmer (2 Bronze Medals), Lester B. Jr. and Constance Johnson www.johnsonlegacy.acnrep.com, Alison Kim McLaurin <http://www.shopcutedbuttons.com> and <http://www.tikilynn.com>, Carrie Baker, PhD, Lawrence Pollard www.ipollard.acnrep.com, Angela Reid, Leroy Sturgis, Lester B. Johnson, III, P.C., Terra and Aaron Gibbs, John and Gertrude Turner, Morris Johnson, Gayle Dunn, Claude Trotter, Jr., Rodney Harrell, Eugene Nicholas, Thelma Flanagan, Gerri Furlow, Lynette Tillery, April White, Reesie Stukes, Tonya Ford <http://www.tfordlaw.com>, Steven and Jacqueline Townes, Fonda Daniels, PhD, Drs. Lynt and Gloria Johnson, and Roosevelt Elivert

Giving Olympics Team Qualifiers: Justin "J.D." McQueen, Sya Mayes, Kevin Robinson, Joyce Boone, Crystal Taylor Kent, Mitzi Townes, Adonica Hampton & Angela Hampton-McCray, Jeanette Fields Harris, Joyce Cunningham, Lisa & Kyle Webb, Rodney Turner, William W. Lawrence MD, Georgette McCray DVM, Carolyn Mims, Howard Raphael, J. Cornel Campbell, Deidre & William Thomas, Darlene Richards, Olivia Mitchell, Beverly Henderson, Michon Cooper, Annette Mosley, Kenneth Lee, David & Leolia Spaugh, Barbara Jones, Tony Long, Kathy Brown, Andrea Lawson, Winters Hankins, Cheri Cannon, William Taylor, Shameika Moncrief-DeVane, Phillip Farland, Tammy Larkins, Carlotta Wilson, Warren Harris, Dwight Whitted II, Marya Alston, Barbara Rusher, Hermanda McCrae, Nikki Brice, Wynona Jacobs, Shani Hardwick, Sylvia Lanier, LTC Joseph & Allegra Frazier, and Keisha Whitt

In addition to the Giving Olympics, the Chapter had a Fall Backwards Dinner Party, a Shopping Spree, and Movie Night to raise money for the Tom Joyner Foundation scholarships.

Congratulations to all chapters participating in the Tom Joyner Chapter Challenge and the following chapters who also raised \$5000 or more: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Co., South Hampton Roads, VA, Northern Virginia, Washington, DC, Long Island New York, and Detroit chapters.

Sean Walton of Cary, NC, a freshman 5-Yr MBA and Honors College student, received a \$2500 TJF/Hercules scholarship announced on the Tom Joyner Morning Show on October 16th. This award is for young black males at HBCUs and is named in honor of Tom Joyner's father.

The Raleigh Chapter awarded three scholarships to three Raleigh area Hampton students totaling \$2500. Two incoming student Chapter scholarships and the inaugural Allie Muse Peebles Scholarship for upperclassmen were awarded this Fall semester to the following:

Jessica Moore of Cary, NC received a \$1000 chapter scholarship. Jessica is the daughter of Jeffrey and Tammie Moore. She is a 2008 graduate of Southeast Raleigh High School and is planning to major in Journalism with a minor in Leadership Studies. During her senior year at Southeast, Jessica was Student Body President, a member of the National Achiever's Society, an Honor Marshall, Choir Vice President, and was crowned both Homecoming and Prom Queens.

Tonya Patrick of Raleigh, NC received a \$500 Chapter scholarship. Tonya is the daughter of Melvin and Virginia Patrick. She is a 2008 graduate of Sanderson High School. During her senior year at Sanderson, Tonya was team captain of the women's basketball team, a chorale member, track and field team member, and received Perfect Attendance and NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete awards.

Rhonda Bullock of Cary, NC received a \$1000 Allie Muse Peebles Scholarship. Rhonda is the daughter of Rodney and Tonya Bullock. Rhonda is a senior psychology major and plans to attend graduate school to study industrial organization. While at Hampton, she's been a Dean's List honoree, inducted in Alpha Kappa Mu and Golden Key International Honor societies, involved in the Student Government Association and INROADS, and served as the SGA Special Activities Committee Co-Chair.

The Raleigh Chapter volunteered for alumni night on October 29th for Barack Obama's campaign. Hampton University had the most alumni to volunteer on that night. Alumni canvassed Southeast Raleigh and encouraged voters to vote early. Hamptonians for Obama worked together and were a part of this historical election.

The Raleigh Chapter hosted an On-Site Admissions and Information Session on Monday, November 24th. The event was a huge success and at least five students were eligible for the Hampton University merit award scholarships totaling over \$250,000 in scholarship dollars. The Chapter would like to thank Terry Butler, Owner/Operator of the Townridge Chick-Fil-A restaurant on Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh, NC, for providing large trays of chicken nuggets and chicken salad sandwiches as refreshments for the prospective students, parents and Hampton alumni.

The Chapter hopes to recruit at least 75 alumni as members for the '08-'09 fiscal year. Please join our "Hampton Village" and help make this year one of the best. Dues are only \$35 (Classes '04 and before) or \$20 for new grads (Classes '05-'07) or local graduate students. Dues are waived for '08 grads. To join, please mail check payable to "Raleigh Chapter NHAA" to Raleigh Chapter NHAA, PO Box 26222, Raleigh, NC 27611. You may also email Leslie Johnson, Chapter Membership Chair, at raleighnhaa@yahoo.com for more information about the Chapter, alumni giving, and to join the chapter distribution list to receive the Pirate Post, the Raleigh Chapter's monthly newsletter.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

NHAA Inc. Endowed Scholars Program

Submitted by:

LeVonne Harrell-71' & Daniel R. Wilson- 99'
Co-Chairs, Student Recruitment and Retention Committee

The NHAA Endowed Scholarship Program is one of the premiere ways by which the Alumni Association fulfills its commitment to the University and ensures that the best and brightest students are able to attend Hampton University. The National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated is very appreciative of all of your continued financial support. Because of your support, we are able to provide up to \$10,000 per year to seven deserving students. One student is chosen from the seven regions (Far West Region, Midwest Region, Middle Atlantic Region, North Atlantic Region, North Carolina Region, Southeast Region, and the Southwest Region) by each region's scholarship selection committee, making it a total of seven students. Your continued support of our scholarship will enable us to fund seven new students every year and continue to support those students who are currently receiving the scholarship. If you are not giving to the NHAA, Inc. Endowed Scholarship and would like to do so, you may do so by designating that your contribution(s) to the University be given to the NHAA, Inc. Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The students that are currently the recipients of our scholarship must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and complete 30 hours of community service work per month at the University. The students are eligible to renew their scholarship through their 4 years at Hampton, if they meet all of the above mentioned criteria. The Office of Alumni Affairs places our scholarship recipients in offices on the campus and tracks their progress so that they are able to complete their community service obligation. The Alumni Affairs Office also assists and works closely together with the Co-Chairs of the National Student Recruitment and Retention Committee.

We are pleased to introduce the 2008 - 2009 National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated Endowed Scholarship recipients for the Class of 2012. We have one student representing each of the seven regions, and each student has a diverse background and major of study. The students are:

Taylor Armstead-Southwest Region

Hometown: Cedar Park, Texas
Major: Nursing

Leandrea Carver-Midwest Region

Hometown: Grand Rapids, Michigan

Devyn Hale-North Atlantic Region

Hometown: Plainfield, New Jersey
Major: Health & Physical Education

Jeromyah Jones- Mid-Atlantic

Hometown: Richmond, Virginia
Major: Architecture

Sean Walton-North Carolina

Hometown: Cary, NC
Major: 5 yr. Business Management

Brooke Williams-Western Region

Hometown: Los Angeles, California
Major: Psychology

Kiara Young-Southeastern Region

Hometown: Birmingham, Alabama

The 2009 Applications have been released!! You can find the applications at www.nhaa.org, along with the qualifications and criteria. We ask you to tell each and every student that you know who has an interest in attending Hampton in the fall of 2009 to go online, fill out the application and submit the accompanying attachments.

In order to acquaint the Alumni Association with the endowed scholars and to acknowledge their individual accomplishments, we will be providing a more detailed profile of each of the scholars. Look for those interesting and informative articles throughout the coming year.



The National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. Is looking for you!!!

We have an endowed scholarship to offer to incoming freshmen for the 2009-2010 school year.

Don't miss out on it. Tell everyone that you know who is applying to Hampton University for the 2009-2010 school year as a freshman. They can receive up to \$10,000.00 a year, renewable for up to four years, if they are chosen. Seven scholarships are given every year.

The scholarship can be found on line at:

www.nhaainc.org

Don't be left out when the cash is given out.



North Carolina - My Winning Team

Try-Outs

We encourage every member to be a part of the Student Recruitment Team (SRT) by bringing their expertise or areas of interest. All Alumni Make the Cut!

Building the Team (Captains, Defense, Offense, Special Teams)

Proactive Planning is a major component to our success. During the summer, I construct our yearly Project Plan spreadsheet starting with our major projects – Early Action Onsite Admissions for the Fall and High School Day Bus Trip for the Spring. After careful review of our Best Practices/Wrap Up session from the previous year, we start building our secondary teams and team leads to include fundraising and publicity.

Practice

One of our Special Teams is the High School Representatives. Members of SRT have chosen to represent Hampton University at approximately twenty-five (25) public and private High Schools in the Charlotte area. These reps choose at least one High School and take on the responsibility of communicating information about our alma mater to administrators, counselors and students. They are the first point of contact to disseminate critical dates/deadlines, brochures, applications and scholarship information. The reps are encouraged to build relationships with the counselors through personal contact by the first week of school and maintain a working rapport with their chosen high school throughout the year.

Game Day

Our Early Action Admissions Onsite was held on Saturday, November 15, 2008, at the newly constructed Stratford Richardson YMCA. Director of Admissions, Angela Nixon Boyd, addressed the audience of about 200 students, parents, alumni, staff, vendors and guests giving them an overview of Hampton University. Behind the scenes, our phenomenal Scheduling Team lead by Jennifer Chisolm '08 was collecting, sorting and organizing application packages from students who came to find out their Hampton fate. While students were being interviewed, the parents were in the Financial Aid Seminar – “Need \$\$ for College?” The session was open to the public and conducted by an independent vendor for FAFSA. The students waiting to be interviewed got the *Hampton Experience* from Charlotte alumni who share their majors, careers or Student Life. Here are some highlights:

Mickey Weaver '90 – Aviation (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity)
 Carla Archie '92 – Attorney for Wachovia and formerly NC Lottery
 Dr. Meghan Jackson '00 – Pediatrician (Internships Abroad – Africa)
 Jeffrey Graham '88 – Finance (His Chosen Sounds)
 Karen Birkhead '87 – Managing Trauma Nurse
 Constance Graham '88 – Assistant Principal (Ebony Fire & Delta Sigma Theta)
 JoEllen Malveaux '04 – School Psychologist
 Cristal Polk Watson '94 – Project Engineer for Cisco (Computer Science)
 Fred Anderson '77 – Sr. VP Finance at Wachovia (Accounting)
 Kenton Dunn '00 – International Business (Japan)
 Michelle Jernigan '91 – Pharmacist
 Ellen Hamilton '74 – Music (University Choir & Sigma Gamma Rho)
 Whitney Mungin '03 – Architect
 Leon Chisolm '08 – 5-yr MBA Program
 Sharon Anderson '94 – Special Needs Educator
 Marvin Hicks '00 – Sports Management (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity)
 Tawanda Morris '90 – Miss HamptonU 89-90 (Alpha Kappa Alpha)
 Lisa J. Fair '90 – Computer Science & Marching FORCE

Special Guest – Mr. Jackson, former Chair of Accounting Dept at HU.

Final Score

43 Accepted
 9 Scholarships awarded totaling \$320,736

MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI GIVING CHAIR

PERPETUATING THE LEGACY

Do you remember dining in Virginia-Cleveland Hall? Many of us have fond memories of the days spent with friends in the cafeteria. Most students spend at least a portion of their Hampton experience in the cafeteria. Fast forward to 2010 and picture yourself or students eating in the cafeteria or visitors attending events there and seeing the NHAA, Inc. window. We have the opportunity to perpetuate the legacy of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. with a window in the new cafeteria and demonstrate to future students our support for our alma mater.

Yes, NHAA, Inc. committed to purchase a window in the new cafeteria and must fulfill our commitment of \$100,000 by June 30, 2009. A special thanks to the Long Island, NY Chapter, under the leadership of Dyanne Baldwin, President, for taking the lead on raising funds for the NHAA, Inc. window and contributing \$16,000 to the cost of the window. Now, we need other chapters to step up to the plate so that we can complete our pledge before June 30, 2009. Please respond positively when you are contacted for a contribution or download a contribution form at www.nhaainc.org and help leave a permanent legacy on campus.

BOWLING FOR NHAA, INC.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 7, 2009**. The Hampton Village members will be bowling to raise money for the NHAA, Inc. Endowed Scholarship fund and the Cafeteria Window. Aren't you proud of the scholars highlighted in this newsletter? You can help them and future scholars by supporting the **Bowling** event in your area. Check our website at www.nhaainc.org for details as we get closer to the event.

IT's TAX TIME

As the year ends, think about contributing to Hampton and reducing your tax bill. You can give online by going to: www.nhaainc.org and clicking on DONATE NOW or downloading the form and writing a check. Designate your gift for the NHAA, Inc. Endowed Scholarship Fund or the Cafeteria Window. Thanks for your support!

MAP PROGRAM

Dear Alumni and Fellow Hamptonians:

As Chairperson for the Member Advantage Program (MAP) for the current 2008 – 2010 term, it is my desire to build upon the work that has been done in the past and to increase the rewards and benefits for the present and future.

The MAP Program includes, among other things, the following:

- Membership Card Program for alumni offers discounts, rewards, and privileges to Hampton University alumni
- Providing contributions to the NHAA Inc. Endowed Scholarship fund.
- Encourage pride with membership by carrying and using the card.
- Two levels of membership - Annual membership for \$25 and Lifetime membership for \$500.00

I am asking that EVERY alumnus to become at least an Annual member for the low cost of \$25.00!

For your \$25, you will receive:

- A Membership Card
- Lapel Pin
- Discounts, rights and privileges as a card holder

For your \$25, you will give:

- Support to an alumni funded scholarship program.
- The gift of an "Education for Life" to a deserving student who, without your scholarship support, may not be able to attend Hampton University.
- An opportunity for another Hampton University student to join the rank of ALUMNI of our prestigious institution!

Please look forward to correspondence in the mail detailing each type of membership, its rewards, and including a brief application allowing you to indicate the level of membership you would like to have. I look forward to increasing national benefits to the program that can be used across the country as well as increasing the level of local discounts provided to you upon your return to our beloved "Home by the Sea". Remember, membership has its privileges for you and the Hampton community at large.

Hampton Hugs!

Sylvia Woody Rose, c/o 1981

Chair, Member Advantage Program 2008-2010

FRESHMAN GIFT



Home by the Sea Gift drives excitement for the school year



Kathryn Towe Littleton '71
Chair, Parent & Student Advocacy

Each year the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. welcomes incoming freshman to Hampton University with a “Home by the Sea” gift. This year, the NHAA aligned their gift choice with the mindset of Generation Y’ers’ (those born in the mid 1970’s to 2000) affinity to internet and web-based interaction and fast-paced electronic and technology, such as iPhones, MP3 players, portable dvd players, Apple Notebooks and blu-ray discs. So, just imagine the response when these technically savvy, college-bound students received their custom designed Hampton Jump Drive – the students were in awe of this awesome gift!

These Jump Drives will provide a quick, easy and convenient way to transport and store presentations, Microsoft files, music, photos and more. The response was extremely favorable with reactions ranging from “WOW”, to “this is cool” and “this will be perfect for my class work”! This item is so popular even faculty members were spotted eyeing the Jump Drives wondering how they could get one too!

The pearl white Jump Drive with the school logo printed in blue was presented in a small silver gift box, along with a welcome note from President Dr. Hicks that shared the purpose of the Alumni Association. What a way to represent your school.

We were proud to present such a memorable, academic purposeful gift to our next generation of leaders. We appreciate the generosity of our partner who sponsored this gift as well as the Student Affairs Office that ensured each student received the gift.

Alumni, please join us in welcoming members of the class of 2012 that reside in your area.

CHAPTER AND AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION NEWS

The Boosters Club – Legacy of Support

What started in 1970 as a few friends discussing how to raise fan support at athletics events has grown to more than 400 strong supporters over the years. It was in 1970, after the football team was beaten 85-2 by Virginia State, that Bob Anderson, Buck Neilson, James Griffin, Frank Mann and others decided to form a group to provide financial and fan support to promote the athletic programs at then Hampton Institute. Bob Anderson became the first president and Frank Mann was the first treasurer. As the group began to grow, they recruited members such as the now legendary Clarence “Jap” Curry who led the club as president for many years. In later years, James “Rudy” Carter served as treasurer for over twelve years, and Elbert Walker served as club president for almost thirteen years.

In the early seventies, the club started an annual car raffle to raise money for the school. The raffle was quite successful for many years until it was discontinued in 1995 when Hampton joined the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). The Boosters have seen it all as they have traveled around the country to most away football games and basketball games since the early seventies. Many of the Boosters have been attending home sporting events since the 50’s. We were there in the Georgia Dome in 1999 for the Heritage Bowl when the Hampton football team beat Southern University 24-3. We were there in Boise Idaho in 2001 when the men’s basketball team upset Iowa State 58-47 to reach the NCAA Round of 32 and became a national icon of NCAA Tournament Cinderella teams. Each year at tournament time, the NCAA shows the highlight of David Johnson lifting Coach Steve Merfeld into the air after upsetting Iowa State. The upset has been ranked by ESPN as one of the Top 10 upsets in NCAA history. We were there when Coach Robert Screen won his unprecedented 1000th match in 2008. The Hampton football team won four Black National Football championships in 1994, 1997, 2005 and 2005. The women’s basketball team has won the MEAC Championship and the women’ softball, volleyball, and bowling teams continue to improve. The sailing team is constantly ranked in the top 10 and has placed as high as second place in intersectional meets. Under Coach Maurice Pierce, the

women's track team won six straight MEAC championships, and in 2008 rose to number 21 in the country in NCAA Division 1 track standings. Yvette Lewis won two National Championships in the long jump.

The Boosters Club just doesn't give money. Our biggest contribution is being at the games to show the student athletes that we care and we support them. Through the sunshine and rain, through the heat and cold, through long bus rides, through the agony of defeat, and the thrill of victory, **we support our athletes**. We are the six man or the twelfth man. We are the familiar faces in the stands at home and away games. We are the encouraging voices exhorting our school spirit. It was the Boosters who in the early 90's coined the phrase "**Move the Chains**" that can now be heard at many college football games. We will continue to provide the enthusiastic Hampton spirit from the stands, and continue to encourage our student athletes to exceed in life-learning experiences both on and off the field. You can join our support group by contacting us at 757-766-0554 or at hamptonboosters@verizon.net. **We are Boosters, we are Hampton.**

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI SUPPORT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Charlotte Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Assoc., Inc. is very proud of Hampton University. The Chapter is also very proud of its local Charlotte community; so it works diligently to support that community through involvement with various charitable organizations.

In addition to its support of the University and its students, the Chapter also strives to position itself in the community as a service Chapter, focused on cultivating relationships with other organizations. From a community service standpoint, alumni are focused on investing in the Black family. With that focus in mind and beginning in the summer of 2007, Hampton alumni worked with the McCrorey Family YMCA's "Friday Night Hangout". Throughout the summer, various representatives of the Chapter worked as chaperones to the youth attending the events. In the fall of 2007, alumni began a partnership with Another Choice Adoption Agency. This partnership has facilitated clothing drives through various times of the year, and is on-going. The Chapter hosted a coat drive in December 2007, a spring clothing drive in March 2008, and a Back-to-School clothing drive in July 2008. Through these drives the Chapter has donated about 100 bags of clothing. Mr. Ivan Jones, from Another Choice Adoption Agency, spoke to alumni at the November 2008 Chapter meeting, sharing information and encouraging continued chapter and individual support of foster and adopted children. Charlotte Chapter alumni have found that this partnership has impacted many children's lives and has generated the major support from the Chapter. Yet, another initiative has been to volunteer hours with the Crisis Assistance Ministry, and, in March 2008, about 20 members from the Chapter joined together to make this initiative successful. The Charlotte Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. is committed to "letting (their) lives do the singing."

The Hampton Alumni's Community Service Committee Chairs, Charlitta Fletcher and Kenton Dunn, enthusiastically explain that "We are so excited to be a part of the Charlotte community, and we hope to continue to be of service."

For more information on the Charlotte Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. contact Chapter President Jenifer Abubakari at jenifer.abubakari@bankofamerica.com.



Chapter Members at Crisis Assistance Ministry on March 8, 2008

Wilmington DE Chapter Picnic

Wilmington's Chapter member enjoy their annual picnic held at Bellevue State Park, Caulfield House on Saturday, Aug 2, 2008. The park had expansive manicured grounds, beautiful scenery, with a view of the water off of Governor Printz Blvd. The mansion was a perfect setting for the picnic this year. Although rain was predicted, it held off the entire day for us to be able to enjoy the great and wonderful company of all who were there. About 20-25 people attended, including current HU students, Brandon Hatton, President of the Pre-Alumni of DE, Steven Turner, Vice President of the Pre-Alumni of DE, Dasheena Robinson, one of our scholarship recipients and Briana Bradley.



Great food and music added to the relaxing atmosphere. Chef Marion Boone and his assistant, Ike Gadsden, were in charge of the grill and turned out fabulous sausages and hamburgers.

Special beautiful tee shirts were made for our Chapter by Ben Pearce, depicting the campus church. These were given out to the students who attended and are available for alumni to purchase for \$15.00. Special touch this year was that Theresa Knox, local photographer and a Hamptonian, attended to take pictures of this event and uploaded pictures online. Another touching feature was Glenda and Bruce Pinkett attended with their new baby son who stole the show!



SISTERS REPRESENT HAMPTON UNIVERSITY AT CAREER FAIR



By Kari Roberts

Representatives from some of the nation’s top colleges participated in the Mt. Ennon Baptist Church of Clinton, Maryland’s College Fair on Saturday, November 15th. Recruiters from the University of Maryland, Spelman College, Morehouse College, Tuskegee University, Norfolk State University and others were present. The National Hampton Alumni Chapter of Columbia, Maryland represented Hampton University.

Admissions representatives from various colleges and universities provided information at tables and spoke with students and parents throughout the event. As a member of the Columbia, Maryland Chapter, my sister, Janine, and I participated in the college fair as a representative for Hampton University with President, Mavis Polson Lewis. We spoke to over 100 students and parents about admission requirements, degree programs, and life on campus, and student organizations. We also distributed literature about Hampton University and applications for admission.

The college fair offered seminars on writing application essays, scholarship writing, financing a college education and preparing an effective admissions packet. Representatives from the Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission were also available to assist students and parents during the event.

The college fair was a fantastic opportunity for college-bound high school students and parents to gain information for their journey onward and toward institutions of higher learning.

OUR PIRATE MILITARY ALUMNI

**NHAA, Inc.
Proudly Salutes and honors
Our**

**“Pirate Military Members” who are serving over seas and in the war zones
Let all Hamptonians keep them in our hearts, thoughts and prayers as we enter this
holiday season**



A PIRATE THROUGH COMMITMENT

Often times the Alumni of the Army and Navy ROTC programs are the focus of attention when we discuss Hampton. There are, however, many unsung heroes that contribute to the success of our graduates that go unrecognized, one such hero did not graduate or was enrolled at Hampton. Those who were involved with Army ROTC from the Spring of 1990 through 1993 will undoubtedly remember this pivotal member of the cadre - Sergeant First Class Dennis Bullard (now retired). During his tenure, he unselfishly gave of himself in the development of Army cadets. His contributions did not stop when he left Hampton. In assignments after he left Hampton, Sergeant First Class Bullard made every effort to insure the HU network was a live and well. He was always there to hook-up one of our officers with; great advice, great opportunities or a senior level leadership connection. He remains connected to this day, **(more than some of our graduates)** to many of us that benefited from his guidance and leadership. For example in 2005, he returned to Hampton from Utah to celebrate the retirement of Mrs. Dorothy Barnes an icon in history of Army ROTC. In addition, he has made it a point to follow the careers of Pirate alumni that have now become the backbone of the Army. He procured significant memorabilia for the Pirate Battalion as a matter of habit not that it had to be requested, a mark of a great non-commissioned officer. We owe Sergeant First Class Bullard a great debt of gratitude, so it would only be appropriate for you to drop him an email at dennisb@nrclaw.com and reconnect with this part of our HU history. Sergeant Bullard will always be a true Pirate in my eyes, his love for the troops should always be the cornerstone of the Pirate Battalion.

A PIRATE THAT IS LEADING THE SPARTANS

Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Anthony (Class of 1990) became the Commander of the Norfolk State University Spartan Battalion this summer. He is already doing a remarkable job increasing enrollment in the Army ROTC program. This year, the program has increased its enrollment from 65 cadets to 104 students. What a remarkable effort, but for those of us who know Lieutenant Colonel Anthony, it is to be expected. He has the right attitude for the job, and I am sure the cadets are enjoying his jovial personality. Lieutenant Colonel Anthony's comment was the semester seems pass a lot quicker when you are no longer a cadet. There is no doubt Colonel will leave an indelible Pirate mark on the Spartans of Norfolk State. The Pirate Battalion has also increased their numbers by more than 30 cadets this semester. We still have a little catching up to do; so don't hesitate to refer interested students to the ROTC program.

REMEMBER OUR DEPLOYED HAMPTONIANS

The holidays are an especially tough period for our deployed military; Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard warriors need our continued prayers and support. I am sure they would rather be with their families; however, duty calls and they have responded. To date, no data has been tabulated on the number of Hamptonians that have supported this conflict, but we know that GOD continues to bless and protect them. If you are one of the Hamptonians, or a member of their family, that have deployed during this conflict, we thank you!

IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE IN ABU DHABI

Tameka Casselle (Class of 1999 and former Cadet Battalion Commander) has transferred to the Booz Allen Hamilton branch in Abu Dhabi where she is beginning work on several commercial projects. Kwakou is a Special Agent of the State Department assigned to the Regional Security Office in Abu Dhabi. His office advises the Chief of the Mission on all regional security issues. Kwakou (Class of 1998) was previously assigned to the security detail for Condoleezza Rice during her visits to the Middle East. Their kids, Benjamin (3 yrs old and Alyssa, (1 yrs old) have seamlessly transitioned to this new environment. Beni is learning French and Arabic at school, and Alyssa has one day of Arabic each week. Please keep them in your prayers

Pirate Military News

Krystal Schofield was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel at FT Lee, VA in January 2008.

Colonel Anthony Reyes became the Garrison Commander at FT Monroe, VA in May 2008.

Military Alumni & the Army ROTC celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the first class of graduates (1948) to be commissioned as officers in the US Army.

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Terry Marlowe was buried at Quantico National Cemetery in Northern Virginia in May 2008.

Major Jason Baker was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his service at FT Monroe June 2008.

Major Carolyn Gales-Williams retired from Army in June 2008.

Major Deidra Briggs has been selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in July 2008. She is currently serving in Iraq.

Lieutenant Colonel Janeen Birkhead-Morton took command of the 581st Troop Command (Recruit Sustainment Battalion) in June 2008, Maryland National Guard.

Lieutenant Colonel Xavier Brunson took command of the 1st Battalion 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment at FT. Bragg, NC in July 2008.

David Betancourt was promoted to Captain by Hampton alumnus Colonel Darryl Williams while both were stationed in Iraq.

Colonel Robert Ferrell was selected for promotion to Brigadier General in August 2008.

Major Carl Faison took command of the Military Entrance Processing Station at FT Lee, VA in September 2008.

We had Colonel LaTonya (McDougald-maiden name) Lynn who was promoted in June as one of the very first women to command a military police battalion in combat.

We have Major Letitia Knight Williamson serving as a Commander of an Aviation Company - one of very few women to achieve that honor.

Claude Vann, III

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)

YOUNG ALUMNI TASK FORCE

Soliciting Input from Young Alumni (1995-2008)

Mitchell Brown, ('06) has been appointed by NHAA, Inc. President to Chair a Young Alumni Task Force. Currently, Mitch is a second year law student at The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH). He was among the first Hampton students to receive the NHAA, Inc. Endowed Scholarship.



This Task Force is to be comprised of alumni representing 1995-2008 classes and has been charged to:

- Identify challenges, issues and opportunities that impact young alumni participation in the NHAA, Inc.;
- Determine young alumni interest in participating in affiliate groups;
- Host a Forum during the 2009 Reunion Weekend; and
- Present recommendations at the NHAA, Inc. Fall Board Meeting.

According to NHAA, Inc. President, "Alumni in the 1995-2008 classes represent about 10,000 of our total alumni population. A part of preserving the Hampton legacy means that we must make sure that our young alumni are actively engaged in the National Hampton Alumni Association and supporting the University."

Additional information about the Task Force and updates will be posted periodically at www.nhaainc.org, Young Alumni. If you have ideas and/or comments about this initiative, please share them with Mitchell Brown via email mbrown@nhaainc.org

*The National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated
Congratulates
The Hampton University Marching "Force" Band*



*For being selected to participate in the
Inaugural Parade - January 20, 2009
For
President Elect Barack Obama*



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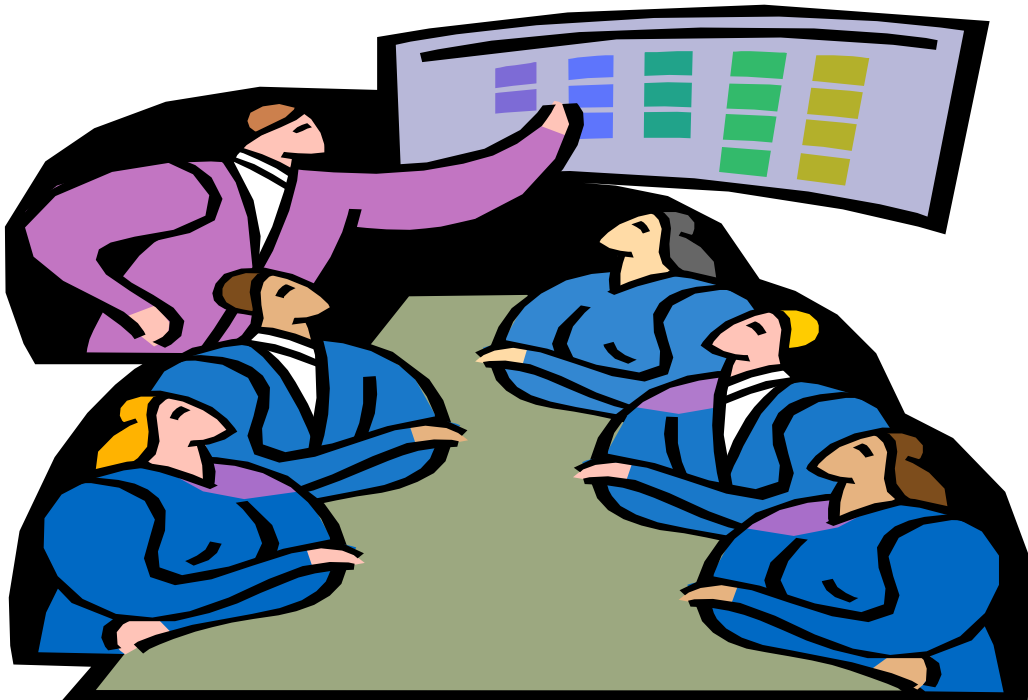
As we enter into this Holiday Season believing "Possibilities Unlimited" The Elected Officers of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated wishes each Alum and their families a safe, prosperous and wonderful holiday.



At the Table...

Participate in the NHAA, Inc. Board and Council Meetings

See your Board and Council in action



These meetings will be conducted via conference call.

Friday, January 23, 2009 - 8:00pm – 10:30pm EST (evening)

Saturday, January 24, 2009 – 11:30am until 12:30pm EST

Saturday, January 24, 2009 - 1:30pm until 4:30pm EST

Visit www.nhaainc.org in January for the time ordered agenda.