

### NHAA, INC. SUMMER 2009 EDITION NEWSLETTER

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Hamptonians,

As we come to the close of Year 1 of my term, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to members of the NHAA, Inc. Board who have worked tirelessly to implement the 2008-2009 Work Plan in pursuit of our goals. The fruit of their labor is evident in the attainment of our desired outcomes. The following are examples of the results achieved.

- Freshmen received a pearlized flash drive as a gift from the Association
- Seven Chapters met the Tom Joyner Chapter Challenge each raising \$5,000
- On-site admission events were hosted in each of our 7 Regions
- Seven entering freshmen have been selected NHAA, Inc. Endowed Scholars; each will receive a \$10,000 scholarship
- Four editions of the NHAA, Inc. Newsletter have been disseminated electronically
- \$50,000 raised to date toward the NHAA, Inc. Window in the new cafeteria
- Hosted a New Cafeteria Benefit Concert in Ogden Hall
- Developed a "Protocol Guide"
- Launched [www.nhaainc.org](http://www.nhaainc.org)
- Monitored and conservatively managed the Association's budget
- Secured first national partnership with the Hilton Hotel Family

Our primary focus this year has been directed toward enhancing our infrastructure: making sure the right people are in the right position; utilizing new technologies including streaming media, social networks, and calling post phone technology; documenting our "best practices;" and establishing a brand identity with promotional materials.

I look forward to Year 2 as we engage alumni in strategic planning; implement "Leading with a Purpose," an educational program directed toward developing NHAA, Inc. leaders; host a first "HU Alumni Global Day of Service;" expand our NHAA, Inc. Member Advantage and Mentoring Programs; and prepare for our 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention.

It has been a joy to serve. Please, join us in another year filled with "Possibilities Unlimited" because the *best is yet to come!*

Yours in the Hampton Spirit,



Patricia Larkins Hicks, Ph.D.  
President

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## FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*First Vice President  
Joan McMillan Wickham*

**Fellow Alumni,**

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of my first year in office as your First Vice President. As the old cliché says "Time Sure Does Fly". I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all of your hard work and the wonderful articles and pictures that you submitted over the past year for our quarterly newsletters. I would also like to thank all of the class leaders for the classes of 4's and 9's and the Emeritus Class for letting your lives do the singing by working with me and giving me so much of your time energy and efforts to help us have a successful 2009 Reunion Weekend. I am looking forward to working with the Class Leaders for the classes of 5' and 10's in the near future. I enjoyed meeting all of the 2009 class members during your Reunion Weekend class meetings, and I look forward to keeping in touch with you in the future. I welcome suggestions on how you feel we can accommodate you better for your future reunions. I can be reached at the following e-mail address: [jwickham@nhaainc.org](mailto:jwickham@nhaainc.org).

Big congratulations to the following persons, chapters and region for receiving merit awards during the 2009 Alumni Reunion Banquet:

2009 Alumni Merit

Dr. Carrie Baker  
Dr. Lester B. Johnson, Jr.  
Dr. Hammond Knox  
Mr. Washington Ross

2009 Recent Graduate Award

Janelle Bowman

2009 Chapter Merit Award

Detroit Chapter  
Long Island Chapter  
Northern Virginia Chapter  
Raleigh Chapter

2009 Region Merit Award

North Carolina Region

Janelle Bowman was the first recipient of the Recent Graduate Award and the North Carolina Region was the first recipient of the Region Award.

I encourage all chapters and regions to start preparing now for the 2010 Merit Awards. Keep good records, document accomplishments and take lots of pictures. Honor those alums who work so hard for the National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated in your chapters and regions. I look forward to receiving numerous Merit Award applications next winter. Mark the date, articles and pictures for the Fall NHAA, Inc. Homecoming Edition Newsletter are due on September 14, 2009. This will be a great opportunity for chapters and regions to announce to alumni your calendar for the year as well as upcoming special events that you are planning. If your class is planning an activity during the homecoming weekend this would also be a great opportunity to publicize it. I look forward to hearing from you. Again thank you for allowing me to serve you.

In The Hampton Spirit,

*Joan McMillan Wickham*

**Joan McMillan Wickham 78'**

First Vice President

National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated

## VICE PRESIDENT OF EASTER REGION



Greetings from the Eastern Regions of NHAA, Inc. Thank you for supporting the Eastern Regions. This year we celebrated our successes with conferences with the Middle Atlantic Region in Silver Spring, MD; the South East Region in Montgomery, AL; and the NC Regional Conference in Greensboro, NC. With our conferences we have been shifting focus and engaging in efforts of revitalization. This is extremely important work, as the chapters ARE the basis of NHAA, Inc.

It is easy to get caught up in the negativity that is expressed daily in our media outlets. At some times it seems to be viral. We have many great minds and talents among us. Guard against accepting the negative messages that abound. Do you think that Samuel Chapman Armstrong listened to the negative messages of his day? Did Booker T. Washington? We encourage you strive for excellence as you follow your life path. Life will always be filled with challenges, and in spite of the difficulties, we must survive, we must prosper, and we must take our places in this world. Now is the time to recall and engage the Hampton legacy, started by Samuel Chapman Armstrong, and continuing through us today.

Remember with gratitude the contributions of our many supporters. Above all, thank God for the many prospering blessings bestowed on us, through our time at Hampton. Enjoy your summer and don't miss out on any opportunity to get better acquainted with your Hampton family. 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.

## CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY

**Jacqueline E. Rogers**  
**Organizational Effectiveness Chair**

Opportunity is always present in the midst of crisis. Every crisis carries two elements, danger and opportunity. No matter the difficulty of the circumstances, no matter how dangerous the situation, at the heart of each crisis lays a tremendous opportunity. Great Blessings lie ahead for the one who knows the secret of finding the opportunity within each crisis.

Currently, the country is facing the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression. In our association, Chapters are struggling to sustain themselves in the midst of dwindling membership and support; Regions exert great effort to maintain the viability of their constituent chapters.

One can either despair about the current situation or choose to seek the blessings by finding the opportunities within the crises.

President Obama's response to the crisis is to establish a new paradigm and to encourage creativity and innovation.

Our Association President, Dr. Hicks has asked us to do the same via our strategic planning process. A critical success factor is the full engagement of the entire Hampton family in the process.

When beginning the strategic planning process, it is critical that all existing and potential NHAA, Inc. members share the vision and purpose of the organization. It is this commonality that brings members together to focus on achieving a mission.

It is critical to move from problem driven to vision driven, from muddled roles and responsibilities to defined relationships, and from activity driven to outcome focused.

How will we accomplish this? **Collaboration.**

Collaboration is a process of participation through which people, groups and organizations work together to achieve desired results.

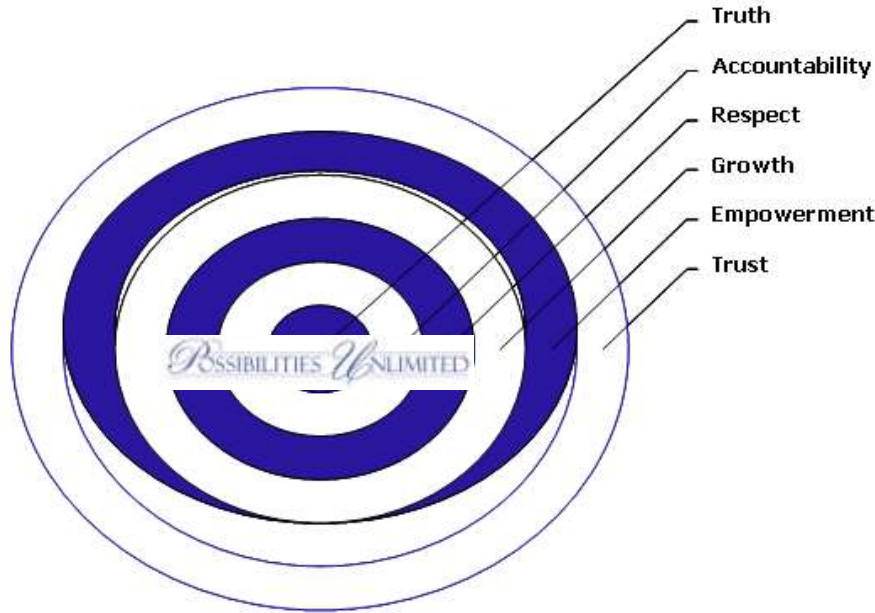
While problems may be the initial catalysts in collaborating, defining the vision and desired outcomes gives shape and direction to the future collaboration.

Moving from problem driven solutions to vision driven solutions offers greater potential for maximizing resources, developing sustainable outcomes and achieving greater community ownership and commitment in the courses of action.

Vision driven solutions also keep us from getting caught up in old stereotypes that often interfere with the ability to bring diverse membership together. Without this movement, there is a tendency to solve practical problems by grabbing at ready-made solutions that neither address the fundamental causes of a problem, nor challenge thinking in new directions.

Collaboration is the basis for bringing together the knowledge, experience and skills of alumni, parents, students and University colleagues to contribute to the development of a new NHAA, Inc. paradigm. It requires effective team work. Team members must trust and respect one another. There must be open communication and a willingness to accept input from others.

To develop the plan for the new NHAA, Inc., I propose the T.A.R.G.E.T. collaboration model. First described by Weaver and Farrell in their book, “Managers as Facilitators”, it sets forth the principles of a collaborative culture.



<b>Truth</b>	Remaining true to the mission of NHAA, Inc. and being committed to delivering services to its membership
<b>Accountability</b>	Being accountable for demonstrating organizational outcomes as planned.
<b>Respect</b>	Respecting the diversity of ideas, generations, regions of the country, lifestyles, and cultures that foster creativity and innovation
<b>Growth</b>	Fostering an environment for continuous improvement both for the organization and its membership
<b>Empowerment</b>	Allowing everyone to have a voice with the expectation of being heard
<b>Trust</b>	Trusting each other so that we may hold the conversations that will make us successful. This includes providing honest and constructive feedback; owning up and taking responsibility for mistakes; avoiding favoritism; being accountable; and assuming responsibility for our decisions and actions.

Building relationships is fundamental to the success of collaborations. Effective collaborations are characterized by building and sustaining “win-win-win” relationships – the kind of relationships where expectations are clear and understood by all members of the collaboration and by those who are working with the collaboration. Defining relationships assists in identifying tasks, roles, responsibilities, and work plans and ultimately reaching desired outcomes.

The key ingredient in this model is your participation. Contact your chapter president, regional president, or executive committee to tell them that you want to be involved in the strategic planning process.

The proposed areas of study are:

Category	Possible Sub-Committee Topics
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Effective written and electronic communication</li> <li>▪ Impact of social networking sites</li> <li>▪ Role of Chapter meetings</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Role of Regional Conferences</li> <li>▪ Role of the Biennial Convention</li> <li>▪ Communication structure for affinity groups and classes</li> <li>▪ Alumni Directory</li> </ul>
Programs and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Membership</li> <li>▪ Needs Assessments (on-going)</li> <li>▪ Alumni Events</li> <li>▪ Role of the Member Advantage Program</li> <li>▪ Additional Alumni advantages</li> <li>▪ Program Evaluation and continuous improvement</li> <li>▪ Generational challenges and opportunities</li> <li>▪ Core competencies</li> </ul>
Financial Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Approaches to increase the alumni base of support</li> <li>▪ Initiatives to increase alumni giving</li> <li>▪ Identification and communication of financial opportunities</li> <li>▪ Channels for giving</li> <li>▪ Impact of Customer Relationship Management</li> </ul>
Student Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Student and alumni involvement</li> <li>▪ Transitioning from student to alumni</li> <li>▪ Mentoring</li> <li>▪ Endowed Scholar Program</li> </ul>
Organizational Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Leadership Development</li> <li>▪ Succession Planning</li> <li>▪ Standards and compliance</li> <li>▪ Governance</li> <li>▪ Bylaws</li> </ul>

Let's seize the opportunity – get involved!

## REGION NEWS

### Reconnecting the Midwest Region

By Gregory W. Whiting  
President, Midwest Region

Pulling the Midwest Region together for a conference was a great example of teamwork, tenacity, technology, networking and true love for Hampton. The Midwest Region is spread out over 15 states, so the cost and time to travel for conference planning posed a challenge to all. Over a 5 month period the regional leadership communicated through e-mails and conference calls to unite the region and start us on the road to a formal conference. To minimizing cost it was decided the conference would only be for 1 day by not having career night on Friday and moving the Sunday memorial service to Saturday. We chose the theme: **“Reconnecting With Each Other to Build a Stronger Midwest Region: Possibilities Unlimited”**.

On Saturday April 25, the Midwest Regional Conference started its business meeting with a review of minutes, treasurer report, correspondence, key goals and chapter reports. Our chapters exchange information on fundraising and networking events that are working in their areas. We had excellent representation from the Admissions Office (Crystal Jones), Alumni Office (Mildred Swann) and NHAA (Patricia Hicks) which help us improve on student recruitment, alumni giving and chapter operations.

In line with our theme we planned a Memorial / Awards Luncheon which required chapter presidents to research information on Hamptonians in their area who had recently died and at the same time identify chapter members who have been working hard to keep chapters functioning. Margaret Ford led the charge in this effort as the Memorial and Awards Program coordinator. At the luncheon we had a memorial service that recognized 15 persons who had passed over the late 2 years from Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Detroit and Minneapolis-St Paul. Next we had the awards presentation. Persons that received chapter awards were: Tara Phillips of Chicago, Patricia Ross of Cleveland, Shannon Whitfield of Columbus, Sharon King of Dayton and Peter Boykin of Detroit. The regional

president recognized Andriel Dees, Minneapolis and Ella Lee, Detroit with certificates for their hard work and organizational skills in conference planning. The highlight of the luncheon was presenting a Special Award to DuBois Ross (Detroit) for his many years of service to his chapter, the Midwest region, the National Alumni Association and to his country. Mr. Ross graduated from Hampton Institute in 1941, completed pilot training in 1943 as a Tuskegee Airmen, finished his work career as a school teacher retiring from the Detroit Public Schools and remained a loyal member and officer in the Detroit Chapter of the Hampton Alumni Association from 1948 to present.

As a result of planning the conference we pulled the region leadership together and enhanced chapters as follows: (1) Minneapolis got busy, (2) Dayton reactivated, (3) Chicago had leadership adjustments, (4) Indianapolis began meetings, (5) Columbus increase activities and (6) Detroit hosted a conference. We collected enough regrets money so that we were able to send \$1,000 to the reunion banquet for the NHAA Cafeteria Window campaign. We already have a commitment from Chicago to host the next conference and probably will be holding the meeting after that in Indianapolis. Our goal is to activate 3 chapters this coming year because we proved that using teamwork, networking and technology give us *unlimited reconnecting possibilities*.



Margaret Ford and Gregory Whiting during presentation of awards



Patricia Hicks with Washington Ross after he received an award



Javondlynn Young getting assistance from Bruce Gaines with computer setup



Michele Jackson taking minutes during conference meeting



Rhonda Byrd accepting award for Sharon King from Gregory Whiting



Dawn Bullard accepting award for Patricia Ross from Gregory Whiting



Richard Keller & Ulysses Boykin during meeting break



Our Midwest Region Banner

## MCMD Hosts MID-ATLANTIC Regional Conference

The Montgomery County, Maryland (MCMD) alumni Chapter hosted the 67th Mid-Atlantic Region (MAR) Conference on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel in Silver Spring, Maryland. Eight Chapters from the region were represented at the conference: Northern Virginia, District of Columbia, Baltimore, Prince George's County, Hampton, Columbia, Montgomery County and one unidentified Chapter. Edna Johnson Ragins, Ph.D, Class of 1972, was the keynote speaker. Her presentation, "Tips on Marketing Alumni Chapters", led to a lively discussion and interaction among the 45 attendees. It was apparent that Dr. Ragins ignited our enthusiasm and challenged us to go back to our respective Chapters and work to enhance current practices and develop new ones to strengthen our Chapters and Region.

Dr. Patricia Larkins Hicks, Class of 1971, President of NHAA, Inc. discussed her plan and vision for the association. It was noted that the NHAA, Inc. is interested in partnering with companies and organizations to benefit the association. The Hilton Hotel family, and the Silver Spring Hilton specifically, site of the MAR conference, is such a partner. The MCMD Chapter will host its annual holiday party on December 19, 2009 at the Silver Spring Hilton as part of the partnership. Mildred S. Swann, Class of 1967, Director of Alumni Affairs, was also in attendance. She brought greetings from the University and shared highlights from Hampton and the alumni office. Even with time and budgetary constraints, based on responses to the conference evaluation, the MCMD Chapter hosted a successful event. Participants enjoyed the conference and found it informative and relevant.

## The NC Region Introduces its Newest Chapters (Bermuda and Fayetteville NHAA)

The Bermuda Chapter of the NHAA Pose for 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter Picture (April 5, 2009)



**Back row - L to R:** Curtis Williams (President), Rochelle Richardson Forde, Deena Harvey (Treasurer), and Stephen Squire  
**Front row - L to R:** Rosita Bassett, Shaunee Tucker (Secretary), and Shawnta Gooden Simmons (Vice-President)

Remaining members who are not pictured -Steven Burgess, Kai Simmons, Janson Cross, Aisha Ingram Cross, Julee Rabain and David Chapman

### The Fayetteville Chapter of the NHAA at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Carolina Wine & Jazz Festival (May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009).



**Pictured above from L-to-R in front:** Karen Jefferson, Akilah Scott (Treasurer), Jowanna Maxwell (Secretary), and Sandra Monroe (President). **Pictured in background:** Morris Johnson (Raleigh Chapter) and Major Kaiesha Wright.

**Pictured below:** Major Kaiesha Wright and Phillip Farland (Raleigh Chapter) and friend. Not pictured but present: Leslie Johnson, Raleigh Chapter (NCR VP, Eastern Region) and Renee Ellis (Vice-President, Fayetteville)



## CHAPTER NEWS

### NHAA, INC. – CHARLOTTE CHAPTER

**Facebook:** Charlotte Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=49423456706>

**Blog:** <http://queencitypirates.blogspot.com/>

- Our **SRT Newsletter** highlights activities we did in 2008 but also our Jazzy Brunch and Soul Bowl Events, both scholarship fundraisers, that we hosted this year.
- **The Jazzy Brunch Flyer** – Which was attended by both Mrs. Richardson and the Woods Family (both of whom the scholarship is named after). The Woods Family made a surprise announcement and donated \$500 towards the scholarship!
- Our **Annual Alumni Cook Out** is tradition in the Queen City. This year we have incorporated an Cook Off with 3 categories, entrees, side dishes, and desserts. The highlight of this event including the introduction of the new officers as well as granting 5 \$100 book scholarships to 5 incoming freshmen for the fall semester.
- Each month we have a **social happy hour** at an establishment within Charlotte for the purpose of networking and fellowshiping. Although, next month, we will no longer be going to Utopia, we hope to collaborate with other organizations in the area during these events in the near future.
- In January, also highlighted in the newsletter, we participated in a fundraiser known as “**SoulBowl**.” This was in conjunction with our **Founders’ Day Activities** which included attending the church home of our SRT Chair, Lisa Fair.
  - June 5, 2009 the chapter will celebrate Mrs Sara Richardson's 101th birthday party with and Ice Cream and Cake social (her favorite treat)
  - Chapter email is [NHAA\\_Charlotte@yahoo.com](mailto:NHAA_Charlotte@yahoo.com)
  - What's going on in the Charlotte Chapter? Join the chapter email distribution listserv: [NHAA\\_Charlotte\\_subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:NHAA_Charlotte_subscribe@yahogroups.com)
  - Our first Richardson-Wood Scholarship recipient is graduating Senior Jessica Cheek. The scholarship covers her graduation fees.

- Six (6) Charlotte area Seniors were awarded academic scholarships during their May Awards Programs at Butler, Harding & Charlotte Latin High Schools.
- 72 high school Seniors were admitted to Hampton University this fall

### **New 2009 - 2011 Chapter Officers**

Pres - Lisa J. Fair '90  
 1st VP - Chantal Bonner '01  
 2nd VP - Jazlyn Brewington '04  
 Sec - Adria Collis '04  
 Trea - Kenton Dunn '00 & '04  
 Chaplain - Ellen Hilton Hamilton '71

## **Raleigh Chapter's "Pride, Pomp, and Circumstance of Glorious" Rewards**

The Raleigh Chapter has recently had several reasons to be proud and to celebrate with ceremony and excitement. The chapter recently received the Chapter of the Year Award for outstanding service and commitment to the goals of the NHAA, and two of its members, Dr. Carrie Baker '71 and Dr. Lester B. Johnson, Jr. '49 received Alumni Merit Awards, and the NC Region NHAA received the Region of the Year Award at the 2009 Alumni Dinner Banquet on May 9th. In addition, two Raleigh members, Mitzi Townes '93 and Geraldine Burroughs '54, received NC Hamptonian of Year awards at the NC Region Conference in Greensboro, NC on April 18th.

The Raleigh Chapter celebrated these recognitions and rewards with fellowship, food, and music while dining at a local black-owned jazz restaurant and listening to the vocal jazz sounds of fellow Hampton alumna, Eve Cornelius on May 16th.



It's been said that "Graduation is God's reward" and the Raleigh chapter is also especially proud of its "Class of 2009" Raleigh graduates.

The Raleigh Class of 2009 may have bid farewell to their "Home By the Sea" and Hampton classmates on May 10th but their new chapter in life is just beginning as we welcome them into the Hampton Alumni Association. The Raleigh Class of 2009 definitely represents the spirit of Hampton and the "Standard of Excellence". The Raleigh Chapter is so proud of them and congratulates them all on a job well done.

The Raleigh Chapter presents its Class of 2009:

Lauren Townes received a BS degree in Chemistry and graduated summa cum laude with departmental honors. Lauren has accepted a full scholarship to attend UNC-Chapel Hill Medical School in August. Lauren is the daughter of Steven and Jacqueline Townes, both of Class of '78, of Raleigh, NC and is the cousin of Mitzi Townes, the Raleigh Chapter President.

Rhonda Bullock received a BS degree in Psychology and graduated magna cum laude with departmental honors. Rhonda plans to attend graduate school at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. Rhonda was the recipient of the inaugural Allie Muse Peebles scholarship in 2008. Rhonda is the daughter of Rodney and Rhonda Bullock of Cary, NC.

Jamie Hardy, a Honors College graduate, received a BS degree in Biology and graduated magna cum laude with departmental honors. Jamie will begin dental school at Meharry Dental School in Nashville, TN on June 29th. Jamie is the daughter of Dr. James and Felecia Hardy of Raleigh, NC.

Courtney Hinton, a Honors College graduate, received a BS degree in Computer Information Systems and graduated cum laude with departmental honors. Courtney is working with IBM in Charlotte, NC as an Information Technology Specialist for the Duke Energy account.

Courtney was the recipient of 2005 Raleigh Chapter scholarship for incoming students. Courtney is the daughter of James and Nell Hinton '74 of Raleigh, NC.

Constance Berryman, a 2005-2009 NHAA NC Region Endowed Scholar and Leadership Fellow, received a BA degree in Psychology with a Leadership Studies minor and graduated cum laude with departmental honors. Constance is attending a summer program at Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Podiatry in Elkins Park, PA and plans to start podiatry school there in the fall. Constance was 4<sup>th</sup> runner-up in the 2008-2009 Miss Hampton University pageant. Constance is the daughter of Rick and Tina Berryman of Raleigh, NC.

Moses Wilson III, the Senior Class President, received a BA degree in Political Science and graduated with honors. Last summer, Moses interned with the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C. alongside the Energy and Commerce Committee. Moses was also the state coordinator of Virginia for Students for Barack Obama for the 2008 election year. <http://enewsu.wordpress.com/2009/01/>. Moses plans to attend law school in the fall. Moses is the son of Dr. Moses and Amy Wilson, of Rocky Mount, NC.

Nicole Knight received her Master of Architecture degree. Nicole was one of the team members of the Hampton Architecture team that was a finalist in the 2007 ImagiNations design competition hosted by Walt Disney Imagineering.

Marlon Fair received a BS in Management and was a member of the Pirate football team. He graduated in December and has begun a career in professional football. Marlon is the son of Marvin and Lottie Fair of Knightdale, NC.

Kama Barnes, a provisional graduate, will receive her BS in Marketing next semester with less than six hours to complete her requirements. Kama was a member of Blue Thunder, Hampton's cheerleading team. Kama Barnes is the daughter of Russell and Patricia Barnes of Raleigh, NC.

In June, the chapter is planning the annual Family Day celebration with the Durham-Chapel Hill Alumni Chapter on June 7th and a movie night on June 12th to celebrate the end of the 2009 Fiscal Year and promote the 2009 alumni giving campaign. This year's theme is "Graduation is God's Reward, and a Donation is your Reward. Be Thankful to Hampton and for Hampton".

The chapter plans to have an 2009 alumni giving graduation to promote the alumni giving campaign this year. Leslie Johnson, the chapter's alumni giving chair plans to reward chapter honors to 2009 alumni donors (alumni graduates) with valedictorian, salutatorian, summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude, and honors recognition for specified donation amounts. Any donation amount from \$5-\$49 will also be recognized with a ☺"Thank You laude". We want to help reach the NHAA's 2009 alumni giving goal by promoting the NC Region's "Give Me 5" campaign. We also want to encourage that no amount is too small and we want to increase our alumni donor participation each year. With this "Pride, Pomp, and Circumstance", we know we can increase the alumni giving rate and reach the alumni giving goal!!

**Congratulations to the 2009 Graduates and thanks to the 2009 Alumni Donors of Raleigh Chapter NHAA. Graduation and Donation, What a Glorious Reward!!!**

**A Graduation Poem**

"Remember the joy that today brings you and celebrate;  
 A memory before to which you looked forward,  
 The hard work now behind, you must feel great  
 And be happy! Graduation is YOUR reward....  
 Remember the process to achieve the success of today;  
 It took a Mother who kept your heart always looking upward;  
 She was there and loved you through it all in every way.  
 And be grateful! Graduation is HER reward....  
 Remember the moments of counsel and Fatherly advice,  
 From a Dad who taught you to look to your soul inward,  
 To find extra strength to go on and when to sacrifice,  
 And be proud! Graduation is HIS reward....  
 Remember the team that supports and sticks by you,  
 Siblings that shared an encouraging word,  
 Your family, the foundation upon whose wings you flew,  
 And always be aware, Graduation is THEIR reward....  
 Remember the source of that degree that you are given  
 Is a symbol not just an award.  
 Turn your thoughts at that moment to heaven,  
 And be thankful! Graduation is GOD'S reward."

by Robert K. Erb

### Montgomery County, MD Chapter

## CHRISTMAS IN APRIL – A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Chapter members recently spent a Saturday afternoon in April sprucing up a residence in Takoma Park, MD as part of Montgomery County's *Christmas in April* program. This effort was spearheaded by Community Service chair, Krystle Washington, Class of 2007.



**From left to right from the top row:** Chapter members Steven Vaughn, Jonathan Gunn, Sharon Vaughn, Arthur Jackson, Sonya Snedecor, Krystle Washington, Phyllis Dores and project coordinator Chrystal Brown with Rebuilding Together Montgomery County



**Above:** Krystle and Sharon painting the rear exterior wall  
  
**Left:** Steve demonstrating a steady hand



Arthur giving the side window a new coat



## LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

# Soul Man



Marc Taylor, class of '87, has often been referred to as "the grandson of Classic Soul." His earliest childhood memories consist of being at the home of his grandmother in Brooklyn, New York during the holiday seasons listening to the sounds of Motown.

During his childhood years, as Taylor's love of soul music continued, he began to develop an interest in writing, but decided that an accounting career paid better. After graduating from Hampton with high honors, Marc worked at Time Warner, Inc. for 18 years as a financial analyst in the company's New York Financial Services division.

In 1990, he fulfilled his life-long desire to become a writer when he joined the staff of Teresa Williams' *New York Trend*. He rose to become assistant editor of the paper, a position he held until 1996. During this time, he wrote a monthly retrospective column on the classic soul music artists of the 1960s and 1970s; a column that gave him the impetus to write a book about a group of artists who dominated a period of African-American music (the early 1970s) he felt had been relatively ignored. In the spring of 1992, Taylor began the daunting task of seeking out these artists and getting them to sit for interviews about their professional (and sometimes personal) careers. The result was *A Touch of Classic Soul: Soul Singers of the Early 1970s*, which was published in 1996. Taylor's 2001 follow-up, *A Touch of Classic Soul 2: The Late 1970s*, completed his definitive history of R&B music in the 1970s and further established him as a recognized authority on classic soul music.

Marc then cited his love of Motown music from the time he was an infant to reach back into the 1960s and write *The Original Marvelettes: Motown's Mystery Girl Group* (2004). All three books were published under his own Aloiv Publishing Co. (named after his grandmother, Viola). His work has also been featured in numerous publications, including *Classic Soul* and *Goldmine*. In addition, Marc has often been called upon to give speeches and seminars on the modern history of African-American music in general and Motown Record Corporation.

In the spring of 2005, Taylor began writing an in-depth story on the career of Phyllis Hyman, although he had no outlet for its publication. Later that summer, following a rare New York appearance by the Friends of Distinction, he re-connected with the unit's co-founder Harry Elston and stated that he again wanted to write something on the group (although he still had no outlet for its publication). Two weeks after turning his life over to Jesus Christ, Taylor was inspired to launch a monthly soul music publication in newspaper format. This publication would cover artists from the doo-wop days of the 1950s thru the funk and adult R&B acts of the 1980s. Taylor then went about re-interviewing many of the 100-plus artists who he spoke with in the 1990s and early years of the millennium, as well as other artists who he would conduct a Q&A with for the first time.

The result was *A Touch of Classic Soul: The Music You Love from Back in the Day*, launched in January 2006. Each edition features interviews and profiles on five-to-seven artists whose commercial prime came in the 1950s through the 1980s. The only U.S.-based monthly publication devoted to these artists, *A Touch of Classic Soul* satisfies soul music fans who hunger for information on these artists on a regular basis, without having to wait two-to-four years for a book to be written and published.

Marc continues to live his dream of corresponding with artists whose music touch his life during his childhood and teenage years, and prior, as he does his part to keep this music alive. Although his duties as Editor and Publisher of *A Touch of Classic Soul* keep him quite occupied, he has not ruled out writing a fourth book.

His books are available on [www.oldies.com](http://www.oldies.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). However, Marc is offering a 30% discount to Hamptonians who are interested in his books. He can be contacted at [marc@touchofclassicsoul.com](mailto:marc@touchofclassicsoul.com) or call (212) 712-8745. If you are interested in his monthly publication, he will send you a complimentary issue with subscription information.



## CHAPTER AND AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION NEWS

### THE MILITARY ALUMNI

Robert S. Ferrell is scheduled to be promoted to Brigadier General on July 10th, in the Pentagon those persons in the DC area please save this date, if you are planning to attend. Please email Colonel Ferrell at [robert.ferrell@us.army.mil](mailto:robert.ferrell@us.army.mil) if you need more information concerning the ceremony.

George Lumpkins was promoted to Colonel on 12 February, he is currently serving a tour of duty on the Joint Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5), Pentagon.

Julian Williams will be promoted to Colonel on 29 May, his promotion will take place on 29 May.

Carlos Lock was promoted to Major in January, he is assigned to the Army Material Command at FT Belvoir, VA.

Lieutenant Colonel Muriel Brown assumed duties as Troop Commander, Eisenhower Medical Center, Augusta, GA in February.

MAJ Kevin Russell changed command as Commander, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, in April he is now serving as Operational Planner for Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC

Dr Naomi Petty-Madison was promoted to Major in May, she is currently serving at FT Jackson, SC and will transferred to Eisenhower Medical Center in Augusta, GA this summer.

Claude Vann, III after spending 10 1/2 years in retirement, was voluntarily recalled to active duty in February and is serving at Headquarters, US Army Cadet Command, FT Monroe as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Jeremy Broussard after serving as a reservist and worked on political campaigns, Capitol Hill, helping with the post-Katrina recovery in New Orleans, and finally working as a policymaker at the Pentagon, will be returning to active duty in July. Jeremy will be stationed at FT Bragg, NC in July.

The following Hamptonians are deployed in support of the global war on terror:

LTC Marvin Chisolm Iraq, MAJ Deidra Briggs-Anthony Iraq, MAJ Brandon Pretlow, Kuwait, MAJ (Dr) Felix Oduwa Iraq, CPT Larris Hutton Iraq, CPT LaShonda Wright Iraq, CPT Barry Winnegan Iraq

MAJ Herbert Skinner Afghanistan, MAJ Jason Baker Afghanistan

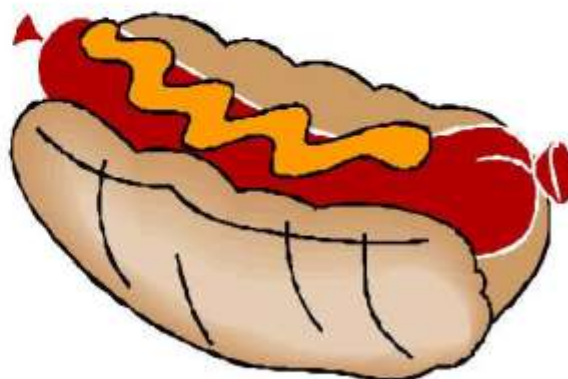
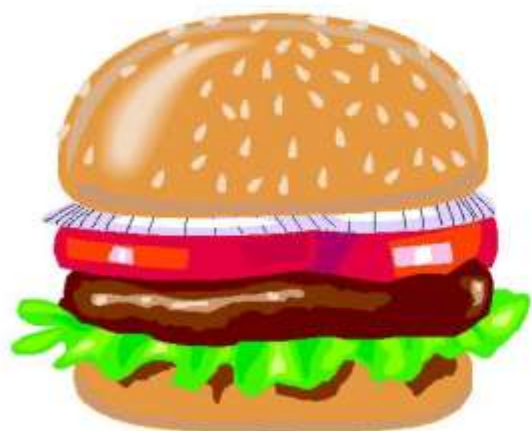
Projected to Deploy this year: LTC Terry Owens, MAJ Myles Caggins, MAJ Kaiesha Wright, CPT Brandon Richards,

The HU Military Alumni Association presented a \$100 Saving Bonds to Cadet Joshua Lee (Army) and Midshipmen Kathryn Muffle (Navy) the Spring Awards Ceremony.

The HU Military Alumni Association presented certificates to our newest Military Alumni, 2LT Leonna McCants, Ensign Amber Neal, Ensign Todd Aitkins, Ensign Scott Shea.

# Coming September 5, 2009

## Fourteenth Annual Alumni Day



**Tent opens from 2:00pm until 5:00pm**

**Game Kick Off - 6:00pm**

**Hampton vs. North Carolina Central**



## Calling All Hamptonians

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2010 MEAC Basketball Tournament  
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