

National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc.

2022 Inaugural Legacy Blue Gala

Greetings Fellow Hamptonians and Guests,

The National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. welcomes you to our inaugural fundraising gala – The Legacy Blue Gala. This gala’s mission is to raise funds to benefit the NHAA, Inc. Student Emergency Fund.

The Student Emergency Fund was launched in November 2019 as part of my Future Forward vision. The fund, fueled primarily by Alumni donations, supports current Hampton University students who face financial difficulties. All donations go directly to Hampton University students who are in need.

Now more than ever, our students need support to achieve their academic goals. Financial woes should not be a distraction. We all know the effects of student debt, wealth-building in our community is diminishing and many African-American students are in a debt crisis. The total student loan debt for more than 44 million U.S. student borrowers exceeds \$1.5 trillion, and African American students carry a significant portion of this debt. 58% of Black public two-year graduates and 82% of public four-year graduates complete their degrees with debt. More than 20% of black college graduates will default on their student loans, compared to 4% of white graduates. This is directly linked to their ability to save, build wealth, and give back to Hampton University and their local community.

Many Hampton University students are struggling to complete their degrees. These students are sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have worked hard, earned excellent grades, but have hit a financial roadblock. Many are already on scholarships and have exhausted their familial resources. They are turning to GoFundMe and similar sources with little success. We are stepping in to help their success and so can you.

Donate to the cause: Please consider making a one-time or recurring donation to the NHAA, Inc. Student Emergency Fund. You can donate using this [link](#).

Your contribution will ensure that NHAA, Inc. reaches our goal of removing financial barriers to education for future Hampton alumni. Thank you for joining in our efforts to build a future for our Hamptonians by attending the inaugural Legacy Blue Gala and making a generous charitable contribution to the NHAA, Inc. Student Emergency Fund. I hope that you enjoy your evening.

In the Hampton spirit,

Gena Pemberton, '98
NHAA, Inc., President



About The National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc.

The Hampton Alumni Association was partially organized in May 1878. George W. Davis, 1874, was elected the first president and Alice S. Harris, 1877, became the organization's first secretary. In May 1881, at the first triennial meeting, the Association was fully organized and a constitution, including the opening quotation and provision for triennial meetings, were adopted. At this first 1881 meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Booker T. Washington, 1875, Secretary William H. Diggs, 1878, and Corresponding Secretary William M. Reid, 1876.

During the one hundred and twenty-one year history, the Hampton Alumni Association (now the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc.) has pushed forward with momentum and direction designed to create in Hampton alumni an abiding sense of personal commitment and individual responsibility for the life and growth of Hampton Institute/University. The Association has operated in a spirit of family togetherness with other sectors of the University to insure its effective involvement in recruitment, fundraising, image enhancement and other activities of concern for the welfare of our alma mater. The Association has continued to function with strong alumni leadership and with an unbroken line of 24 presidents spanning the years 1878 to 1999. Under the banner of leadership, these presidents were blessed with the support of a viable Association that has kept the concerns of the University as top priority.

Through each decade the Association has continued to focus on student recruitment, fundraising, membership expansion and, more recently, technological innovations. Selected events occurring through these decades to address goals, issues and concerns are:

- The Alumni Loan Fund (\$5,000), established in 1935, providing loans with no interest charges to students
- The first Hampton Alumni Award, presented to Miss Dorothy Maynor (1933), celebrated soprano, in 1941
- The founding of the Hampton Institute Parent Involvement Organization in 1965 by Julia Macbeth Green (1943)
- The founding of the Hampton Boosters in the mid 1960's by Robert Anderson (1940)
- Dr. W. Adrian Freeman's promoting the 1966 Alumni Campaign Fund as a part of the Centennial Fund Campaign to raise \$18,000.00 in celebration of Hampton's 100th birthday in 1968
- NHAA, Inc. History
- Anne Laura Roberts Wims was a "Gold Medalist" in the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) "Volunteer of the Year Award". This was a first for any predominantly Black member institution of CASE (1987)
- Alumni contributions of more than \$1 million to Hampton University through the Alumni Giving Campaigns of 1996-97, '97-'99 and '98-'99 respectively
- The inclusion of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. on the "world-wide web".

About The National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. (Continued)

To support the concept that fundraising has from the beginning been a major goal of NHAA, Inc., we quote from the minutes of the Triennial Alumni Meeting, 1881: "On motion it was decided to raise a fund to be devoted to the benefit of a student in Hampton." This was the beginning of the idea of raising money to aid students. The idea rapidly grew and expanded into the plan to raise permanent scholarships and funds for other aspects of Hampton's program. In the last two decades Alumni Endowed Scholarships have rapidly increased and the Alumni Association completed its \$5 million Endowed Scholarship Campaign presenting a check for that amount to the University President at the January 1999 meeting of the NHAA, Inc. Board of Directors.

The restructuring of the National Hampton Alumni Association, which involved incorporation, reflected a new era of the Association. The change produced a more inclusive structure with a President, Board of Directors, Alumni Council, Regions, Chapters and the accommodation of Professional Associations, all of which have evolved into the current organizational structure of the Association. The Association consists of seven regions and 104 chapters (74 active) with emphasis on chapter development and revitalization, a continuing focus.

To provide the opportunity for Hamptonians to perpetuate their reunions beyond the 50th year, the Emeritus Class was founded and organized in 1974. The class was organized under the guidance of Alphonso Knight (1947) and Dr. W. Adrian Freeman (1922) was the first president. In 1999, under the leadership of Dr. Gladys Hope Franklin White, president, the Emeritus Class contributed in excess of \$350,000.00 in alumni giving and in 2000, the Emeritus Class exceeded that number with \$516, 295.48.

The National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. and Hampton University continue their historical partnership. The University is known by its products – the Alumni. In support of the University, the Alumni and their Association, the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc., provide supportive services such as recruitment, student scholarships, special sponsorship of college groups in respective areas, organization and guidance of parent groups, consulting with University officials, and representing the University at various official ceremonies.

The responsibility for the continued welfare of our alma mater rests in a very large measure upon the shoulders of alumni today. Our challenge is urgent and irresistible. Alumni involvement must become more in-depth, more serious, and more self-sacrificing. Working in close unity with the trustees, administration and faculty must continue to be a reality. To this end, unity and action must take on special and meaningful significance to all segments of the Hampton family ensuring that the legacy continues. Quoting our founder, General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, "Hampton must not go down! Hampton must not go down!"

About the NHAA, Inc. Student Emergency Fund

Join us in supporting the NHAA, Inc. Student Emergency Fund. The Fund is designed to support current, hardworking students encountering financial difficulties. The fund will provide individual grants of financial support, allowing students to focus on achieving academic goals.

The NHAA, Inc. Student Emergency Fund has been fueled solely by donations from alumni and corporate partners. Every dollar will be awarded to a student in need.

Award recipients will be selected by a committee and receive final approval through a majority vote by the Executive Board. Award recipients will be chosen based on financial need, and must be in good academic and social standing with the University.

Hamptonians, let's continue to let our lives do the singing by ensuring that students for years to come are able to come back to homecoming as graduates!

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Event Flow

Cocktail Hour

Patio Area & Lower Level

Welcome

Introduction of the Hosts

Invocation - *Rev. Dr. Teddy Reeves*

Dinner

Recognition of Sponsors

Musical Performance

Award Presentations

Rising Star Award

Presented by Truist Bank

The Community Impact Award

Presented by Leonard Powell

The Legacy Builder Award

Presented by Shiona Turini

The Life is Singing Award

Presented by Gena Pemberton

The William R. Harvey Leadership Award

Presented by Morgan Stanley

Special Acknowledgements

Remarks

Alma Mater

Dancing & Entertainment

Lower Level

The Alma Mater

O Hampton, a thought sent from Heaven above,
To be a great soul's inspiration;
We sing thee the earnest of broad human love,
The shrine of our heart's adoration.
Thy foundation firm and thy roof tree out spread,
And thy sacred altar-fires burning,
The sea circling 'round thee, soft skies overhead,
Dear Hampton, the goal of our yearning!


Refrain

O Hampton, we never can make thee a song
Except as our lives do the singing,
In service that will thy great spirit prolong,
And send it through centuries ringing!

Kind mother, we'll treasure the dear happy days
We've spent here in life's preparation,
Yet go with brave hearts upon our chosen ways,
Of service to God and our nation.
Still wearing thy colors, the blue and the white,
As pledge that our fond hearts will cherish
A love which for thee ever shines true and bright,
A loyalty that ne'er can perish!

Words by: Sarah Collins Fernandis, 1882

Music by: Chauncey Northern, 1924



In Memoriam

Honoring Past NHAA, Inc. Board Members

Dyanne B. Baldwin, '80

Richard Bowden, '74

Anthony Cheatham, '80

Dr. Gladys Hope Franklin White, '39

