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School of Pharmacy Faculty and Staff Sharon Epps, Dr. Marilyn Saulsbury, Dr. Vera Campbell, Patricia Richards-Spruill and Tracy Small-Johnson stand with the Adopt-A-Family items.
Holiday Greetings to the Hampton Family

Dr. William R. Harvey

It brings me joy each year to extend greetings to you during the holiday season. This season provides an opportunity to rejoice and give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon Hampton University as well as our families and friends, throughout the year. It is a season of giving and a wonderful time to celebrate Christ, the ultimate gift.

As the first semester of the 2014 academic year draws to an end and we prepare to embrace a new year at Hampton University, there is no better time to say thank you for all that you do for Hampton University. Our “Home by the Sea” is a better place because of your dedication, hard work, and generosity.

As we rejoice in the spirit of the holiday season, let us not forget to be thankful for the many blessings that we have received. I encourage you to take the time to reach out and be a blessing to someone else. What you do for others will be returned unto you.

This special season also provides us with the opportunity to reconnect with our families and friends. The Harvey family – Norma, Leslie, Kelly, Chris and Valerie, Taylor, Gabrielle, Lauren and I – wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the peace and joy of the holiday season be with you and your family throughout the coming year.

With all good wishes,

William R. Harvey
President

Two HU Administrators Appointed a College President this Semester

By Yuri R. Milligan

During the last two months, two Hampton University administrators have been appointed president of an institution of higher education. This brings to 17 the number of HU administrators, under the leadership of HU President Dr. William R. Harvey, to become a college president or president of an organization.

In October, Dr. Rodney Smith, former HU Vice President for Administrative Services, became president of the College of the Bahamas, Nassau, The Bahamas. In November, HU Provost Dr. Pamela V. Hammond was named interim president of Virginia State University, effective Jan. 1.

“I am confident in Dr. Smith’s and Dr. Hammond’s leadership abilities,” said Harvey. “They follow a great tradition of Hampton University administrators who have gone on to serve as executive leaders.”

“It has been my pleasure to serve under Dr. Harvey,” said Hammond. “I thank him for his mentorship and commitment to ‘passing the executive torch’ to others.”

Throughout his 36-year career as president of HU, Harvey has demonstrated a strong commitment to the professional development of others. He not only mentors HU administrators he reaches out to others through the Hampton University Executive Leadership Summit. Now in its 14th year, Harvey established the Executive Leadership Summit to share his leadership principles with individuals at colleges, universities and other institutions who aspire to be executive leaders.

“I AM HONORED TO HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF HAMPTON UNIVERSITY FOR 36 YEARS,” HARVEY SAID. “MENTORING OTHERS AND SHARING THE HARVEY LEADERSHIP MODEL WITH ASPIRING EXECUTIVE LEADERS CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY LIFE’S WORK.”
Dr. Steve Perry Addresses the State of Black Men

By Gianina Thompson

On Nov. 20 the Hampton University School of Liberal Arts welcomed innovative educator Dr. Steve Perry to speak about how healing our men will heal the world. “HU has a reputation of producing students who will become professionals who will be highly placed in both the country and world,” said Perry. “To play a role in their education by speaking here today was an opportunity I just could not pass up.”

Perry further evoked thought by telling students how they had the responsibility of not only graduating, but also making an impact in the world. He emphasized that they had to be more than average specifically because they were HU students.

“I want the students to understand that to whom much is given, much is expected. They are given the opportunity to learn at one of the best schools in the country and they are given the opportunity to be leaders in our [Black] community at a time when our community needs leaders,” said Perry.

The Black community also has to fight against the stereotypes of “being Black” to mean being tough, hard, or gangster. Perry acknowledged how this kind of thinking is a contagious poison from those outside the Black community to even those within.

In tackling this, Perry said students have to remember, “you will become how you dress and how you act because that is who you will attract.”

“The biggest obstacle you are going to face in life is you—the people who look like you, and even bare the same last name as you,” said Perry in reference to the Black community being a best friend and a best enemy at the same time.

However, that doesn’t have to be an excuse that stifles students. Change starts whenever the commitment becomes a virus throughout the nation, he said.

“We have to create opportunities for those who come behind us with respect to those before us,” said Perry.

During the Q&A, many students asked questions toward their goals and leadership.

Perry’s responses revolved around two powerful statements that he issued earlier during the event: “Prayer without action is just talking to yourself;” and “when you align your calling with your efforts, great things happen.”

Caldwell Café welcomed journalism trailblazers to Campus

By Gianina Thompson

In November, The Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism & Communications welcomed Essence Magazine and Latina Magazine’s co-founder Edward Lewis and inaugural anchor for CNN Bernard Shaw on during two live tapings of “The Caldwell Café.”

In front of the live studio audience, Lewis spoke with HU professors Allie-Ryan Butler and Dr. Carol Davis about his journey with Essence Magazine.

“With many success stories like Essence, there comes a mix of scandal, envy, management battles, financial upheavals, and greed,” said Lewis. “It’s hard to avoid them completely, but the key is learning how to react to them wisely.”

Lewis acknowledged how HU is filled with students who hold the ingredients to success. He said his mother taught him the four commandments by which to live by: Be a proud black man, take care of your family, get a good education, and always try to do the right thing.

Lewis’ back still hurts when he sees tobacco, because it reminds him of the hard work he would do every summer on his grandparents’ farm in southwest Virginia. It’s called “muscle memory” and hard work should take that form in every pursuit, he said.

Shaw, who has a career spanning 40 years in ground-breaking coverage around the world from Baghdad during the Gulf War to the Tiananmen Square protests in Beijing, spoke with HU professor Earl Caldwell during the live taping.

“As a journalist, you are a historian,” said Shaw. “People will analysis, critique, and knit-pick important issues on the way we cover stories.”

From Shaw’s experience at CBS News and ABC News where he provided coverage of the White House, moderated U.S. presidential debates, and interviewed some of the world’s most influential leaders, he admits to evolving as a journalists with every year.

“I was a much better journalist as I gained more experience because I gained new perspectives to issues,” said Shaw. “Stories will have an impact on you depending on how you digest them, think about them, and your role in society. This will indefinitely affect your effectiveness as a journalist.”

Shaw also wanted the audience, students especially; to form goals beyond what their mentors and role models have accomplished.

The Caldwell Café was very excited to host Lewis and Shaw, who coincidentally are brothers-in-law.
A group of four Hampton University students and a faculty member traveled to Microsoft headquarters to participate in learning and training sessions and the Hackathon League Series Competition sponsored by the United Athletes Foundation (UAF) in partnership with Microsoft.

“The students had a great experience,” said Dr. Chutima Boonthum-Denecke, associate professor of computer science. “We selected two graduate and two undergraduate students, from the Computer Science Department. We wanted the undergraduate students to gain experience and learn from graduate students.”

The UAF Be “U” Hackathon League is an event designed to leverage the talents and resources of the emerging collegiate community to enable students to create innovative technologies. The HU team was one of 35 teams selected to have the opportunity to create innovative apps with the support of advisors and mentor-coaches comprised of technology industry leaders.

One of those industry leaders was keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Mensah, a world-renowned inventor with seven worldwide patents in fiber optics Mensah’s message of increasing the number of minorities in STEM fields is an issue the department of computer science is actively working to address.

The goal of the UAF Be “U” Hackathon League is to increase diversity in the tech sector and leading the search for young innovators who will develop the next big thing!

“The experience we hope our students gained from this event is how to work together as a team and how to get the job done,” said Boonthum-Denecke. “They had to be able to learn new software and development tools within a short period of time, and how the business side significantly impacts the success of the software development, in particular to obtain the start-up funding.”

UAF’s president and former NFL star, Reggie Howard, and Vice Chairman and two-time Super Bowl champion, Ray Lewis, both where onsite for the event.

Hampton University’s University College (HUUC) and School of Engineering and Technology have formed a partnership with the Apprentice School. The partnership will include new and updated articulation agreements in development for engineering and business management departments.

Also, as part of the agreement HUUC student Garry Garner recently received a $1,000 scholarship from the Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association (VAAA). The VAAA scholarships are to support active apprentices as they continue their education and training beyond apprenticeship to enhance their working career. Garner is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in Architecture at HU.

HUUC Dean Dr. Almarie Munley said of the initiatives, “Partnerships such as these with the Apprentice School will bring together opportunities for education and training. University College is pleased to support these developments with the Apprentice School.”

“Garry Garner is an example of the great students that Hampton University expects to enroll through this partnership with the Apprentice School. Not only will we have these strong students on our campus, we’ll be serving the workforce of the major manufacturing company on the Peninsula,” HU Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology Dr. Eric Sheppard said.