Hampton University University College (HUUC) had a ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 10 to dedicate its newest initiative for matriculating students who are veterans, a Veterans Lounge. The fully furnished space is inside the Willie O. Lawton Building where all HUUC students, mostly non-traditional, currently attend accelerated evening classes.

HU President Dr. William R. Harvey attended the event, along with various political officials including Congressman Bobby Scott, and Newport News City Council Member Dr. Saundra Cherry.

Harvey spoke to those in attendance about the University’s history of military service, that began with HU’s Founder Brigadier General Samuel Chapman Armstrong. “Our tradition is one of military,” Harvey said. “We must support our veterans, those men and women who have sacrificed much (and) in some instances their very lives. This is something I believe in.”

Administrators said this effort is an active response to President Barack Obama’s ‘8 keys to Veterans’ Success’ initiative, which has called on institutions of higher learning to help veterans and service members transition into the classroom successfully. HUUC began by serving veterans and military in 1969 with an off campus program at Fort Monroe.

“The veteran lounge/space will promote a culture of trust and connectedness for our veteran students,” said HUUC Dean Almarie Munley. “In addition it will serve as a resource space where veterans can collect information about applying for educational benefits in support of their personal and career goals.”

U.S. News and World Report recently ranked HU #2 for best college in the South for veteran services.

“Now, HUUC has expanded its services,” Munley said. “The Veterans Lounge/Space is the first step towards several developments to come to serve our veteran community.”
**Dr. Harvey Receives the TMCF Educational Leadership Award**

by Yuri R. Milligan

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey walked the red carpet Nov. 12 at the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Annual Awards Gala hosted by LL Cool J. At the Gala, Harvey was awarded the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) 2014 Educational Leadership Award.

The Educational Leadership Award is the highest volunteer award presented to an individual who has a demonstrated record of commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and education. The Educational Leadership Award is presented annually to a president of an HBCU who has demonstrated outstanding business, academic and visionary leadership through effective management of his or her institution.

“This award is usually presented to an educational leader from a publicly-supported HBCU, but Dr. Harvey’s success as President of Hampton University and his 30-year tenure as one of the longest tenures of any sitting president of a college or university in the country is outstanding,” said Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., TMCF President and CEO. “Dr. Harvey salutes the legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall through his commitment and dedication to education and service.”

Harvey has served as HU President since 1978. During his tenure, he has increased enrollment, raised the endowment, raised the average SAT scores for entering freshmen, and implemented innovative programs, which have led to increased opportunities for Hampton graduates. Prior to joining Hampton, Harvey worked in various roles at Harvard University, Fisk University, and Tuskegee University.

Throughout his career at HU, Harvey has demonstrated a strong commitment to the professional development of others. Sixteen of his administrative colleagues have been elected president and CEO at diverse institutions.

**Hampton University Provost Dr. Pamela V. Hammond has been named interim president of Virginia State University (VSU), effective Jan. 1, 2015. Hammond is the first woman in VSU’s nearly 133-year history to serve as president.**

“Because of Dr. Hammond’s leadership abilities and experiences as a dean and provost, I am confident that she will do an excellent job. She follows in a very good tradition, since this is the 16th administrative officer from Hampton that has been elected as president and CEO of a higher educational institution,” said HU President Dr. William R. Harvey.

“While I am excited about the opportunity to assume the helm of Virginia State University, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge nostalgic moments about leaving my Hampton University community and my ‘Home by the Sea,’” said Hammond. “I will be forever grateful to all who have supported me over the years. However, I am most appreciative for the privilege to have served with President William R. Harvey.”

Since 2009, Hammond has served as provost at HU. She is responsible for the academic program for 5,500 students and 350 faculty members in eight schools; HU’s library; and several institutes and other academic offices. During her second tenure as the institution’s Chief Academic Officer, HU transformed its academic program by creating a faculty mentorship program, establishing an online educational enterprise and introducing 12 new academic programs, including four at the doctoral level.

In addition to administering a $35 million budget, Hammond has implemented actions related to educational policies, research development and academic appointees. She was responsible for HU’s aggressive research strategic plan and coordinated other long-range planning activities. Hammond also serves on the Reaffirmation of Accreditation Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges.

Hammond earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Tuskegee University; a master of science in maternal-child nursing from the University of Maryland-Baltimore; and a doctorate in urban services, with a concentration in educational leadership and health care administration from Old Dominion University.
Special Advisor lectures on the ‘Shared Dream’ of U.S., China

By Leha Byrd

On Nov. 11 Alexander Tzang, a Special Advisor of the China – United States Exchange Foundation (CUSEF), and CUSEF’s representative for the African American Initiative, visited Hampton University’s campus to speak about an initiative involving Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU).

In July, HU Provost Dr. Pamela Hammond, and Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Barbara Inman, traveled to Beijing, China as part of this same effort, designed to enhance and strengthen ties between U.S. citizens and the People’s Republic of China in the areas of culture, education, science and technology, sports and women’s issues.

Tzang’s visit is part of a goodwill tour of HBCU campuses. At HU, his lecture was titled “The American Dream and the Chinese Dream – A Shared Dream,” which detailed the need for collaboration between the US and China.

Tzang also discussed the 1,000 scholarships awarded to HBCU students by the Chinese Ministry of education, which HU is participating in as part of the HBCU-China Scholarship Network.

“I am very excited about Alex Tzang’s visit to Hampton University,” Inman said. “We are so appreciative of CUSEF and the Chinese government for providing our students with several scholarships to study in China.”

In 1995 Tzang was invited to serve as a Vice President of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) – the largest publicly funded university in Hong Kong with 28,000 students. In addition to his role with CUSEF, Mr. Tzang currently serves as the Executive Director of Able Mind Limited, a consulting firm specializing in higher education management & strategic development, and senior management executive development.

Accompanying Tzang to HU was Julia A. Wilson, the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Wilson Global Communications, an international public relations and communications consulting firm in Washington, D.C. She serves as the liaison representative for the China-United States Exchange Foundation (CUSEF) headquartered in Hong Kong, China.

Pharmacy Professor named Pharmacist of the Year

By Leha Byrd

Hampton University Department of Pharmacy Practice Professor Dr. Carl Tullio was recently named the 2014 Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (VSHP) Pharmacist of the Year. Criteria for the award included being recognized as a leader within the pharmacy profession and having made contributions to pharmacy programs in the Commonwealth.

Tullio teaches several team-taught courses at HU including, Pharmaceutical Care, Drug Information, Over The Counter Drugs and Introduction to Pharmacy. He is also director of the HU School of Pharmacy Drug Information Center (DIC), which became fully staffed in 2013 and serves as a hotline for callers with questions about their medications.

Tullio said receiving the VHSP award is an honor.

“I am honored to have been recognized as a pharmacist who is making positive contributions to the field,” he said. “It is the culmination of a long career in pharmacy.”
By Matthew White

Students from the Hampton University Department of Computer Science won first and second place in the Google DC Hack Competition.

“We are very proud of our students,” said Dr. Jean Muhammad department chair. “We had 39 students participate. Each team had to come up with their own projects and present it to the Google Engineers after a 24 hour marathon.”

Seniors Black McMillian, Albert Toledo and Sophomore Lauren Patterson won first place for their app “College Sailing Scores,” a sailing scores and rotation application for sailing competitions, which will be added to the Google Play (App Store.)

Freshmen Zora Moore, Whitney Nelson, Kamali Lowe and Dorian Thompson won second place for an application “Walk-In”, that will have an online clothes closet organizer.

Senior Zachary Hinton, Graduate Student Christopher Peele, freshmen Gretchen Farrow, William Brown and Dallas Thompson III won honorable mention for “Plugged” a social event analyzer.

“Everyone was a winner for participating, working hard and making Hampton proud in spirit and in deed,” said Muhammad.

By Gianina Thompson

Students Participate in Google Hackathon

Counseling Department Grant to Provide Training to Mental Health Providers

By Gianina Thompson

The Department of Counseling will address the increased need for mental health counselors to expand and diversify their focus in adolescents by developing a partnership with integrated agencies. These partnerships with interdepartmental and intradepartmental agencies will aid in the development of well-trained and prepared mental health counselors.

“This grant supports our view of health as integrated between physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual,” said Dr. Spencer Baker, associate professor in the Department of Counseling and principal investigator. “Our goal is to create a diverse group of mental health providers to serve a diverse community that avoids seeking mental health care.”

HU will also work with juvenile detention facilities in the cities of Newport News and Norfolk, Va. to further explore the causes of juvenile delinquency, while also providing professional training focused in clinical intervention and treatment of juveniles.

As proposed by the White House in the January 2013 "Now is the Time" initiative, one of the nation's goals is to improve behavioral health services for at-risk children, adolescents and transitional-age youths by training more behavioral health professionals to serve these populations.

Claudia Calder, HU graduate student concentrating in community mental health from Kingston, Jamaica, is one of the students who received a stipend from the grant. She is elated to not only gain experience, but also make a difference and impact in mental health research. "Integrated care is of importance to me because it revolutionizes both the counseling and medical fields through stressing the importance of holistic care," said Simone Bilodeau, HU graduate student majoring in community health from New York, NY. "Not only am I optimistic about growing within the profession because of such goals, but I hope that through advocating for and practicing this type of care, I am able to exemplify an effective counselor."

Three-fourths of mental illnesses appear by the age of 24, but less than half of children with diagnosable mental health problems will receive treatment. Such statistics create a call of action that HU is ready to take a leadership role in rectifying.