Hampton University honors the legacy of the former athletes.

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Hampton University president. MEAC commissioner. Former NBA all-star. These words describe some of the inductees into the inaugural Hampton University Athletics Hall of Fame. The first class of 15 individuals were inducted at a banquet on Nov. 20, 2009.

In order to honor the exciting athletics tradition at HU, the Athletics Hall of Fame, approved by the University December, 2009 has as its mission “honoring and recognizing individuals who have made superior and outstanding contributions to the Hampton University athletics program and whose accomplishments reflect the University’s reputation and image as one of America’s premier institutions of higher education.”

The Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2009 includes 10 former student-athletes along with three coaches and two administrators. Dr. Charles Wooding, chairman of the Hall of Fame’s board of directors, calls the initial class of inductees “a class of distinction.”

“We’re delighted to have selected these deserving individuals to be the first inductees into the University’s Athletics Hall of Fame,” said Wooding. “We looked closely at their accomplishments while matriculating at Hampton University and we concluded that they are most deserving.”

The Hall of Fame board of directors worked for many hours examining all the nominations and supporting materials. The result was an impressive class.

At the ceremony HU President and Athletics Hall of Fame inductee Dr. William R. Harvey said that he had had the pleasure of seeing most of the former student-athletes play.

“This is truly a historic occasion to have all these wonderful athletes in a room together,” Harvey said at the induction ceremony.

Harvey, under whose leadership the University has captured more than 100 championships, thanked the University administration and current and past athletic directors for their leadership.

The Athletics Hall of Fame is truly a dream come true for many at HU.

“We’re happy to see our dream of initiating an athletics hall of fame at Hampton University become a reality,” said Lonza Hardy Jr., the school’s athletic director. “This will surely be a fitting tribute to the legends and pacesetters that made our program what it is today.”

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Thomas R. Casey
A student-athlete who excelled in football, basketball, and track and field between 1942 and 1948, Casey’s college career was interrupted with a two-year stint in the military. He was a two-time All-American football player who went on to play professionally with the New York Yankees of the All-American Football League (a predecessor to the AFL) and with the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football League.

Montrell Coley
A star football student-athlete between 1997 and 2000 whose 3,838 career rushing yards is second on the Pirates’ all-time rushing chart, Coley rushed for a school-record 253 yards in a 2000 game against Morgan State. That same year, he also scored a school record 38 touchdowns and earned SBN All-America honors.

Anita Cooper
Ranked No.3 among HU’s all-time women’s leading basketball scorers with 1,795 career points, Cooper’s 15.2 career scoring average ranks her No.4 all-time at HU in that category. She led the Lady Pirates in scoring and rebounding in 1983-84 with averages of 13.4 points and 8.0 rebounds a game and was the American Women’s Sports Federation’s regional player-of-the-year in 1985-86, when she averaged 19.0 points a game.

Jacqueline Dolberry
The star player on the Lady Pirate team that captured the NCAA’s Division II national championship in 1987-88 with a 33-1 record, Dolberry is the all-time leading scorer in HU and Virginia women’s basketball history with 2,645 career points. The four-time All-CIAA Performer and three-time CIAA Player-of-the-Year also ranks first at HU in career blocked shots (137), second in career rebounding (1,252) and second in assists (449).
Reginald Doss
A stalwart defensive end for the Pirates’ football team between 1974 and 1978, Doss’ performance on the field led to his selection as an NAIA All-American in 1977 and as an honorable-mention Associated Press All-American in both 1976 and 1977. He went on to play 10 seasons with the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL.

Henry “Hank” Ford
The winningest head men’s basketball coach in HU history, Ford’s 12-year stint saw him compile a record of 228-120, a winning percentage of .655, best among all former HU coaches. His illustrious career saw his teams win 20 or more games five times and capture CIAA tournament championships in 1982 and 1983. He was named the CIAA tournament’s most outstanding coach four times and in 1997 he was inducted into the CIAA Hall of Fame.

William R. Harvey
One of the nation’s longest-tenured college presidents and perhaps its most influential, Harvey has been the architect behind HU’s rise as one of the nation’s leading academic institutions and athletics powers. During his 31-year stint as president, the school’s various athletics teams have captured more than 100 championships and it was his vision that led to the construction of some of the best facilities of any university of its size and moving from Division II to Division I, becoming a premier national mid-major power. He recently was named to the prestigious NCAA board of directors.

Gregory Hines
The second all-time leading scorer in Pirate basketball history with 1,967 points, Hines’ honors included selection as CIAA rookie-of-the-year (1979-80), CIAA tournament MVP (1982) and All-CIAA (1982-83). His 1,254 career rebounds is No.2 all-time at HU, his 499 career free throws is No.1 all-time at the school and his 734 career field goals rank him No.2 in the record books.
Derrick “Rick” Mahorn
A 2003 inductee into the CIAA Hall of Fame, Mahorn is a three-time All-America selectee and the first Pirate basketball player to be drafted into the NBA. His 2,418 career points and 20.3 career scoring average make him the Pirates’ all-time leading scorer. He also sits atop the HU record books in at least nine other categories as he earned All-CIAA honors for three consecutive years, winning player-of-the-year honors in 1978-79. Mahorn went on to a stellar playing career in the NBA, and he now coaches the Detroit Shock of the WNBA.

Carl Painter
Painter was noted as one of the top running backs in the CIAA in the mid-1980s, winning All-CIAA honors in 1985 after compiling 1,170 yards, tops among all league rushers that season. Two years later, in 1987, he scored 96 points, leading the conference for that season. After completing his stellar college career with the Pirates, Painter went on to excel in the NFL with the Detroit Lions and later in the WLAF with the Orlando Thunder.

Robert M. Screen
Screen has elevated the Pirate and Lady Pirate tennis programs into two of the nation’s best over a legendary coaching career that spans more than 30 years. In that time, his teams have captured some 40 championships in the CIAA and MEAC along with two NCAA national championships, four national black college titles and three state of Virginia crowns. Screen is noted as being one of only five living coaches to eclipse the 1,000-victory ledger.

Gideon Smith
The first Hampton coach to lead the Pirates to a national championship (black college title in 1922 with a 5-1 record), Smith served as the school’s head football coach from 1921 to 1940. That 20-year span, the longest of any coach in the history of HU football, saw him compile a career record of 97-46-12, making him the winningest coach in the first 90 years of Pirate football. The 1916 graduate of Michigan State is said to be one of the first two African-Americans to play college football.
Dennis E. Thomas

Thomas was a 12-year employee at HU who, along with president William R. Harvey, orchestrated the rise of Hampton athletics into a dominant NCAA Division I mid-major power. During his reign as athletics director, the school captured MEAC championships in football, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, softball, women’s tennis, men’s tennis, women’s indoor and outdoor track and field, men’s indoor and outdoor track and field, and men’s cross country. Under his direction, the athletics program was awarded the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame’s Achievement Award in 2000 and 2001. Today, Thomas serves as commissioner of the MEAC.

Darryl Warwick

The fifth all-time leading scorer in HU men’s basketball history with 1,755 career points, Warwick averaged an impressive 15.1 points over his four-year college career. Not only did he score a lot of points, but he also helped others to score, ranking No.1 in career assists with 722 in four seasons. His 214 assists in 1979-80 is also a single-season school record. He made the All-CIAA team in 1980-81.

Tarvis Williams

The sixth all-time leading scorer in Pirate basketball history with 1,754 career points, Williams posted a 21.9 points-per-game average as a senior. During his senior season in 2000-01, he was tabbed MEAC player-of-the-year and MEAC tournament MVP. That year, the Pirates became the darlings of the NCAA tournament after shocking Iowa State in the first round of the post-season tournament with a 58-57 victory.
Lewis serves as personal aide to the First Lady and is responsible for assisting her with executing her public and private schedules. Her day commences with a review of the First Lady’s schedule and answering any questions she may have. If her schedule permits, she will join the First Lady for all of her appointments throughout the White House and Washington, D.C. area. This could even include trips to the White House Garden where Mrs. Obama assists local children tending to green beans, tomatoes and peppers.

“My favorite experience has been witnessing firsthand the sincerity that the First Lady has toward her issues, like healthy eating and living, and thanking both government workers and military families,” said Lewis.

And due to the Obamas’ commitment to maintaining a strong, healthy family, she regularly visits with the entire Obama clan – including its newest member, Bo, the family dog. “You can always tell if he’s gotten into something because his white paws tell on him every time.”

Lewis is part of a vast network of Hamptonians working within the Obama administration. Some have held federally appointed positions throughout previous administrations, including the Secret Service and Homeland Security. Others, like Lewis, originally served on President Barack Obama’s campaign trail.

By 7:30 a.m., Dana Lewis ’93 has already arrived at work and started her day with a cup of coffee and classical music. The hustle and bustle of her day has only just begun as she prepares for a standing morning meeting with none other than First Lady Michelle Obama.
Danielle Crutchfield ’03 joined Obama’s presidential campaign staff in March 2007 as director of scheduling. She handled much of his day-to-day scheduling and aided in arranging his visit to the HU Ministers’ Conference in June 2007.

Now, as director of scheduling for the President, Crutchfield is responsible for President Obama’s long-range scheduling. She meets daily with her boss, White House Director of Scheduling and Advance Alyssa Mastromonaco, to review the day’s agenda and then continues on with nearly six to seven additional meetings.

Working two weeks in advance, Crutchfield coordinates with numerous offices inside and outside the White House to develop a minute-by-minute itinerary for the President. By one week out, deputy Jessica Wright takes over for the last minute details. “Two weeks out always looks perfect and then on the day of, we need an extra hour to add people,” said Crutchfield. “We’re scheduling appointments in five minute increments at that point.”

One of the most challenging aspects is to make sure the President still has time for activities with his family, parent-teacher conferences, and simply dinner with his wife and two daughters.

And when President Obama travels abroad, so does Crutchfield along with a team of nearly 25 people. Upon arrival, it is the scheduling team’s duty to meet with U.S. Embassy officials and then meet with that particular country’s staff for an official walkthrough and discussion of the meetings’ particulars.

While Crutchfield’s position has her constantly busy, she attributes the skills she learned at HU to her strong work ethic. She works extremely hard and believes that there

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“I think that one of the things that Hampton did right is they prepare you for work. They prepare you for work life and the rest of life,” said Crutchfield.

“I am not surprised at Danielle’s success and advancement to such a position of responsibility. She is talented, focused and such a hard worker. I am so proud of her,” said Dr. Mamie Locke, dean of the School of Liberal Arts. As a student, Crutchfield worked in Locke’s office for three years.

As protocol chief and advance representative for the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of the Secretary, it’s James McCollough’s job to have an eye for detail. Are the tables lopsided? Is Secretary Steven Chu blocking the backdrop when he stands up?

“I’m responsible for making sure [the secretary and deputy secretary] have what they need and everyone is where they need to be at the right time,” he explained.

Like Crutchfield, McCollough, who attended HU from 1981-83, has a job that takes him throughout the world to countries such as Austria, Turkey, Russia and Japan. But even in other countries, it is McCollough’s duty to be fast-thinking and quick on his feet.

“It’s wonderful and I am truly blessed to be in the position I am in,” said McCollough, who returned in 2009 to his “Home by the Sea” when Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel B. Poneman agreed to speak at U.S. Senator Mark Warner’s Energy Summit hosted by HU.

Like McCollough, numerous Hamptonsians work behind the scenes to support the Obama administration and make a significant impact on the nation’s future.

As deputy director for the Office of Advocacy and Outreach within the Department of Agriculture (USDA), it’s Carmen Jones’ job to work with land-grant universities and farming agencies such as the Black Growers Association and the Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association, addressing their concerns and improving the USDA’s support. For example, there are more than two million farmers in the U.S., with most making an annual income of no more than $10,000.

“It’s interesting to see people of color want to grow their business, but also be able to grow their community impact,” said Jones, who joined the USDA in late June.

In addition, Jones is working on an internal cultural transformation within the USDA. According to Jones, by changing the mindsets within, departmental leaders can better understand the needs of the people it serves.

The Office of Management and Budget may be small, but it packs a powerful punch.

That’s how Jamesa Moone ’93 sums up her position as human capital director in the White House Office of Management and Budgets Executive Office of the President. She is responsible for handling the strategic management of the internal workforce and preparing and
implementing the President’s Presidential Budget within federal agencies, which he then submits to Congress.

“Our role is really to assist the President in the preparation of the budget, but also overseeing the implementation of that budget and by insuring that the agencies do what they said they were going to do, with appropriated funds” she explained.

According to Moone, human capital is a new field within the public sector. The Obama administration is advancing on several human capital initiatives set forth by the Bush administration.

“It is very interesting looking at our government, to think that there could be any real bipartisan effort, but to see how things started under the Bush administration and how the Obama staff doesn’t want to tear those initiatives apart but is really trying to continue that effect and improve upon what was already established. That shows a partnership amongst the two parties.”

**Being Part of the Change**

The word “change” was symbolic of the Obama presidential campaign and for all of these alumni they are proud to be a part of this historic administration.

“Being a part of history in the specific sense that President Obama is the first African American president is overwhelming and humbling,” said Lewis. “I think that it serves as an important reminder to all that anything is possible, even in one’s lifetime. Personally, it tells me that keeping an open mind is one of the keys to success.”

Jones supported Obama on the campaign trail and testified on a platform hearing committee, so when the opportunity to work for the administration presented itself, she didn’t hesitate.

While she had to give up the consulting business she founded, Jones knows this is an exciting opportunity. “For this president, I want him to be successful. So if I can serve as a small part of that, I want to do it.”

In December, another Hampton-ian joined the ranks of HU graduates participating in the change. President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Jarris L. Taylor ’95 as deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Air Force for Strategic Diversity Integration. Taylor is responsible for the formulation and execution of long-range strategic planning, program development, resource planning and management, and human resource management.

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“The major thing I walked away with from Hampton was having a better respect for myself and my heritage,” she explained.

She also believes that HU professors such as Dr. Amee Carmines, associate professor of English, pushed her skills to the limit and provided her with a deep sense that anything was possible.

“Jamesa is an excellent example of the drive and energy demonstrated by our best students,” said Carmines. “When I knew her as a gifted under-graduate, I had no idea she would one day be part of this ground-breaking administration.”

Jones credits her participation in such organizations as the Student Leadership Program with laying the foundation for her consulting career and now her position with the USDA. The program boosted her self-confidence and strengthened her ability to network. “Hampton was the best time of my life. I had the most fun at HU and it’s an honor to be a graduate,” she said.

“Hampton University is producing solid, educated, civic-minded citizens who participate in several capacities in service to our government,” added Lewis. “We are proud alumni, and I have no shame in chanting, ‘H…I…I…I love, I love, I love my H…I…I…’ whenever I can get away with it.”

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Harvey Named Chair of Obama's Board of Advisors on HBCUs

President Barack Obama recently appointed Hampton University President William R. Harvey Chairman of the President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Obama announced Harvey’s appointment before signing a new Executive Order re-establishing the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and President’s Board of Advisors.

“I applaud President Obama for his vision and emphasis on the role that Historically Black Colleges and Universities play in this country,” stated Harvey. “I look forward to serving his administration and working with other members of the Advisory Board to advance the cause of education, research and public service.”

The Board of Advisors, created in 1981 by Executive Order, is tasked with advising the President and the Secretary of Education on methods, programs, and strategies to strengthen these valued institutions. The signing of the Executive Order represents the Administration’s commitment to assure increased access to federally-sponsored programs and opportunities for the nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities. It will also contribute to the Administration’s efforts to increase the number and percentage of college-trained Americans by the year 2020.

At the signing Obama said, “And that’s why we’re here today — to ensure that these schools remain the beacons that they’ve been for more than a century and a half: Crucibles of learning where students discover their full potential and forge the character required to realize it; catalysts of change where young people put their hands on the arc of history and move this nation closer to the ideals of its founding; and the cradles of opportunity where each generation inherits the American Dream — and keeps it alive for the next.”

Obama will also show his support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities by serving as Hampton University’s 140th commencement speaker on May 9, 2010.

“I also want to acknowledge…a great friend, President of Hampton University for more than 30 years, Dr. William Harvey,” Obama said. “I promised him I’d come back to Hampton, so I’m going to be speaking at his commencement this year.”
In 2006, Gloria Pressley ’56, a retired school teacher, donated $128,000 to Hampton University in honor of her 50th Class Reunion. The initial annuity from Pressley’s gift will pay for her granddaughter to attend HU. The residuals from the gift will be used to create scholarships for students in the School of Business and the Division of Education.

“The cost for education is spiraling and so is the need for education,” said Pressley. “I have been encouraged by others and I want to encourage others. I am endeared by Hampton University.”
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Hampton University President William R. Harvey has established the Hampton University Skin of Color Research Institute (HUSCRI) and has named HU adjunct faculty members Dr. David McDaniel and Dr. Valerie Harvey as co-directors and Dr. Cecile Andraos-Selim, HU associate professor, as the administrative core director.

"Hampton University has long been a leader in innovative and cutting-edge research," said Harvey. "We have launched satellites to study clouds; faculty in the School of Pharmacy are trying to isolate the gene that causes Alzheimer’s; we have faculty with patents on artificial limbs; and we are even bringing the latest in cancer care to the Commonwealth of Virginia with the HU Proton Therapy Institute. Our latest endeavor, the Hampton University Skin of Color Research Institute, will allow for a better understanding of conditions that affect skin of color, leading to optimum diagnosis and treatment."

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, certain skin problems are more common among people with darker skin tones. A wide range of racial and ethnic groups, including African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics/Latinos, and Native Americans, constitute people who have skin of color.
The main goals of HUSCRI will be to identify and understand the factors that contribute to racial disparities in skin disorders, generate knowledge to impact the understanding, treatment and prevention of skin diseases unique to individuals with skin of color and foster an environment which encourages relevant innovative basic science research.

McDaniel has over 30 years of research and clinical experience in dermatology. He received his early laser training from Dr. Leon Goldman, the father of lasers in medicine, and later became a principle figure in the early research on laser hair removal, laser skin resurfacing and non-surgical skin rejuvenation procedures.

“We live in an era of unprecedented scientific knowledge and yet so much of the research has not included skin of color,” said McDaniel. “We have the opportunity and privilege to serve the dermatology community worldwide as we apply this knowledge in our research at a basic level down to genes and DNA – but translate this research to the bedside in a practical way that benefits all dermatologists and their patients.

“My passion is to bring to bear the science that will benefit skin of color as it is an area where health disparities still exist, and I also want us to break new ground and lead research for skin of any color.”

Valerie Harvey, M.D., is an assistant professor in the department of dermatology at EVMS, with a specific focus on ethnic skin and melanoma.

“HUSCRI will be a great medical addition to Hampton Roads as it will be the first of its kind in the state,” said Valerie Harvey, M.D. “I am honored and excited to be a part of this breakthrough research center. Our goal is to increase the amount of research to further our understanding of disorders that are unique or present differently in individuals with skin of color.”

HUSCRI will be located on campus in the Hampton University Research Center, a 20,000 square foot biomedical research facility.

—Sarita L. Scott
Robert S. Ferrell ’83
Hampton University alum gets Brigadier General promotion

As a 19-year-old Alabaman, Robert S. Ferrell ’83 enlisted in the United States Army in 1977, to follow in his father’s footsteps.

“He served over 22 years in the United States Army Signal Corps. He served in both the Korean and Vietnam War,” Ferrell said of his dad, retired Sgt. First Class Howard Ellis Ferrell. “The example he set and the values he instilled in me left a huge impression on me.”

Ferrell continued the impression of service with his own longstanding military career, and was recently promoted to brigadier general after 32 years in the Army. In July, he was named one of the “Top Blacks in the Military” by Black Engineer & Information Technology (USBE&IT) magazine. Ferrell’s military climb didn’t come without its glimpses of unfairness and partiality, particularly for a minority, but it didn’t sway him.

“I must admit there were times where I witnessed situations where prejudice existed, but I didn’t allow that to deter me of my desire for a military career. Opportunities for African Americans in the Army are only limited by the individuals’ desire to excel,” Ferrell said.

There are only three other Army ranks higher than brigadier general: major general, lieutenant general, and general. There are only 29 African-American general officers serving in the active component of the Army, eight in the reserve component, and 13 in the Army National Guard. When asked how it felt to receive the brigadier general rank, Ferrell quoted educator and HU alumnus Booker T. Washington, “I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life, as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

Ferrell signed his contract to join the Army in 11th grade as to receive the Montgomery GI Bill education benefits. He enlisted in the Army immediately after graduating high
school, and spent four years on active duty. Subsequently, he left the service to attend HU. “I selected Hampton University because I heard of their outstanding business program, ROTC department, and campus life,” Ferrell said.

Since the University’s inception, a military presence has been in existence due to founder Brig. Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong’s requirement that all men take part in military drills. In 1948, the first U.S. Army officers were commissioned at HU. In 1985, U.S. Army ROTC became a separate active Army Command and was designated the HU “Pirate Battalion.” Thousands of officers have been commissioned into the U.S. Army through HU’s program.

Lt. Col. Claude Vann ’77 is president of the HU Military Alumni Association. He met Ferrell in 1989 when the two began working together in an Army Cadets mentoring group at HU.

Ferrell received great support from fellow Hamptonians at his promotion ceremony, Vann said, and he expects to witness more accomplishments from his fellow service man. “I saw over 25 Hampton University alumni that attended Brig. Gen. Ferrell’s promotion … that tells me he is cherished and highly thought of by alumni from the Class of 1952 through the Class of 1994,” Vann said. “There has been a long dry spell since an officer from Hampton University has been promoted to general officer … Ferrell is an outstanding man, and I anticipate that God will bless him with more responsibility as he moves to the senior levels of the general officer ranks. I would not be surprised if he becomes a Lt. Gen. (Three Star) before he wraps up his career.”

Ferrell’s accomplishments also include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, given for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement or service. It is the third-highest award bestowed upon members of the United States military. He also received the Bronze Star Medal given for heroism or achievement in military operations and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge.

While at HU, Ferrell became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Business Club. The biggest lesson he learned outside of the classroom, he said, is to “set achievable goals and do not stop until you obtain them. Define what success means to you. Focus on being humble and helpful to everyone.”

Next, Ferrell will serve as the director of command, control, communications, and computers for the U.S. Africa Command.

Ferrell is married to Monique Ferrell ’85 and has two sons, Robert and Michael. Michael is a private first class in the U.S. Army.

“Regarding Michael’s choice to serve his country, he has become the third generation Army signaleer in our family and I am extremely proud of him,” Ferrell said. “However, I have the same expectation for both of my children … that they will be good human beings who always try to help others, and they will live a full and happy life.”

-Leha Byrd
Early in his life, Earl Robbins ’70 learned from his parents that there was a lot of value in giving back to the community. He witnessed his parents’ involvement in the community, and as a result has made giving back to his local community and Hampton University a priority in his life.
Robbins comes from a family of Hamptonians. His father, Earl H. Robbins Sr., is a 1949 auto mechanics graduate and his uncle, Herbert A. Robbins, is a 1954 graduate with a degree in English. However, neither his father nor uncle forced him to attend HU. It was his own personal experiences with the University that made Robbins want to follow in their footsteps.

“I took some college courses at Hampton while in high school,” stated Robbins. “I attended some of the events in Ogden Hall so I became aware of the University on my own terms.”

After receiving the Alfred P. Sloan Scholarship in high school, Robbins spent the summer at Morehouse College in Atlanta, only to return to HU that fall.

“Hampton was in my blood,” he said. Robbins graduated from HU with an accounting degree. While at HU he met his wife, Olivia Ford Robbins, who majored in nursing and graduated in 1969.

“Hampton was good to me,” stated Robbins. “Hampton prepared me for life, and I have been able to provide for my family.”

Robbins currently serves as manager of the North American Public Strategy for Alcoa Inc. Alcoa is the world’s leader in production and management of primary aluminum, fabricated aluminum, and alumina combined.

In his role as manager, Robbins provides support in community, public and government affairs in five states: Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Connecticut and New Jersey.

“We believe in a community framework,” stated Robbins. “We understand that in order to be the best in the world we must be the best in the community. We also invite members of the community so they know who we are.”

In addition to his work as manager, Robbins also serves as the regional representative for the Alcoa Foundation. The foundation presented the HU School of Engineering and Technology with a $15,000 grant in fall 2008. Howmet, an Alcoa plant located in the city of Hampton, provided the school with an additional $25,000.

“We hope to create a strong connection between Howmet and Hampton [University],” stated Robbins. “Howmet is the largest employer in Hampton.”

Students from the School of Engineering as well as students from other degree programs could benefit from a relationship with Howmet. Robbins hopes that more students will become involved through internships and job opportunities in the growing relationship that will be mutually beneficial for HU and the plant.

Outside of Alcoa, Robbins finds many different organizations to give back to and support. As a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., he has worked with the Necktie Club at Frederick High School in Frederick, Md., for the past 15 years. The club’s goal is to teach young men how to dress for success. Due to such a positive response, two other locations have adopted the program.

“We must implant the importance of getting an education in our young men,” stated Robbins, who brings a group of students to HU’s Annual High School Day every year. Last year two charter buses brought students from Maryland.

Education has always been a high priority to Robbins, one that he shared with his children. His son, Dwaine Robbins is a 1995 HU alum. Robbins’ two other children attended the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) under the leadership of President Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, a 1970 Hampton Institute graduate.

“Hrabowski is an outstanding president and nationally known for his work in math and science education,” stated Robbins. “He is focused on increasing the amount of African-American Ph.D.’s. If they were not going to be at Hampton, I felt that I was leaving my children in good hands.”

Robbins has always attended HU homecomings and as a proud member of the HU Boosters Club, he makes an effort to return and cheer on the Pirates. Robbins believes that giving back does not only include giving money but also time and support.

“Giving back is a learned process,” stated Robbins. “Young alums have to use us as an example. If we don’t give back to our own, it’s not a given that it will be there forever.”

-Naima Gethers ’07
The 2009 Hampton University Alumni Reunion weekend brought hundreds of Hamptonians back to their Peninsula “Home by the Sea.” The weekend is always filled with activities that bring out camaraderie, celebration and recognition.

Hamptonians were recognized for what they’ve done for the University since graduation. Dr. Carrie L. Baker ’71, Dr. Lester B. Johnson, Jr. ’49, Dr. Hammond Malcolm Knox ’54, Washington Dubois Ross ’41, and Janelle Stevenson Bowman ’02 were given the National Hampton Alumni Association (NHAA), Inc. Merit Award at the 93rd Annual Alumni Dinner Celebration. Nominees are chosen based on many criterions, including attendance at regional meetings, financial support to their alma mater and active involvement in the NHAA, said NHAA President Dr. Patricia Larkins Hicks ’71.

Other specific highlights from the weekend, May 8-10, were an emeritus class dinner, an alumni picnic and the president’s breakfast with the 50-year golden anniversary graduates. Dr. Deloris Bryant-Booker ’59 was at the breakfast. The HU legacy in her family began when her mother, Marion P. Bryant, graduated from Hampton Institute in 1931.

Bryant-Booker’s father, Henry E. Bryant, graduated from HU in 1933 and his three daughters, including Bryant-Booker’s twin sister Doris Mabrey ’59, followed suit. Sylvia Lane ’61 followed suit. Bryant-Booker’s daughter Dr. Karla Booker ’84, followed suit. The legacy continued with Bryant-Booker’s granddaughter, Heather Bryant ’05.

“When my granddaughter was growing up all she talked about was going to Hampton,” Bryant-Booker said. “Then, it was like this [legacy] was really, really special. All of us have Hampton memories.”

Pastor Clarence Lockett ’69, an HU board of trustees member, returned to campus for this year’s alumni weekend, which marked his 40-year anniversary. Good fellowship is always the biggest attraction, he said, and “being able to interact with and relate with those individuals you came into adulthood with.” Lockett’s wife, Gloria ’69, and his sister, Betty Carter ’66, are also proud Hamptonians.

HU Alumni Affairs Director Mildred Swann ’67 said whether it’s a legacy of families or one generation, there’s history to be made at HU.

“Hamptonians come from all walks of life, and we take pride in the education and environment we provide, because it carries on after students leave,” she said. “It excites us that alumni want to return to Hampton because of the experiences they’ve had here.”

-Leha Byrd
Anthony C. Davis ’76 is the author of “I Ain’t Lying: Stories from West Philly to West Africa.” The book is a collection of true short stories that Davis has been telling over the years. The stories were so well received by those who heard them, that Davis has compiled them for this book. The stories are vivid and captivating, while keeping you grounded in the neighborhoods they are centered in. You will keep turning the pages to see what happens next in this exciting compilation. Davis is a special education teacher with over 25 years experience in the Philadelphia School District and these stories have stood the test of his students, fellow teachers, and friends. He is an extensive freelance writer and is the co-author of “Yo Little Brother: Basic Rules of Survival for Young African American Males.”

Kia DuPree ’99 is the author of “Damaged,” a novel which is centered around a young woman living on the streets of Washington, D.C. The story’s main character Camille has encountered one problem after another during her young life after suffering sexual and emotional abuse at the hands of her foster parents. Camille turns to the only person she feels she can trust, her boyfriend Chu, a mid-level drug dealer. Camille’s life seems as though it may be turning around until Chu is brutally murdered. As she searches to find her way without returning back to the system, she gets caught up working for Nut, a deranged pimp. She realizes the only way to change her life and right her wrongs is to accept the fact that her past doesn’t have to determine her future. The reader will be on edge waiting to see what Camille will do next.

Marjorie Hall Haley ’74 authored the textbook “Brain Compatible Differentiated Instruction for English Language Learners.” The book is written for teachers looking for solid instructional practices that work well with mainstream as well as English Language Learners. Drawing on the most current neuroscience research, there is a theoretical overview of the twelve topics which contribute to successful brain-compatible teaching and learning, and differentiated instruction for English Language Learners. The book then examines differentiating instruction and how to use such strategies as anchor activities and structures and provides sample lessons for each.
Nicole Little ’07 and Lora McLeod have published a collection of poems entitled “Heartfelt.” The collection is a book about real and day-to-day obstacles that we have to overcome. Some of the many issues covered include: love, temptation, heartbreak, friendship and family. This collection is an expression of deep honesty and will envelop the reader in the poetry and help the reader to get though life’s tough issues. The authors believe that everyone has a story to be heard and they encourage others to tell their stories.

Victoria Christopher Murray ’77 has published her latest novel “Lady Jasmine.” The book chronicles her star character Jasmine Bush as she continues her journey. When Jasmine is blackmailed, she must face a terrible truth from her past. After she thinks she has told her husband everything, this one secret comes back to haunt her. While she is inclined to tell the truth, she knows that this is one secret which must never be told. She will go to great lengths to keep this secret from her husband, even if she has to commit murder! This book joins Murray’s other page turning novels as the reader will be anxious to find out how Jasmine’s story unfolds.

Alicia C. Simpson ’02 published her first book “Quick and Easy Vegan Comfort Food.” The book is perfect for new vegans, long-time vegans, or meat eaters trying to bring more healthful options into their diets. There are a variety of dishes in the book, including Fried Chik’n Seitan, Collard Greens, Sweet Potato Pie, Tuno Casserole and Black Bean Enchiladas. The book contains more than 150 go-to recipes for those looking for the tastes of home. Simpson opens by debunking myths that sometimes get in the way of eating vegan and introduces readers to favorite ingredients, cooking tools, and her love of quick, easy and tasty “veganized” comfort classics.
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Hampton University recently received a contract increase of $10.2 million from the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center to extend the NASA Aeronomy of Ice in the Mesosphere (AIM) satellite mission for three more years.

The HU led NASA AIM is the first satellite dedicated to the study of these noctilucent (NLC) or “night-shining” clouds. They are called “night shining” clouds by observers on the ground because their high altitude allows them to continue reflecting sunlight after the sun has set below the horizon. They form a spectacular silvery blue display visible well into the night.

“Hampton University is leading the way in innovative research,” said HU President Dr. William R. Harvey. “This mission is improving scientists’ understanding of global change.”

AIM has provided a global-scale view of the clouds over five complete cloud seasons covering both poles and has documented for the first time the entire complex life cycle of NLCs. The satellite is providing an unprecedented horizontal resolution of three miles by three miles. The AIM baseline mission ended May 31, 2009 but NASA has approved extending the satellite program through September 2012. The funding increase adds to the research base of the HU Center for Atmospheric Sciences, which supports 17 faculty, research professors and post-doctoral employees, 9 support staff and 10 graduate students.

“The AIM mission has changed our view of noctilucent clouds,” said AIM Principal Investigator and Co-Director of the HU Center for Atmospheric Sciences Dr. James Russell. “The measurements show the brightest clouds ever observed with more variability and structure than expected, signifying a greater sensitivity to the environment in which the clouds form. They also show that the cloud season turns on and off like a “geophysical light bulb” going from no clouds to 100 percent cloud presence in a matter of days and vice versa at the end of the season.”

The bright “night-shining” clouds are seen by the spacecraft’s instruments regularly, starting in late May and lasting until late August in the northern hemisphere and late November to late February in the southern hemisphere. The AIM satellite reports daily observations of the clouds at all longitudes and over a broad latitude range extending from 60 to 85 degrees.

The clouds are made of ice crystals formed when water vapor condenses onto dust particles in the brutal cold of this region, at temperatures around minus 210 to minus 235 degrees Fahrenheit. One potential and plausible explanation for the changes observed is that temperatures where the clouds form are becoming colder with time due to carbon dioxide build-up resulting from human activities. Carbon dioxide increases near the Earth’s surface cause global warming, but at 50 miles altitude, the opposite occurs. Increasing methane in the atmosphere is another possible contributing factor because it reacts with oxygen to form water vapor that is needed to form the clouds. Both gases have been increasing in the atmosphere since the early 1900s.
Hampton University was recently awarded two grants totaling more than $1.4 million from the National Science Foundation. The cross-discipline grants both seek to increase retention efforts and the production of minority professionals in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Dr. Carolyn Morgan, professor of mathematics, is principal investigator for both grants.

HU received a NSF Educational Research grant of $565,441 to support Financially Oriented Research Calculus Experience (FORCE), a collaborative effort between the School of Science and the School of Liberal Arts. The grant will investigate whether the integration of financial applications into calculus courses significantly increase achievement for STEM majors.

FORCE will support the University’s Quality Enhancement Plan targeted at enhancing student-learning outcomes in mathematics and financial literacy.

HU also received a five-year NSF Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program grant in the amount of $840,881. It aims to prepare STEM undergraduates and professionals to become K-12 science teachers in high-need, economically disadvantaged public school districts. The grant intends to ensure that more minority students will join the ranks of highly qualified STEM teachers.

The Hampton University School of Nursing was recently awarded approximately $3.2 million in grants. The three grants will serve several purposes in the department, including preparing nurses for the workforce, retaining students and enhancing the doctoral program. The grants were awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

Advanced Education Nursing Grant – $1.1 million – The purpose of this project is to enhance the Doctor of Philosophy program to prepare graduates for national certification as nurse educators. Nurse Education Practice and Retention Grant – $835,136 – The purpose of this project is to expand enrollment in the baccalaureate nursing program. Project activities will respond to the need for preparing nurses who will serve underserved individuals, families, and groups in the communities where they reside.

Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant – $1.2 million – The purpose of this project is to increase nursing education opportunities through the implementation of a model pre-entry and post-enrollment program that includes retention activities, stipends, and scholarship support for persons from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey, who is a member of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and its executive committee, has also been appointed to serve on the search committee to select the next president of the NCAA. The six-person presidential search committee has selected a national search firm and intends to identify the next president prior to fall 2010. The president will replace the late Myles Brand, remembered as a towering figure who as NCAA president redefined the role of intercollegiate athletics in higher education.

“Dr. Harvey has been appointed by his peers and charged with overseeing the operations in the NCAA’s search for a new president. His colleagues have a lot of confidence in his leadership and we are very fortunate to have his support,” said NCAA Interim President James L. Isch, NCAA senior vice-president for administration and CFO.

“Bill brings a history and a level of integrity to this organization as it searches for a new president,” said Wallace I. Renfro, NCAA vice president and senior advisor to the president.

“I look forward to serving the NCAA in this search as we have some big shoes to fill,” said Harvey. “This is a historic moment as we search for a person of leadership, integrity and dedication to become president of the organization which governs and directs collegiate sports in this country.”

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is a voluntary organization through which the nation’s colleges and universities govern their athletics programs. It is comprised of institutions, conferences, organizations and individuals committed to the best interests, education and athletics participation of student-athletes.
HU Mourns the Loss of Science Dean

Hampton University mourns the loss of Dr. Douglas DePriest, acting dean of the HU School of Science. DePriest passed away on Oct. 12, at the age of 65.

“The Hampton University community is truly saddened by the passing of Dr. DePriest,” said HU President Dr. William R. Harvey. “His diligent and heartfelt work as an administrator, scientist and mentor at his alma mater will be missed.”

DePriest received a Bachelor’s of Science degree in mathematics from HU in 1966. He received the Master’s of Science degree in math education from the University of Tennessee and a Ph.D. in statistics from American University. He returned to his “Home by the Sea” in 1999 as an associate professor in the Department of Mathematics. He served as assistant dean from 2005 until 2008 when he became acting dean of the School of Science.

In his role as acting dean, he led the school in curricular, research, and service activities.

“Dr. DePriest’s leadership and friendship will be missed by faculty, students and staff in the School of Science,” said Michael Druitt, assistant to the dean in the School of Science. “We will continue to keep his family in our prayers.”

White House Initiative on HBCUs Director addresses students at Convocation

Hampton University welcomed Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as the speaker for the 67th Annual Opening Convocation on Sept. 27.

Wilson urged the HU students to embrace the university history and to make it their heritage. He spoke of HU’s most illustrious graduate Booker T. Washington.

“Can you image starting your life as a slave and then going to start an institution,” Wilson said. “You have got to be ambitious, innovative.”

Wilson was appointed executive director of the White House Initiative on HBCUs in July. He works with the presidentially appointed HBCU Board of Advisors and assists the Secretary as liaison between the executive branch and HBCUs. He also works with 32 federal agencies that support HBCUs through federal grants and contracts.

Wilson said that there is often talk about the what and the how of his mission as Director of the White House Initiative on HBCUs. However, at Convocation he focused on the students because “you are the why of my mission.”
Did you know that the number of married couples in the U.S. dropped from 78.6 percent in 1970 to 57.2 percent in 2008? Or that 72 percent of black children are born out of wedlock and raised in single parent homes? Never before in American history has the state of marriage been in such disrepair. Over the last four decades, there have been significant increases in divorce, separation, children born out of wedlock and raised in single parent homes, cohabitation and domestic violence.

Hampton University is bringing this discussion about the state of American marriages to the forefront through the creation of the National Center on African American Marriages and Parenting (NCAAMP).

The center is the brainchild of Dr. Linda Malone-Colon, director of NCAAMP and chair of the Department of Psychology. Alongside HU President Dr. William R. Harvey, she’s working diligently to garner awareness and support regarding the steep decline in U.S. marriages, especially those in the African-American community.

The mission of NCAAMP is to strengthen families in the African-American community by helping African Americans gain essential knowledge, skills and other resources required for building and sustaining healthy marriages and practicing effective parenting.

To do so, NCAAMP will begin conducting, archiving, and disseminating scholarly research, promote values and behaviors that increase healthy personal development, house resources supporting healthy marriages and families; and aim to significantly increase the number of African-Americans who obtain undergraduate and graduate training in marriages and family.

NCAAMP was officially launched at HU's National Summit on Marriage, Parenting and Families, held Sept. 29-30 in the Student Center Ballroom. More than 150 diverse leaders gathered to discuss the declining status of today's marriages and the importance of healthy, effective parenting in the U.S. This groundbreaking event featured panel discussions with leaders in business, media and entertainment, religion, military, politics and education.
Reaching New
Hampton Wins MEAC Women’s All Sports Award – Again

Hampton University won the Mary McLeod Bethune Women’s All Sports Award for the eighth year in a row, announced in May 2009 by the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). The Lady Pirates totaled 77 of a possible 96 points.

The school received a $25,000 check at the MEAC Spring Delegate Assembly and Committee Meetings in Henderson, Nev.

Norfolk State won its fifth straight Talmadge Layman Hill Men’s Award.

Hampton has won 10 All Sports trophies since joining the MEAC in 1996.

“One again both Hampton University, under the direction of Dr. William R. Harvey, and Norfolk State University, led by Dr. Carolyn Meyers, have demonstrated the overall strength of their respective athletic programs by capturing the MEAC All-Sports Awards,” said Commissioner Dennis Thomas. “I would like to congratulate the Hampton and Norfolk State administrators, coaches, student-athletes and support staff for an outstanding job.”

Hampton won MEAC titles in women’s indoor and outdoor track and field last season, as well as the regular-season MEAC North Division title in women’s tennis. The women’s basketball team also advanced to the MEAC Championship Game, where the Lady Pirates fell to North Carolina A&T.

Points are awarded in a descending order beginning with 12 points for championship or first place finishes. The second place teams get 10 points. Tied teams split the total points.
Senior LaMarcus Coker (Nashville, Tenn.) earned First Team honors after becoming the first Pirate to rush for 1,000 yards in a season since Alonzo Coleman in 2006. Coker ran for 1,027 yards and six touchdowns on the season to lead the MEAC, recording six 100-yard rushing games in the process. Coker ran for a career-high 135 yards against Delaware State, amidst a streak in which Coker ran for 100 yards or more in four straight games.

Coker, who averaged 5.2 yards per carry, also scored two touchdowns in a 37-0 shutout over Howard. He was also second in the MEAC in all-purpose yards, gaining 1,537 total yards on the season — an average of 139.7 per game — thanks to 202 receiving yards and 308 kick-return yards.

Linebacker Julio Sanchez (Miami, Fla.) was named First Team All-MEAC on defense after leading the Pirates, and sitting second in the MEAC, with 98 tackles on the season. Sanchez recorded 51 solo tackles on the year, and his career-high of 16 tackles came at Winston-Salem State. Sanchez also had 13 tackles against South Carolina State and 12 at Norfolk State. Sanchez also recorded 8.0 tackles for loss.

Junior defensive lineman Kenrick Ellis (West Palm Beach, Fla.), fifth on the team with 51 tackles, also earned First Team honors — recording a season-high nine tackles against Delaware State. Ellis was also second on the team with 15.0 tackles for loss on the season, recording 4.0 for a loss of 11 yards against Howard and another 3.5 for a loss of 10 yards against Delaware State.

Senior punter Jahmal Blanchard (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) earned First Team All-MEAC honors for the third consecutive year, after once again leading the conference in punting with an average of 43.9 yards per kick. Blanchard racked up 2,590 total punting yards on the season in 59 punts, recording 10 touchbacks and placing 19 kicks inside the opponents’ 20-yard line. Twelve of Blanchard’s punts went 50 yards or more, and he matches his career-long punt of 79 yards against Howard.

The Pirates (5-6, 3-5 MEAC) also had a pair of defensive players named Second Team All-MEAC. Redshirt-junior defensive lineman Brandon Peguese (Greensboro, N.C.) earned the honor after ranking fourth on the team in tackles with 53 — including 20 solo efforts. His season-high of eight (one solo, seven assisted) came in the Pirates’ season opener against North Carolina Central. Peguese also led the Pirates and the MEAC in sacks, recording 7.5 throughout the year, and tackles for loss, recording 16.0.

Senior linebacker Brandon Roundtree (Compton, Calif.) also picked up Second Team All-MEAC honors after recording 72 tackles on the season, second-most on the team and sixth-most in the MEAC. Roundtree had 39 solo stops on the year, including a season-high 13 at Norfolk State. His 2.5 sacks tied for third-most on the team, and he tied for fourth on the team in tackles for loss with 8.0.
The Hampton University community mourns the loss of Theo Smalling. Smalling died on Oct. 26 at approximately 8:40 p.m. at the age of 22. Smalling, captain of the HU Men’s Basketball team, was involved in a senseless accident on Oct. 24.

“This is a devastating loss for our community,” said HU Men’s Basketball Head Coach Edward “Buck” Joyner. “He was a great young man who was an asset to Hampton University on and off the court. Not only was he the captain and leader of our team, but the backbone of our team. He will be with us in our hearts and minds when we step on the court.”

Lonza Hardy, Jr., athletic director added, “We are all deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Theo, a student athlete we saw grow and mature into an individual who made us all proud.”
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Leslie Johnson ’89 believes that planned giving is an important way to give back to her alma mater. Planned giving allows alums to consider many different options to give, and by giving back to Hampton University you are providing a gift that will go on past your lifetime and influence later generations.

“I believe in giving back and I am inspired by others who give back. I made a conscious decision to take advantage of … giving back to Hampton annually. When I drafted my will last year, I wanted Hampton to be one of my beneficiaries so that my legacy of giving would not end, even in the event of my death. I want to give and ‘let my life continue to do the singing,’ even when I’m in heaven.”

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Mary Rosemond was featured in the Baltimore Sun newspaper in March 2009 for her detailed archive of the Baltimore, Md., neighborhood where she has lived for over 50 years. She is a community activist and retired school teacher who filled 55 loose-leaf binders with news and information on the Rosemont community she calls home. Rosemond is treasured for that wealth of knowledge and historical perspective. There was thought to be little documentation on the Rosemont community in West Baltimore until her collection was exposed. The 55 volumes of history that she amassed will now be put online by the University of Baltimore’s Langsdale Library.

L. Julian Haywood was honored on May 18, 2009, at the Faculty and Employee Recognition Banquet of Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Loma Linda, Calif., for his 50 years of service. He was lauded for his contributions to medical research, which numbers over 600 publications, patient care, and medical education and mentoring. He is a professor of medicine at the University of Southern California’s Keck School of Medicine in Los Angeles, Calif., and professor of clinical medicine at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Earle Gumbs and his wife Beateal Gumbs was honored by the Hillcrest-Marlow Heights Civic Association at an Appreciation Dinner to be held Nov. 7, 2009 in Temple Hills, Md. Gumbs has served as the president for the association and has held that office for the past nine years. Under his leadership, the association has been successful in acquiring funds for several community improvements and initiatives including: expansion of the Hillcrest Community Center, installation of speed humps, improved street lighting, road and water utility improvements, establishment of office space, installation of flower gardens and beautification of street medians, expanding the Association membership, and generating $324,000 for the youth and scholarship programs.

Joseph Heyward was honored by the board of trustees of Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C., who have named the community center in his honor. Heyward served with distinction as an employee of FMU for more than three decades. He retired in 2006 as vice president for student affairs. During those three decades, Heyward served as an instructor of mathematics, a counselor, the director of the University Center, and as the interim provost.

Deadre Johnson has been certified as a diplomat of the American Board of Toxicology for an additional five year term in January 2009. The designation is the ultimate knowledge-based credential in the growing multidisciplinary field of toxicology. In order to earn this certification, Johnson had to be tested in more than a dozen areas and must undergo re-certification every five years. There are approximately 2,500 diplomats worldwide. She currently serves as chairperson of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the Hampton University School of Pharmacy.

Kay Coles James was honored by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) for her ongoing efforts to restore and refurbish the Moton Conference Center at Holly Knoll in Gloucester, Va. Holly Knoll, which is part of the Institute, is the former home of civil rights leader Dr. Robert Russa Moton, and served as the setting for part of Dr. Martin Luther King’s drafting of his world changing “I Have a Dream” speech. James, founder and president of the Gloucester Institute in Gloucester, Va., received UNCF’s Flame Banner Award at their Flame Banner Awards and Scholarship Program held on March 19, 2009, in Richmond, Va.
N. LaMonte Newsome was installed in July 2009 as the 16th pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Gainesville, Fla. The church was established in 1896. Newsome said his top priorities for the church include being a pastor for the parishioners while continuing the legacy of the more than 100-year-old church. He has been a pastor for 18 years and previously served at Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter, S.C.

McKinley Price was named chair of the 41st Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner by the Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Center for the Inclusive Communities. The dinner was held on Feb. 26, 2009, at the Newport News, Va., City Center Marriott and honored individuals who have made significant humanitarian contributions to the Peninsula community. Price himself received the award in 1996.

Cecelia Travick-Jackson was granted tenure and advanced to the rank of associate professor by the board of regents of California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Her promotion took effect Sept. 1, 2009.

Frances Knight Thompson was awarded the 2009 Human Rights Award by the Human Rights Commission of the city of Virginia Beach, Va. on Feb. 26, 2009. She received the award for her work addressing the issue of the achievement gap of African-American male students in Virginia Beach City Public Schools. The award was presented at an awards dinner held in the Virginia Beach Convention Center and was attended by her family and friends. The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission advocates for the human rights of the city's residents by providing educational programming, public forums, and assistance to those whose rights may have been violated.

Richard Bowden, Sr. was elected connectional financial secretary of the Conventional Lay Organization for the African Methodist Episcopal Church in July 2009. He has also held various positions at Murdock Chapel A.M.E. Church in Pike Road, Ala., and on the conference and state level in the A.M.E. church.

Welford Roberts was installed as the 73rd president of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). NEHA is a national professional society for environmental health scientists and practitioners. It has over 4,500 members across the nation and the world, and 56 affiliate organizations. As president, Roberts presides over the association’s board of directors and supervises the executive director in promoting NEHA goals and objectives. Currently, he is employed by Planned Systems International, Inc. in Falls Church, Va., where he serves as an occupational toxicologist supporting the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General’s Office of Modernization.

Jennifer Wimbish who serves as the first African-American female president of Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, Texas, was recently nominated for the American Association of Community Colleges board of directors. Since 2003, Wimbish has served as the president of Cedar Valley College, one of seven campuses in the Dallas County College District. She holds a doctorate on higher adult and lifelong learning education from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in Kingsville, Texas.
1981

Melinda Boone was appointed as superintendent of the Worcester Public Schools in Worcester, Mass., in July 2009. Worcester is the third largest school district in Massachusetts with 23,000 students and 44 schools. She is the first superintendent in 45 years to be hired from outside the district. Additionally, she is the first female and first African American to serve in that role permanently. Previously, she served as Chief Academic Officer for the Norfolk Public Schools in Norfolk, Va. HU is an integral part of her family as her daughter Regina graduated from HU in 2006 and her daughter Alyssa began her freshman year at HU in September 2009.

Gail Elam earned her Doctor of Education in organizational leadership degree with a concentration in instructional technology and distance learning. She earned the degree from NOVA Southeastern University in June 2007.

Sherri Stroud Parmenter received a Doctor of Education degree from Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J., in educational leadership in 2008. Parmenter, a former school teacher, also has a law degree and a Master’s in Instructional Technology. Several years ago, she published a novel of legal suspense entitled “The Docket.”

Gwendolyn Roberts was selected as the adult high school/General Education Diploma coordinator at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, N.C. She is responsible for the day to day operations of all activities in the Continuing Education and Adult Learners Department at the college.

1983

Gail Denice Bracey has been promoted to associate vice president in Dewberry’s Fairfax, Va., office. Dewberry is a firm which offers planning, engineering, architecture, program management, surveying and mapping services. Bracey has more than 25 years of experience in contracts management and compliance for federal government contracts, with extensive understanding ensuring small and minority business participation on contracts.

1984

Eric Franklin was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration as Maryland’s Minority Small Business Champion of the Year. Franklin is the CEO of Erimax Inc. in Dunkirk, Md., and was honored for helping other companies owned by minorities and disadvantaged people succeed. Further, he was honored for passing on the message of the spirit of entrepreneurship. He was among those honored by the SBA at an awards luncheon in Washington, D.C.

1985

April Battle earned her doctor of education degree in educational leadership from Bowie State University in Bowie, Md., on May 16, 2009. Her dissertation is entitled, “The Relationship Between Major Field of Study and Teacher Dispositions of Student Success.”

1986

Eric Campbell has been appointed assistant city manager for the city of Charlotte, N.C. He serves as the city manager’s liaison to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police, Charlotte Fire Department, the Community Relations Committee, and Business Support Services. He also works with City Council committees and boards. Previously, Campbell has served as deputy city manager in Portsmouth, Va., and assistant city manager in Petersburg, Va.

Paul Harris, Sr. has joined the board of the Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) in Washington, D.C. Harris is a senior manager in Ernst & Young’s Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services practice and is a leader of the firm’s Corporate Compliance Advisory Services group. Prior to joining Ernst & Young in 2008, Harris was a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, in the Government Enforcement and Corporate Compliance practice group.

William Johnson, III has been hired as the city manager for College Park, Ga. Johnson, who recently served as Deputy County Administrator for Chesterfield County, Va., returns to College Park, where he previously served as city manager from 2005 – 2007. Johnson oversees the entire city staff, reports directly to the City Council, and works with department heads to manage the city.
1987

Victorie Thomas earned her doctor of education degree in education leadership from Bowie State University in Bowie, Md., on May 16, 2009. Her dissertation is entitled “Traditional Versus Nontraditional Teacher Preparation: A Quantitative Examination of the Impact of Content Knowledge and Professional Development of Secondary Teachers.”

1988

Trina Archie McCorkle was recently promoted to the senior vice president position at Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C. She is one of 26 associates in her line of business that received this promotion. She demonstrated excellence and is highly regarded within the organization as well as by Bank of America’s business partners.

1989

Jodie James was named the director of educational activities by the Alpha Phi Alpha Education Foundation, Inc. in 2008. He is responsible for providing leadership, coordination and oversight for the traditional national programs, special projects, and scholastic and fundraising initiatives for the Fraternity and the Foundation. The position serves as a liaison among the Fraternity, The Education Foundation and the various partners such as March of Dimes, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Boy Scouts of America. Prior to this post, he served at New York University in New York, N.Y., in the Office AHANA Students Services.

1990

Tyron Byrd earned a promotion and has become principal of George Mason High School in Falls Church, Va. He was promoted in April 2009.

1991

Carolyn Jennings Yancey was elected to North Carolina’s 9th Judicial District as the first female judge in more than 15 years in November 2008. In April 2007, she was licensed as a minister and currently serves as an associate minister at Cornerstone Christian Community Church in Oxford, N.C., and associate chaplain at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson, N.C. She received her juris doctorate degree in 1993 from North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, N.C., and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Shaw University School of Divinity, Raleigh, N.C.

1992

Kevin Slaughter has joined the law firm Quarles & Brady as a partner in the Corporate Services Group in the Chicago, Ill., office. He represents issuers, underwriters and investors in a variety of public and private offerings of common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities and debt securities and has significant experience in initial public offerings. Slaughter is licensed to practice law in Indiana and Illinois and currently serves on the board of directors for the Choir Academy Charter School of Chicago, the board of directors for US Empowered Inc., and the board of directors for the Muslim Bar Association. He received his law degree from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Ill.

1991

Carmen Jones was named special assistant, Departmental Administration at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Secretary. Jones was most recently the president and founder of the Solutions Marketing Group, a marketing consulting firm that advises Fortune 500 corporations on employment programs for people with disabilities. From 1998 to 2006, Jones worked at the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Under Secretaries Rodney Slater and Norman Mineta.

1992

Sharon Caldwell-Anderson was one of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools’ (CMS) Achievement Zone Learning Community Teacher of the Year finalists. She is a high school English teacher at Midwood High School in Charlotte, N.C., and believes that it is vital for underachieving students to know someone is willing to put effort into their well-being.

Dalric Webb received his Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in information management from Grantham University in Kansas City, Mo., on June 27, 2009. Webb was one of 74 graduates in attendance at the ceremony in honor of the 774 graduates of the Grantham University Class of 2009. Many of the graduates are deployed in military service around the world. Webb’s achievement follows on the completion of his first graduate from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minn., in 2004 where he received a Master of Science in Information Technology degree. He is now setting his sights on a Doctoral Degree in Science and Technology.
Arem Duplessis has been promoted to design director of all New York Times magazines, to include the Sunday New York Times. He was the art director of the Sunday New York Times magazine prior to his promotion.

Darrell Hill has been hired by Norfolk, Va., City Manager Regina V.K. Williams as director of finance and business services. Prior to this appointment, Hill was a senior vice president for BB&T. Hill is also the former director of the Virginia Resources Authority, a state agency that provides financing for water, solid waste and transportation project.

Kenneth Sharperson was to the American Bar Association’s TIPS (Tort Trial & Insurance Section) Leadership Academy for 2009-2010 in May 2009. Sharperson is one of a select group of 21 attorneys who have been selected for this class. In August 2009, Sharperson was named one of the New Jersey Law Journal’s 2009 “40 Under 40” based on his professional achievements. The award is given to 40 attorneys throughout the state who are dedicated to their careers and their communities. He has recently been appointed to the Supreme Court of New Jersey District VA (Essex County-Newark) Ethics Committee beginning in fall 2009 and also lends his service as the finance chair of the East Orange YMCA board of managers.

Robert Kerney was selected by Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster to serve as chief of staff. When Koster campaigned, he made a promise that he would choose an African American to serve as one of his three executive staffers. Kerney believes in public service and in putting ones gifts in service towards something larger than oneself. As chief of staff, he runs a 430-person law firm with 325 attorneys attached to it.

LaTarzja Henry leads Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools’ (CMS) communications department. Henry will be responsible for leading and directing the district’s communication strategy and public relations as well as overseeing the operation of CMSTV. Henry joined CMS in 2000 as a media relations supervisor and held positions as assistant director of public information and most recently executive director of communications.

With Henry’s leadership, the department has won several national and local public relations awards including North Carolina School Public Relations Association’s (NSPRA) Golden Achievement Awards for marketing and communications.

Les Myers received his juris doctor degree from New York University in 2008. He has been admitted to the bar in New York and New Jersey.

Michael Williamson was recently elected to the alumni board of directors of Rutgers University in N.J. The position, which governs the nearly 300,000 graduates of the University, holds a two-year term. In addition, Williamson is currently serving his third term as a trustee to the Rutgers Business School, where he received his MBA in 2001.

Regina Bailey obtained her medical degree in 2008 from the George Washington School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. She is currently a general surgery resident at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, Texas. She earned her juris doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2001 and was a patent litigator at a large intellectual property law firm for three years before deciding to pursue her medical degree.

Qiana Robinson Whitted has published her first book titled “A God of Justice?: The Problem of Evil in Twentieth-Century Black Literature” (University of Virginia Press). She also earned tenure status at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C., and has been promoted to associate professor of English and African American studies.

Nickesheia Sylvester Bowen started a real estate company in July 2007. Her company, Global Vision Realty, has been very successful in sales, rentals and property management. The company is located in Portsmouth, Va., but conducts business all over the Hampton Roads area as well as out of state referrals.

Tiffany Cutting has opened Cutting Edge Dance Academy in Charlotte, N.C. The Academy offers beginner through advanced level classes in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical/modern, African, and Cheer-Dance.

Jay Brown was accepted into the University of Virginia’s Senior Executive Institute (SEI). The SEI is a highly selective two week program held at UVA’s Colgate Darden School of Business in Charlottesville, VA. He will explore leadership from both an organizational and personal perspective,
with an emphasis on the culture and structure of the council/manager form of local government, manager styles from a practical and academic perspective, and effective public stewardship techniques. Brown was also promoted to the position of assistant county administrator/director of finance and manager services for Charles City County, Va., in February 2009.

Morgan Garris was profiled in the latest edition of Who’s Who in Black Atlanta. Garris, a public relations professional, was also recognized in the 2006 edition of Who’s Who in Black Atlanta for her outstanding PR work. She was most notably recognized as head of PR, Programs and Communications for the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce from 2004-2009. Additionally, Garris was the recipient of the 2008 Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives Annual Conference Scholarship in Jekyll Island, Ga.

Nicholas Simpson received a Master of Public Administration degree from Columbia University in New York, N.Y., on May 18, 2009. He has accepted the position of education coordinator with the Harlem Children’s Zone Promise Academy, a nonprofit organization aimed at improving the lives of Harlem youth that is being used as a template for President Obama’s Promise Neighborhoods program.

2002

Lani Shaw was elected to serve a two-year term as at-large member of the National Bar Association’s board of governors on Aug. 4, 2009, during the 84th Annual Convention in San Diego, Calif. Shaw is the youngest member of the NBA’s board and also serves as the president of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc.

2004

Glynnis Richard is the public relations manager for the Harlem Globetrotters and was presented with two prestigious SABRE awards which recognize superior achievement in branding and reputation. The Silver SABRE was awarded for the Globetrotters’ 2008 “Magic As Ever” World Tour Campaign. The Bronze SABRE was awarded for their placement within the 2008 Summer Olympics opening ceremonies.

2005

Joia Starks was selected as a 2009 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellow in March following a highly competitive nationwide contest. The Rangel Fellowship supports extraordinary individuals who want to pursue careers in the U.S. Foreign Service. The Rangel Fellowship will provide Starks with over $80,000 in benefits over a two-year period, including supporting her graduate education and professional development. She worked on international affairs for New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez during summer 2009 and in summer 2010, the Department of State will send Starks overseas to work in a U.S. Embassy to get hands-on experience with U.S. foreign policy, conditions in a specific country, and the work of the Foreign Service.

2006

Christopher Barr won a 2009 Modern Day Technology Leader Award. The award is presented by the Black Engineer of the Year Awards STEM Global Competitiveness Conference. The conference is held for professionals and students in all fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Maurielle Lue landed a job in a top 20 broadcast market just two years after graduating from HU. She is working for WEWS TV, the ABC station in Cleveland, Ohio. Lue is the youngest person, not only on her staff, but in the entire market by several years because you typically have to have at least five years of experience in the business to even apply to work in a top 20 market. Just after graduation she took her first reporting job at an NBC station in West Virginia and less than two years later she had accepted the job at WEWS.

Tivika Taswell-Richardson captured the title of Mrs. Essence 2009 at the annual Miss Essence and Mrs. Essence Pageant at the Gem Theater in Kansas City, Miss., on Aug. 31, 2009. She shared her special evening with her loving husband, Eric, who received the 2009 Essence Husband of the Year Award. Her platform, “Take a Look in the Mirror: Building a Positive Self-Esteem,” stemmed from the many problems that she has observed in young women in her community. She is also president and CEO of the V. Nicole International School of Charm and Etiquette. In 2007, she obtained her master’s degree in teaching secondary English from HU and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in K-12 educational leadership from TUI University in Cypress, Calif.
DeWarren Langley was selected to attend the 2009 Mid-Winter Academic Enhancement Seminar of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity program held Jan. 2-4, 2009, in Arlington, Va. Langley gave the opening address at the 39th session of the North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly on March 13, 2009, in Raleigh, N.C. The Just the Beginning Foundation (JTBF) selected him as a team leader of the JTBF Summer Legal Institute in Chicago. He has been elected chairman of the board of directors for Standing Tall for Success, Inc. which is a non-profit organization, providing empowerment programs for minorities and economically disadvantaged youth, ages 12-18 in Greensboro, N.C. He was accepted for admission to the Legal Studies Institute (LSI) of the Fund for American Studies in Washington, D.C., and awarded the 2009 Fund for American Studies Scholarship in the amount of $2,500. Finally, Partners for Youth (PFY) announced that he would serve as the new chair for the board of directors. PFY is a year-round mentoring and summer job program for middle and high school students ages 14-19 based in southwest central Durham, N.C.

Dominique Wilmore launched Innovative Design Interns LLC this past summer in Raleigh, N.C., with hopes that her young peers would find design-related work opportunities within their profession during the downturn in the economy. Her company website, www.idinterns.com, is set up so that employers may only list internships and jobs that require less than five years of work experience. The company also provides advice on getting through design school, putting together design portfolios, and helpful advice for those that are already on the job.

Teddy Reeves served as a workshop presenter at the 2009 People of Color Conference for Independent Schools. He presented on "The Societal Impact of Race, Religion, and Creed both Inside and Outside the Classroom." This is an annual conference for teachers of color within independent schools around the world. The conference was held Dec. 3-5, 2009, in Denver, Colo.

Amber Garrett had the opportunity to perform live on NBC's "Today" show when she was interviewed by Anne Curry. Garrett was in New York City as an aspiring “America’s Got Talent” contestant in May 2009. During the interview with Curry, Garrett performed a part of her favorite Italian aria, “Pace, Pace Mio Dio,” and blew the crowd away with her powerful voice. She began singing at age four in the Queen Street Baptist Choir in Norfolk, Va., and hopes to expose her generation to the genre of classical music.

Devin Green was signed as an unrestricted free agent by the Minnesota Timberwolves on Sept. 28, 2009. Green is a 6-7 guard and returns to the Wolves after competing in the Las Vegas Summer League with the team, where he averaged 5.7 points and 3.0 rebounds in three games. After appearing in 27 games for the Los Angeles Lakers during the 2005-06 season, he played for the NBA D-League’s Los Angeles D-Fenders for two seasons, averaging 19.5 points, 4.8 rebounds and 4.2 assists in 13 games in 2006-07 and 16.4 points, 6.4 rebounds and 4.2 assists in 24 games in 2007-08. He played in Belgium last season.

Moses Wilson is studying at the University College London and will undertake a Master of Environment, Science and Society degree. The program is 12 months in length and will focus on answering the following topics: how are ideas about managing the environment shaped by changing social and political values, how could environmental policy-making be more democratic, and can economic growth ever be environmentally sustainable.

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of West Orange, N.J.,
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of Sunset Beach, N.C.,
September 28, 2008

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