Eleven exquisitely sculpted figures of men and women of varying ethnicities from all walks of life are virtually coming to life along the scenic waterfront of the historic campus of Hampton University. The veils were lifted in a special ceremony on Sunday, January 27th revealing a breathtaking place of reflection that will forever be celebrated as “Legacy Park.”

All of the names and faces are iconic and have significantly contributed to the lives and futures of the students, faculty and staff of this storied, sesquicentennial institution of higher learning. Some of the names and faces are familiar and their connection to Hampton well-known. Others spark surprise and intrigue as the discovery of their demonstrated support of Hampton’s mission is realized.

The sculpted figures represent a wide spectrum of US Presidents, Civil Rights icons, HU alumni as well as the University founder Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong and President Dr. William R. Harvey, who has served the institution for more than four decades.

The privately funded park was established by the Hampton University Board of Trustees and the honored individuals and their contributions to Hampton University are as follows.

- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.: an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement from 1954 until his death in 1968. Dr. King made several visits to Hampton University’s campus. His mother Alberta Williams King graduated from Hampton University in 1924.

- ROSA PARKS: During the period of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and following, Mrs. Parks and her family experienced constant harassment. She and her husband were fired from their jobs and unable to secure other employment. As a result, they returned to her home in Detroit. A mere 9 months after the boycott officially ended on December 20, 1956, Mrs. Parks (mother of the Civil Rights Movement) was offered and accepted employment at Hampton University. On September 5, 1957, then President of Hampton, Alonzo G. Moron wrote to Mrs. Parks, “…I would like very much to have you come to work for us at Hampton as hostess at the Holly Tree Inn.” He further shared with her, “…in this job you have an opportunity to meet many interesting people, for we always have visitors at Hampton.” A few days later, Mrs. Parks responded, “If your offer of the job is still open, I would like to hear more about it, and will come to Hampton when you are ready for me to begin.” She concluded the letter stating, “Thank you for considering me as Holly Tree Inn’s hostess.” On September 23, 1957, she arrived on campus to assume the aforementioned position. In that position, she demonstrated grace, competence, and courtesy. Mrs. Parks remained employed at the University for 1 year, after which she returned to Detroit where she lived the remainder of her life. Mrs. Parks desired “to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free...so other people would be also free.”

- BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA: an American attorney and politician who served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017. He was the first African American to be elected to the presidency. Obama’s relationship with Hampton University dates back to 2007, when President William R. Harvey invited then Senator Obama to address attendees of the 93rd Annual Hampton University Ministers’ Conference. The Hampton University Marching Force Band, performed in President Obama’s Inaugural Parade. President Barack Obama returned to the campus when he served as the University’s 140th commencement speaker on May 9, 2010.

- SUSAN B. LAFLESCHE: an Omaha Native American doctor and reformer in the late 19th century. She is widely acknowledged as the first Native American to earn a medical degree. She campaigned for public health and for the formal, legal allotment of land to members of the Omaha tribe. She graduated from Hampton Institute in 1886, as class salutatorian.

- GEORGE H. W. BUSH: an American politician who served as the 41st president of the United States from 1989 to 1993. Prior to assuming the presidency, Bush served as the 43rd vice president of the United States from 1981 to 1989. His earlier posts included those of congressman, ambassador, and CIA director. President Bush demonstrated a long-standing support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities over his career. He delivered the 1991 Commencement address at Hampton University. Within the three years following President Bush’s address, Hampton University received $40 million in federal support for faculty research, scholarships for students, and programs to enhance the university. Under the Title III Program alone, salary supplements, scholarship support and the acquisition of instructional and research equipment were received. President Bush founded the United Negro College Fund chapter at Yale University during his college days. As president, he continued his overwhelmingly positive support for Black Colleges with initiatives such as appointing 23 individuals to the President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities to advise him and the Secretary of Education on ways to strengthen the HBCUs; directed the Office of Personnel Management, in conjunction with the Secretaries of Labor and Education, to develop a program to improve the recruitment of graduate, and undergraduate HBCU students for part-time and summer federal positions; and signed

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Executive Order 12677, which directed 27 agencies to increase the opportunities for the participation of HBCUs in federal programs. Increases in total funding over the fiscal years 1989 award levels were reported by most of these agencies. HBCUs received a total of $776 million in fiscal year 1989 and $894 million in fiscal year 1990, an increase of 118 million dollars.

■ JEROME HOLLAND: Jerome H. Holland was inaugurated as the ninth president of Hampton Institute in 1960. During Holland’s service to Hampton Institute, the dedications of Thomas Turner Hall, Martin Luther King Hall and the William A. Freeman Hall were accomplished. President Holland was responsible for Virginia Hall, Academy Building, Mansion House, and Memorial Chapel being included on the Virginia Landmarks Register. President Holland served at Hampton until 1970.

■ REUBEN BURRELL: or “Mr. B” as he was also called, said he would work until the day he died and that he did, rarely missing a day of his 66-year career as Hampton’s photographer. He worked under eight presidents recording now-historical events, student life, graduation ceremonies and famous visitors. Hampton University’s broad range of history and culture is readily apparent through Burrell’s work. His photographs and his stories were an inspiration. He touched the lives of many Hampton University administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and visitors.

■ FREDERICK DOUGLASS: an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman. After escaping from slavery in Maryland, he became a national leader of the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts and New York, gaining note for his oratory and incisive antislavery writings. He visited the campus in 1884 and said, “This school is too vast, too multiforp, too cosmian, to be grasped in a single hour. I have seen London, I have seen Edinburgh, I have seen Venice, I have seen the Coliseum, I have seen the British Museum, but I should not have seen the world if I had not seen Hampton Institute. I have seen more today of what touches my feelings, more of prophecy of what is to be, more of contrast with what has been, than I have ever seen before. I can’t talk, I can only say I am glad—glad—glad deep in my heart, with what I see.” Frederick Douglass [January 1884]

Hampton University Celebrates 126th Founder’s Day Ceremony Honoring Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong

Hampton University alumnus Zachary Scott delivered a moving tribute to several important individuals during the 126th Founder’s Day Ceremony on Sunday, January 27, 2019, in the historic Hampton University Memorial Church. Scott began his address by giving thanks to Hampton University founder Brig. General Samuel Chapman Armstrong.

“Today is a special day in the history of our institution. I am pleased to be here at our great institution as we celebrate our dear founder, General Samuel Chapman Armstrong,” said Scott. “He was an outstanding man of vision and leadership and it is because of the foundation laid by him that Hampton University has become the world renowned institution that it is today.”

Scott proceeded on by encouraging the crowd to give President Dr. William R. Harvey a round of applause for the growth of Hampton University.

“I want to especially recognize our President, Dr. Harvey, who has done a tremendous job on this campus. When I arrived on this campus back in 1974, I was in James Hall, James Hall looks better than it did when I was here,” said Scott. “There are so many buildings and facilities that I don’t even recognize because it has grown immensely. We need to give our President a round of applause because he’s done a tremendous job.”

Scott, President and CEO of EboxSecure Logistics Group, said that Hampton University is the best education anyone is going to get and that he would not trade what he has gotten out of Hampton University for anything.

“You couldn’t have paid me to go somewhere else because of the comradery, how you feel when you are here, the self-confidence you should get by being around so many people that want to be successful in life,” said Scott. “I say to you all today, whatever you decide to do when you leave this great school, be number one or go home. Nobody is going to ever remember who was number two. You put your very best in everything that you do. Someone is going to recognize you for success. When I think about Hampton University, these are some of the lessons I brought to my first job out of college.”

Scott also recognized the Hampton University Board of Trustees for their commission of Legacy Park, which culminates a full year of celebration of Hampton University leadership. Legacy Park includes statues commemorating U.S. Presidents, Civil Rights icons, alumni, Gen. Armstrong, and President Dr. William R. Harvey, Hampton University’s visionary leader and the longest seated university president in the country.

During the ceremony, Hampton University Chancellor and Provost, Dr. JoAnn Haysbert presented the Presidential Citizenship Award to Judge Richard S. Bray, President, and Chairman of the Beazley Foundation. In 1979, President William R. Harvey established this award to recognize individuals who are positive role models for others and who, through their service to their communities, contribute to the values of decency, dignity, and improvement in the quality of life for others.

Haysbert also recognized the new inductees in the Quarter-Century Club. The 2019 inductees are:

Ms. Carolyn W. Acklin, Office of the President; Dr. Halima N. Ali, Mathematics; Ms. Janice Boklen, University Police; Ms. Jacqueline Fitzgerald, University Police; Dr. Jose L. Goity, Physics; Ms. Susanne Denise Griffin, Residence Life; Dr. Joy Hendrickson, Political Science and History; Dr. Donald Lyons, Physics; Dr. Zina T. McGee, Sociology; Mrs. Snehlata Pandey, Biology Sciences; Mr. Leo Pickard, Steam Plant; and Ms. Antoinette Tubbs, Harvey Library.

Founder’s Day activities began with the commemorative wreath placing ceremony at the gravesite of the University’s founder, Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong, in the Hampton University Cemetery.

Paul C. Harris, Hampton University Senior Vice President, spoke on an important and time-honored tradition, Founder’s Day. “On this day, we honor our founder, General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, who in 1868 founded this institution we fondly call Hampton University. On this occasion, we reflect upon the man whose vision, leadership and hard work, gave rise to this university, a place we love and to which we now devote our energy. Today we reflect upon the purposes and values that abide as the common thread connecting Hamptonians across generations during which so much else has changed since Hampton’s humble beginnings,” said Harris.
Joe Taylor, a long-time fixture on the Hampton University sidelines as head coach, was announced as a member of the 2019 College Football Hall of Fame Class. The announcement was done at Levi’s Stadium in conjunction with the College Football Playoff National Championship game.

“It gives me great joy to congratulate Coach Joe Taylor for his impending induction into the College Football Hall of Fame,” said Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey. “His numbers speak for themselves, while his leadership as we made the transition from NCAA Division II to Division I and the FCS helped guide the program into a new era.”


Two coaches were picked for induction:


The all-time winningest coach in Pirate football history, Taylor compiled an impressive 233 wins overall during his standout 30-year career. His remarkable 70.6 winning percentage ranks in the top 10 in FCS coaching history.

After one season as the head coach at Howard, Taylor came down Interstate 64 and took over the program at Virginia Union, where he won 60 games in eight seasons. His best season with the Panthers was in 1986 when he guided the team to the CIAA title, an 11-1 record and a trip to the NCAA Division II Playoffs. Taylor also guided Virginia Union to the playoffs during a 10-2 season in 1990 and an 8-3 season in 1991.

Taylor shined during his tenure as Hampton’s head coach from 1992-2007, posting a school record 136 wins while leading the Pirates to four SBN Black College National Championships. Hampton played at the NCAA Division II level his first three seasons, earning two Division II playoff appearances, including the school’s first-ever NCAA playoff win. Taylor guided the Pirates to CIAA titles in all three of those seasons and the first of his four Black College National Championships in 1994. After moving to the FCS in 1995, his Hampton teams would win three more Black College National Championships and five MEAC titles while making five FCS Playoff appearances. The four-time MEAC Coach of the Year owns eight of the top 10 winningest seasons in Pirate history, including the top six.

Taylor also guided Hampton to a win in the 1999 Heritage Bowl over Southern, and he coached three NFF National Scholar-Athletes during his time at the school: Timothy Benson (1993), Malcolm Benson (1995) and Michael Bland (2000).

Taylor concluded his stellar coaching career at Florida A&M from 2008-12, where he became the first coach in school history to win 25 games in his first three seasons. Arguably, his best season with the Rattlers came in 2010 when the team went 8-3 and claimed a share of the MEAC title.

At the time of his retirement, Taylor’s 233 career wins were tied for the third most among coaches at historically black colleges and universities. Over his entire 30-year career, he coached 68 First Team All-Americans, 142 first team all-conference players and one First Team Academic All-American.

A former president of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Taylor also served on the FCS All-American Selection Committee and the advisory board of the Black Coaches Association. He has received lifetime achievement awards from the AFCA/AFCA and the All-American Football Foundation, and he is enshrined in the Virginia Union Athletics, Western Illinois Athletics, CIAA and MEAC halls of fame.

A graduate of Western Illinois University, Taylor played offensive line for the Leathernecks under College Football Hall of Fame Coach Darrell Mudra. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Howard D. Woodson High School in his hometown of Washington, D.C., from 1972-77. Before his first head-coaching job, Taylor also served as an assistant coach at Eastern Illinois (where he helped earn the 1978 NCAA Division II national title), Virginia Union and Howard. Since December 2013, he has served as the athletics director at Virginia Union.

The 2019 College Football Hall of Fame Class will be officially inducted during the 62nd National Football Foundation Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 10, 2019, at the New York Hilton Midtown. The inductees will also be recognized at their respective collegiate institutions with NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes, presented by Fidelity Investments, during the fall. Their accomplishments will be forever immortalized at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

Dr. Shahid M. Shahidullah, Hampton University Sociology Professor and Department Chair, Publishes Sixth Book

Dr. Shahid M. Shahidullah, Hampton University’s Department of Sociology chair and professor, has recently published his sixth book, “Crime, Criminal Justice, and the Evolving Science of Criminology in South Asia: India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.” This new book examines many issues and challenges for reforming and modernizing criminal justice in South Asia.

Dr. Shahidullah was educated in Canada and the United States. He has a Master of Arts degree in sociology from McMaster University in Canada, and an M.P.I.A. (Master in Public and International Affairs), M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Shahidullah came to Hampton University in 2015 because “it was a great opportunity. I came to help put together a new program, the brainchild of President Dr. William R. Harvey, to establish a cyber security program in collaboration with Hampton University’s Department of Computer Science and I liked that particular approach that he was looking for, a kind of multidisciplinary program of a Bachelor of Science in cyber security. That program opened in 2016 and we already have 20 majors,” said Dr. Shahidullah.

Dr. Shahidullah’s major research interests that include Cyber Crime, Transnational Organized Crime, Global Terrorism, Crime Policy in America and more.

Serving as the editor for this book, Dr. Shahidullah was approached by the publishing company, Palgrave Macmillan, to put this volume together. “This book is part of a series where the series editor invited me to do a volume on Asia and so I put a proposal together, it was accepted, and I started working on it soon after,” Dr. Shahidullah said. “This is a collection of articles written by different scholars. They wrote chapters on violence against women, human trafficking, internet sexual exploitation of children, rights of women, women in policing, violence and civility and much more. The approach was to see how these different countries of South Asia are approaching these issues of crime and justice in terms of international law and standard.”

Since its publication in the fall of 2017, “Crime, Criminal Justice, and the Evolving Science of Criminology in South Asia: India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh,” has already been downloaded 2000 times. The material for this book is intended for students who are studying globalization, Asian politics, Asian justice, and those interested about the modernization of crime and justice in general in Asian countries. “Crime, Criminal Justice, and the Evolving Science of Criminology in South Asia: India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh” can be purchased on Amazon.com.

Currently, Dr. Shahidullah is editing a volume entitled, “Modernization and Globalization: Issues and Challenges,” which will include chapters written by Hampton University professors, including Dr. Zina McGee, sociology professor, who recently published her first book.

“We have so many issues, both in the United States and in the developing world, about Democracy, about equality, about justice, rights of women, rights of children, so the book is about modernization, how about these different countries are moving towards progress. Moving towards a modern, open, liberal, and global society,” said Dr. Shahidullah. “I’ve been working in this area for almost my whole life. We, as a society, go through ups and downs. It’s not a linear process, so I’m developing a kind of perspective of that kind of modernization growth through conflict and consensus.” This book is projected to be published in late 2019 or early 2020. Dr. Shahidullah came to Hampton University with 30 years of experience in teaching and research and is looking forward to continue to expand the cyber security program and writing grants for cyber security, while streamlining the criminal justice and sociology programs at Hampton.
**Hampton University Biology Professor Receives Certification from the Prestigious Diplomate of American Board of Toxicology**

Dr. Sainath Babu, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences at Hampton University, has reached the pinnacle of professional toxicologists as he has been certified as Diplomate of American Board of Toxicology (DABT).

This hard-earned recognition in the field of toxicology is considered the peak of professional toxicology world-wide. Among the 2,300 diplomates representing twenty-six different states, Dr. Babu is now one of the representatives. Dr. Babu has done extensive research on Bisphenol A and is currently working on the toxicity of brominated flame retardant’s and nanomaterials.

“I am truly excited about this achievement. It is an accreditation by fellow toxicologists and experts in the field. With recent advancements in predictive computational tools and Organ-on-a-chip, the way we think about toxicological research is rapidly changing,” said Dr. Babu. “It is my fond hope that many of our current students will follow the lead and become experts in the field.”

“Dr. Babu is a great example of the talented young faculty we have in the School of Science. We expect that he will accomplish much during his career here,” said Dr. Calvin Lowe, Dean of the School of Science.

Dr. Babu has published numerous research articles in peer-reviewed journals and serves on the Editorial Boards of many toxicology journals.

**Hampton University Marching Band to Participate in New Year’s Day Parade in Rome, Italy**

The Hampton University Marching Band, otherwise known as “The Marching Force,” has received the esteemed privilege of participating in the 2020 Rome New Year’s Day Parade on January 1, 2020, in Rome, Italy.

“The Marching Force” is an elite group of talented, young musicians who are also academically accomplished. This opportunity shows that our band is being recognized internationally. They continue to uphold THE Standard of Excellence as being one of the best marching bands in the nation,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

On the first day of January each year, thousands of people gather in St. Peter's Square in Rome, Italy, to celebrate and receive the Pope's New Year's Day blessing. The Rome New Year's Parade celebrates life, cultural diversity and international goodwill. It takes place in conjunction with the World Day of Peace, where the parade proceeds along the Grand Via Della Conciliazione and culminates in St. Peter's Square. The Marching Force will get the chance to perform in the parade and at St. Peter's Square before and after the Pope's blessing.

A trip this massive is not cheap. The band will need to spend the next year fundraising for the costs to send all the band members, plus chaperones, to Italy for this momentous opportunity. The Marching Force will also need to purchase new uniforms and instruments. Hampton University alumni or anyone who would like to support the band can donate on their website. There are also employer-matching options if that donor qualifies.

While in Italy, the band will also get the opportunity to visit and perform in other local communities where they will be joyously welcomed by the local residents.

Hampton University will be the first HBCU band in history to participate in this parade. The Marching Force drumline recently performed in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California.

“This wonderful opportunity will put Hampton University on an international spotlight and bring some attention to what we're doing with the band at Hampton. Over the last year, we have been focusing on recruiting talented musicians, dancers, color guard and majorettes. Our mission is not just to build better band students, but to shape and mold students so that they are academically proficient and have high moral character,” said Dr. Thomas Jones, band director. “This trip validates what we're doing. The strength of the program is growing. Traveling is a great incentive for new and current students and we are really looking forward to this exciting journey.”

To donate directly to the band, or for more information, go to http://www.humarching-force.com/.

**Hampton University Alumna Ruth Carter Nominated for Best Costume Design Academy Award for her work in Marvel’s ‘Black Panther’**

Ruth E. Carter, Hampton University alumna, has been nominated for the Best Costume Design Academy Award for her work in the world-wide blockbuster film, Marvel’s “Black Panther.” Carter is the first African American costume designer to be nominated for an Academy Award, and now the first African American costume designer to be nominated for an Academy Award for the third time.

“We at Hampton University congratulate Ruth E. Carter for her historic Academy Award nomination,” said Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey. “We are overjoyed to watch this amazing and talented Hampton University alum gain so much success in her career. What a great moment for Hampton University, to see one of our very own achieve such an accomplishment. It was wonderful to welcome Ruth home as our 2018 commencement speaker. Ms. Carter is a true role model to our students. We wish her the best of luck.”

Carter, a 1982 graduate of Hampton University’s Department of Fine and Performing Arts, majored in Theatre Arts and has worked in the entertainment industry for over three decades. Carter’s unparalleled ability to develop an authentic story through costume and character has made her one of the most sought after and renowned costume designers today. Carter also served as the keynote speaker at Hampton University’s 148th Commencement Ceremony in 2018.

“It feels like a great honor to be a costume designer representing a genre in the film industry that people inspire like it. It’s the art of collaboration, where we embrace the costumes, bring in the story, and add in the African elements to it. I’ve always wanted to recreate culture and history that was authentic that people could enjoy in a really beautiful way,” said Carter, regarding her work on the 2018 film, “Black Panther.”

Carter has garnered two Academy Award nominations for Best Costume Design for Spike Lee’s “Malcolm X” in 1993 and Steven Spielberg’s “Amistad” in 1998. The “Black Panther” nod is her third Academy Award nomination. She also received an Emmy nomination for her work on the 2016 reboot, “Roots.” Over Carter’s three decades in entertainment, she has worked with some of the top directors in Hollywood including Spike Lee, Lee Daniels, Reggie Hudlin, Steven Spielberg and now Ryan Coogler. “Black Panther” received a total of seven Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and grossed a worldwide total of $1.347 billion.

Ms. Carter will also be honored with the Career Achievement Award at the 21st Costume Designers Guild Awards (CDGA) on February 19, 2019 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The Career Achievement Award recognizes leaders who have made a lasting impact on Costume Design.