Hampton University Alumnus Lt. Gen. Darrell K. Williams gave a fitting and memorable tribute to its founder, Brig. Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong, during the 125th Founder’s Day ceremony at historic Ogden Hall Jan. 28. The ceremony was part of Hampton University’s twin anniversary celebration which commemorates the world class university’s 150th anniversary and 40 years of visionary leadership under President Dr. William R. Harvey.

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey spoke to the incredible vision and work ethic that led Armstrong to found an institution to educate recently freed slaves during the challenging times following the Civil War.

“He was a study in contrasts: a combination of fire and ice. He was clearly a man of all seasons,” said Dr. Harvey, speaking of the boundless energy of the man who founded Hampton University. “He always turned up the best in any situation.”

Dr. Harvey admonished students, faculty and staff to carry on General Armstrong’s vision by demonstrating the character traits of “honesty, integrity, respect for one’s self and others, responsible behavior and trust.

“No matter who you are or what your station is in life, if in your personal and professional life, you are not truthful to other people, if you are deceitful in your actions to other people, if your actions demonstrate low class efforts, and people cannot trust you, then I want you to know you are a failure in life,” Dr. Harvey said.

Williams fondly remembered his time at Hampton University, a time when a new president was making his legendary leadership felt. Williams said he found an education, direction in his life through education at HU and a career in the Army, and he found his future wife during his stay at Our Home By The Sea.

“Now Myra and I were here at Hampton for Dr. Harvey’s formative years,” Williams said. “We watched this university thrive under his magnificent leadership. Hampton University has a very proud past, and we are poised for a brilliant future.”

Williams, a 1983 graduate, turned his ROTC training into a 35-year career in the U.S. Army. Currently, he is Director of Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), headquartered in Fort Belvoir, Va. He leads a global workforce of over 25,000 military and civilian workers in the Defense Department’s supply and support network. The DLA provides food, medical material, uniforms and construction equipment, 98 percent of the Defense Department’s fuel, and the majority of spare parts for military weapons systems.

A native of West Palm Beach, Fla., Williams also graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and he is a Distinguished Graduate of the National War College. Williams holds a master’s degrees in military arts and sciences, national security and strategic studies, and business management (logistics).

He said his education and training at Hampton University prepared him for a long and distinguished career in the Army.

“When I thought about the connection between 1868 and 2018, two simple words came to mind, and those words were hopes and dreams,” Williams said, noting that he came to Hampton with his own hopes and dreams. “From our humble beginnings after the Civil War to the world-class university we are today… one thing about Hampton has not changed. It continues to launch the hopes and dreams of generation upon generation of great Americans.”

Williams wouldn’t trade his four years at Hampton University for anything, and he said that he’s amazed at what the university has become.

“In total, our experience at Hampton University was more precious than silver or gold,” said Williams. “General Armstrong’s vision not only survives, it thrives.”

During the ceremony, Dr. Harvey presented the Presidential Citizenship Award to Dr. Christine Darden and retired Army Lt. Col. Claude Vann III, and he conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon Dr. Mary T. Christian.

Darden (62) is a former mathematician, data analyst, and aeronautical engineer who devoted much of her 40-year career in aerodynamics at NASA to researching supersonic flight and sonic booms. Darden is one of the researchers featured in the book “Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race.”

Vann (77) is a former Hampton University assistant professor of Military Science. After Vann retired from the Army in 1998, he served at Hampton University before accepting a position at Newport News Shipbuilding. In 2008 he took an early retirement, and accepted a voluntarily recall to active duty, during which he was the Chief, Family Housing at Fort Monroe until the installation closed in 2011. He is one of the biggest supporters of Hampton University’s ROTC program.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Harvey laid a wreath at the graveside of Hampton University founder Brig Gen. Samuel C. Armstrong, joined by 20 of Armstrong’s descendants. Dr. Harvey also recognized the new inductees to the Quarter-Century Club.

These members of the faculty and staff have worked at HU for 25 years and were commended for their dedicated service. The 2018 inductees are Dr. Abiodun Adibi, Deborah Bowers, Marsha Edlow, Marian Hinton and Dr. Liguang Tang.

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Hampton University Museum Unveils ‘Pathways to Education,’
Chronicking Hampton University and Dr. William R. Harvey Dual Anniversaries

The Hampton University Museum officially opened its newest exhibit, “Pathways to Education,” celebrating 150 years of History, Legacy and Legend at Hampton University, as President Dr. William R. Harvey was joined by faculty, staff, alumni, Congressman Bobby Scott and descendants of HU’s founder, Brig. Gen. Samuel Armstrong.

Dr. Harvey eloquently spoke about what it took for Armstrong to start the effort to educate former slaves into Americans who would not just contribute, but to excel in life. He said that Armstrong had many roadblocks, but fought for Hampton University.

“General Armstrong had courage; courage to do the right thing way back then,” Dr. Harvey said. “He said ‘I want everything at my institute to excel’ and I want everyone here to understand that the 12th president wants the same thing.’

Dr. Harvey said that Armstrong wanted two things for the school that are true today: high academics and character, and that character is the more important of the two.

Louise Armstrong Nichols, a descendant of Armstrong, presented the museum with an inkwell and pen writing set that belonged to him; “coming to the museum where it belongs to be.

“I just think it’s wonderful the way that Dr. Harvey has carried on that vision of energy to bring (Hampton University) up to the modern day,” Nichols said.

The History exhibit features the curiosity room, a collection of objects solicited by Armstrong. The exhibit highlights his intention to use objects as instructive and integral tools to his educational philosophy of teaching by the most practical method.

The Legacy exhibit features two additional, six-figure gifts to their “Home by the Sea,” making educational dreams come true for generations to come. The Harvey’s personal generosity to Hampton University now totals more than $3.6 million.

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The second gift endows the Laron Clark, Jr. Scholarship Fund for First Generation College Students. Named for the long-serving Vice President for Development at Hampton University who died late last year, the Laron Clark, Jr. Scholarship Fund recognizes a man known for his selfless service to Hampton University faculty, staff and students. His trademark was personally delivering scholarship awards to students.

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Hampton University’s president and first lady are often celebrated for dedicating their lives to the service to others and when it comes to Hampton they support what they hold dear in real numbers. Their gifts to Hampton University have resulted in scholarships for students in the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute; scholarships for future teachers from Hampton and Newport News; incentives to increase faculty salaries; additional salary increases for the staff; support for the Children’s Center at the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute; general scholarships for students; support for students who are interested in studying abroad; and the establishment of endowed scholarships— the most recent being, of course, the Laron Clark, Jr. Scholarship Fund for First Generation College Students. This latest wave of donations speaks to the couple’s heartfelt commitment to “THE Standard of Excellence” that is Hampton University.

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For more information contact the Hampton University Museum at 757-727-5308 or log on to museum.hamptonu.edu

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Hampton University Scripps Howard students and professor study business journalism at Bloomberg in D.C.

Six students and one professor from Hampton University’s Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications attended a three-day business journalism workshop recently in the Bloomberg News office in Washington, D.C. Journalism majors Leenika Belfield-Martin, Mion Edwards, Brianna Jackson and Alexis Scott; strategic communication majors Aviel Brown and Jennifer Lowe; and assistant professor Butch Maier took the trip, jam-packed with learning sessions and funded by Bloomberg.

The HU group was joined in D.C. by — and collaborated with — a group of six Scripps students and a lecturer from Ohio University.

“This workshop was yet another huge showing that Bloomberg will go the distance not just to create a diversity pipeline for HBCU students but to nurture and expose young people to a sector of the media industry they may not have even imagined as a career,” Scripps Howard School Dean and Assistant Vice President for Marketing/Media B. DaVida Plummer said. “Ohio University’s Bob Stewart and I are so grateful to Bloomberg and to the Scripps Foundation for launching what we hope will be an ongoing benefit to our named schools.”

For Jackson, it was a preview of things to come.

Last semester, the senior secured a prestigious paid summer news internship at Bloomberg’s headquarters in New York.

“This trip has gotten me really excited about completing my internship at Bloomberg next summer,” said Jackson, who is from Chesapeake, Va. “And hopefully I can work for Bloomberg after that, too.

“I’m really grateful for this opportunity. The fact that we were the first group they did this with was really special and has gotten me excited for this year.”

Maier, a former editor-in-chief of Inside Business in Norfolk, taught the six HU students in JAC 451 Business Journalism in the fall. He teaches the course again this spring.

Three Bloomberg employees who visited HU last semester — Tom Contiliano, Bill Austin and Catherine Whelan — led a few of the many workshop sessions in D.C.

Sessions on Day 1 were titled “Finding the Business Angle;” “Understanding Financials;” “Interviewing Technique;” “The Bloomberg Way;” “Turning Text into Multimedia;” and “Using Social Media for Reporting.”


The morning sessions Day 3 were “Getting the Job;” “Profiles, Going Deeper;” and “Building a Career.”

During the sessions, the students from HU and Ohio University worked together in teams to complete interviewing, writing and editing assignments.

“It’s been really informative,” said Belfield-Martin, a sophomore from Laurel, Md. “And I enjoyed collaborating with students from another college.”


“The experience was really once in a lifetime,” said Edwards, a senior from D.C. “I’m really thankful for it. I learned a lot of practical things about how to develop a story as a journalist.

“When I asked Matt Winkler three characteristics every journalist should have, he said, ‘Integrity, commitment and gratitude.’”

All three were apparent at the workshop.

Brown showed her appreciation for integrity.

“My biggest takeaway was that ethics and standards are really important for Bloomberg,” said the junior from San Diego. “and how much time they take in sourcing to make sure everything is protected, ethical and fair.”

Bloomberg showed its commitment.

Sessions featured longtime writers and editors, such as Bloomberg News D.C. bureau chief Craig Gordon. The company went the extra mile with speakers from around the world — including one who had flown in from London.

“The most encouraging thing that I found was a lot of the people who are higher up did not have direct backgrounds in finance,” said Lowe, a senior from Rancho Cucamonga, California. “This field was intimidating. It was really comforting to learn that you can learn on the job.”

Water Leaving Mars: Hampton University Professor Finds Possible Cause

Hampton University Assistant Research Professor Nicholas Heaven’s was born to explore the sky and beyond. His latest research is a testament to that calling.

As lead author of a study reported this week in Nature Astronomy, Heaven and a host of collaborators with NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) suggest that planet-wide dust storms have played a significant role in the water loss on Mars.

The study compiled more than a decade worth of imaging data from observations by NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) to investigate the composition of the red planets dust storms, storms so large they can actually linger for months.

During dust storms in 2006 and 2007, water vapors were found at unusually high altitudes in the atmosphere.

“We found there’s an increase in water vapor in the middle atmosphere in connection with dust storms,” Heaven said. “Water vapor is carried up with the same air mass rising with the dust.”

NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope and the European Space Agency’s Mars Express Orbiter detected an escape of hydrogen 30 to 60 miles up in Mars’ thin atmosphere. The idea of Mars losing water isn’t new to scientists, but it is the rapid rate of water loss that surprised them.

Heaven said the planet lost 95 percent of its original water content, possibly through dust storms, changing what may have been a moist, warm Mars into what we know today as arid and barren.

“The expectation was that the hydrogen escaping Mars was caused by a chemical reaction,” Heaven said.

However, Heaven’s findings suggest that water could have floated to high altitudes in dust storms and solar energy – sunlight — efficiently atomized the water into hydrogen and oxygen. If that continues, Mars will eventually lose all of its water.

Most planets have some concentration of water, but to sustain life, water is essential. It’s also the reason why scientists are interested in Mars. For Heaven, his fascination with the red planet started at the age of 10 after reading an article in Life magazine that laid then-President George W. Bush’s vision for space exploration.

“That sounded fascinating to me and Mars hasn’t left my mind since,” Heaven said. “These days I have a more realistic approach to Mars. I study it to enable people or robots to someday land there and explore the planet safely.”

Heaven’s desire to someday see life roam the red planet is why he is not as thrilled as some Mars experts to see a dust storm grow so big it darkens skies around the entire planet.

“It would be great to have a global dust storm we could observe with all the assets now at Mars, and that could happen this year,” said David Kass of the JPL. He is co-author of the new report as well as deputy principal investigator for the instrument that is the main source of data for it, MRO’s Mars Climate Sounder.

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The day was capped off by a conversation with General Armstrong’s descendants. Samuel Armstrong Howe and Marjie Howe Emmons joined Senior Vice President Paul Harris on stage as other family members joined in a discussion with students, faculty, alumni and staff about what Armstrong meant to them and to the university.

Howard opened the discussion with a biography of Armstrong leading up to his heroics in the Civil War, and how Armstrong was treated for malaria at a hospital on the present Hampton University property. After the Civil War, Armstrong volunteered to help the government educate newly freed blacks, thus the genesis of Hampton Normal and Agricultural School.

Emmons read a letter from her great-grandfather that implored that the work of the School continues because, “unless some shall make sacrifice, it shall not go on.”

Another descendant, Arthur Howe III (and grandson of past Hampton Institute President Arthur Howe), was excited to be at Hampton, and pleased with the reception he received from the students.

“This has been the most welcoming group of students of any college campus that I’ve ever been on,” Howe said. “Students open doors for me; they are very open conversationally. You are a remarkable group.”
Dr. William R. Harvey Successfully Launches Book at Prestigious Beijing Book Fair

“If my life’s work and my book can be an inspiration to young minds in China, as well as here in the U.S., I will indeed feel truly blessed that I’ve been able to help to make a positive difference in the world,” Dr. Harvey said.

Dr. Harvey received his doctorate in college administration from Harvard University, has served on several multinational corporate boards of directors, and has been appointed to national advisory boards by six U.S. presidents, including Presidents George W. Bush and Barack H. Obama. He is included in Who’s Who in American Education, International Who’s Who of Intellectuals, Who’s Who in Business and Finance, and Who’s Who in America.

Dr. Harvey is soon celebrating his 40th anniversary as the president of Hampton University, and is one of the longest sitting presidents of any American university or college.

“Principles of Leadership” chronicles Dr. Harvey’s many challenges, as an African American growing up in America’s then-segregated South. One of the great appeals of his work to his Chinese audiences is that his book and life are a testament to how through hard work, perseverance and education, anyone can achieve his or her dreams. That is a powerful and inspiring message to China’s 1.4 billion people, which include 56 different ethnic groups (55 of whom are minority).

“It is the great honor of IPPH to publish the Chinese version Principles of Leadership,” said Mr. Zhu Mingang, president of IPPH. “The successful experiences of President Harvey are fully revealed in this book, which is not only related to management science, but also more to the humanities. Since the knowledge and wisdom of leadership is not confined to any nation’s border or to any industry, we believe the life and experiences of Dr. Harvey will greatly inspire management leaders, as well as would-be leaders from all walks of life.”

Since taking the presidential helm at Hampton in 1978, Dr. Harvey has helped shape the university as a leader in educational standards, innovation and financial stability.

Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey is donating the proceeds from his motivational book “Principles of Leadership: The Harvey Leadership Model,” which was recently published in China, to fund student scholarships at Hampton. The news was disclosed by Julia Wilson, CEO and founder of Wilson Global Communications, who brokered the book deal with the Intellectual Property Publishing House Co., Ltd. in Beijing on behalf of Dr. Harvey.

“I’m beyond delighted with the reception my book is receiving in China,” Dr. Harvey said. “In my travels to China over the years, I have met Chinese officials, educators and students. I’ve been highly impressed by the insatiable intellectual curiosity of students there. Chinese students and their families simply cherish reading and learning - and revere their teachers and professors. Perhaps, that’s a tradition we could re-energize here in the states.”

Dr. Harvey is soon celebrating his 40th anniversary as the president of Hampton University, and is one of the longest sitting presidents of any American university or college. Principles of Leadership Mandarin version will be sold in bookstores throughout China, including the Xinhua book stores, and can be bought through e-commerce online sites Dangdang, Jingdong and Amazon China and on the Alibaba website. In the U.S., the English version of the book can be purchased on amazon.com. Dr. Harvey is donating the proceeds from his book to fund student scholarships at Hampton University (see story on right).

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