Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Donate Additional $553,000 for Faculty and Staff Raises; Hampton University Gifts Total $4.2 Million

Dr. and Mrs. William R. Harvey are donating an unexpected and unprecedented gift of $553,000 to their “Home by the Sea.” Hampton’s first couple is no stranger to giving and giving back to the university they have led for 40 years. This latest gift was given to the faculty and staff in the form of a 1% additional raise on top of the optional annual increase that is given at the start of each fiscal year. For an example, if the supervisor’s recommendation was a raise of 3%, Dr. Harvey’s gift will increase that raise to 4%. The Harvey’s personal generosity to Hampton University now totals nearly $4.2 million.

This offering truly displays Dr. and Mrs. Harvey’s heartfelt commitment to giving back to the university community they serve. There is no question that in the four decades of service, the Harvey’s have upheld THE standard of excellence that is Hampton University. The Harvey’s are more than President and First Lady of Hampton University, they are truly admired for being the heart and soul of this prestigious institution.

As a result of Dr. Harvey’s guidance, generosity, direction and service, Hampton University is an internationally renowned world-class leader in higher education. Dr. Harvey, with his wife of 52 years at his side, has transformed Hampton University from a small college to a world-class university. The students attending Hampton are destined for success as they join alumni who were influenced by Dr. Harvey’s leadership. As a visionary, Dr. Harvey has embraced several of his closest academic advisors with the clear purpose of creating an institute with a curriculum focused on character development, critical thinking, leadership theory and application, ethics and policy development.

As it relates to their latest gift, Dr. Harvey said, “Our Hampton community is a family. Ensuring each faculty and staff member receives what they are due is extremely important to me. We all work very hard to make Hampton University a dynamic and respected leader in higher education. With the help of everyone who gives so much to the campus, we have been able to become one of the top modest sized institutions in the world.”

The Harvey’s most recent contribution brings the personal donations to the university from its first family to $4,153,000. As a visionary, Dr. Harvey has embraced HU founder General Samuel Chapman Armstrong’s mission to have every aspect at Hampton University excel. And excel it has under Dr. Harvey’s leadership. The William R. Harvey years, 40 and counting, will grace the record books as an unparalleled accounting of mega success, not just for the HU students, faculty and staff whose lives give testimony to the results of his labor, but for the global community of stakeholders who will continually reap the benefits of his astute leadership for generations to come.

Dr. Harvey has introduced innovations, which have solidified Hampton University’s stellar position among the nation’s colleges and universities. Ninety-two new academic programs, an endowment has increased 866% from $29 million to $280 million and growing. The academic and quality of the University’s student population, academic programs, physical facilities and financial base. During Dr. Harvey’s 40 years of visionary leadership, 92 new programs have been introduced, 28 new structures now dot the landscape of the campus surrounded on three sides by water, and the university’s endowment has grown 866% from $29 million to $280 million and growing.

He has been the leader of the Pirates through many changes and significant events athletically. From the 1989 NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball Championship, to the transition to NCAA Division I status, to the infamous victory over second-seeded Iowa State in the 2001 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament and now moving into the Big South Conference, Dr. Harvey has been through it all. Under his tenure, Hampton teams have won 110 conference titles. Lewis was a two-time NCAA champion at Hampton, taking the indoor triple jump title in 2006 and outdoor triple jump crown in 2007. She was named an All-American by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) four times: 2006 indoor triple jump, 2006 outdoor triple jump, 2007 indoor long jump and triple jump, and 2007 outdoor triple jump and 100-meter hurdles.

While a Lady Pirate, McCorory won two indoor 400-meter NCAA titles and one outdoor. Her 2010 NCAA indoor performance set a new collegiate and American record at 50.54. She is also a two-time Olympic gold medal winner as a part of the 4x400 relay team in 2012 and 2016. McCorory was a four-time All-American, as named by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). Morton, a sprinter on the track and field team, has competed in the 100m and 200m in addition to multiple relays in the outdoor season, while racing the 60m and 200m, as well as relays, in the indoor campaign. She currently ranks eighth outdoors in the MEAC with a time of 11.75 in the 100m, as well as 12th in the 200m with a 24.20. This came on the heels of a 7.44 (60m dash that ranked her third in the indoor season. Morton is a native of Stafford, Va.
Hampton University Joins Big South Conference

Hampton University has officially joined the Big South Conference as the calendar flips to July. Hampton is not the lone school joining the conference for the 2018-19 season as USC Upstate will begin competition alongside the Pirates.

Founded in 1983, the Big South Conference is an exemplary leader in college athletics, dedicated to developing student-athletes through the pursuit of excellence in the classroom, community and field of play. The league’s growing presence as an NCAA Division I athletic conference is made evident by its multitude of athletic accomplishments, innovative marketing and media partnerships, increased television packages and most importantly, its commitment to fostering the academic, personal, social, athletic, and leadership development of its student-athletes. Comprised of 11 member institutions sharing a common geographic region and similar academic values and purposes, the Big South’s remarkable history of achievement is characterized by the league’s 19 championship sports and the profound academic and life successes of its more than 4,200 student-athletes. This has evolved into the conference’s “Where Winners Are Made” mantra as part of a new strategic emphasis on becoming the premiere non-FBS conference in the Southeast.

Hampton University Joins Big South Conference

Hampton University alumna Raichele Privette (’18) is the recent recipient of the 2018 National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)/ESPN Stuart Scott Internship. The NABJ is the largest organization of journalists, students, and media-related professionals of color. They are committed to strengthening the ties among young black journalists while expanding the number of journalists in management positions. ESPN and NABJ offer this summer internship in memory of Stuart Scott, who passed away in 2015, for his contributions to sports journalism. The awardee receives a $3500 stipend on behalf of ESPN and NABJ, a free trip to the 2018 NABJ Convention & Career Fair in Detroit, assigned a student reporter on behalf of ESPN and NABJ, a free trip to the 2018 NABJ Convention & Career Fair in Detroit, assigned a student reporter assignment for ESPN. She will be working in a fast-paced and exciting environment, editing highlight videos, logging games, and various other activities for ESPN. She will be working in a fast-paced and deadline driven environment, while working closely with editors. Following her internship, Privette plans to attend Georgetown University to pursue a master’s degree in Journalism.

“Another bright Hampton Scripps’ rising star alum brightens the media landscape,” said Da’Vida Plummer, Dean of the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications. “We applaud and congratulate Raichele on her success and wish her much luck as we know she’ll go far.”

Hampton Alumna, Raichele Privette, Awarded Prestigious NABJ/ESPN Summer Internship

Since 2000, the Big South Conference has experienced its most pivotal accomplishments in the league’s history both athletically and academically, such as:

- NCAA Baseball National Champion in 2016
- Six individual National Champions
- Two top 10 finishes in the NCAA Men’s Golf Championship — including fifth in 2007
- The No. 1 ranked team in the national polls in 2014 and 2015 (football)
- Reached the quarterfinals of the FCS Playoffs four times in five years from 2013-17
- Multiple teams in the FCS playoffs four times since 2012
- Reached the NCAA “Sweet 16” in men’s soccer, women’s basketball, baseball and women’s lacrosse
- Four NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament wins
- Reached the NCAA Softball Regional Championship game five times
- Three Top 24 finishes in the NCAA Women’s Golf Championship since 2011
- The No. 1 seed in the NCAA Baseball Regionals four times, including the national No. 4 seed in 2010
- Three berths in the NCAA Baseball Super Regionals
- Multiple teams in the NCAA Baseball Regionals eight times
- Qualified three teams for NCAA postseason play in the same sport for the first time in 2016 (men’s soccer, men’s golf)
- Multiple postseason berths in at least four sports for five straight years (2013-18)
- First-ever appearance in the Quarterfinals of the NCAA Women’s Tennis Doubles Championship
- Appearances in the round of 32 in the NCAA Men’s Singles Championship
- First All-Americans in men’s and women’s cross country
- The first-ever national finalist for NCAA Woman of the Year
- A Big South—record 13 Academic All-Americans in 2003-04 and 2013-14
- A Big South—record 28 NCAA Public Recognition Awards for APR Success in 2018
- At least an 84 percent graduation rate for four years running
- A Big South—record 42 All-Americans in 2011-12

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On a night celebrating academic excellence and achievement, Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey and his 40 years of unparalleled leadership, was immortalized with the creation and awarding of the inaugural William R. Harvey Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2018 HBCU Awards in Baltimore.

The award, presented by HBCU Digest, is named in honor of the legendary career of Dr. William R. Harvey, who has served Hampton University with dignity and created a monumental legacy for the past 40 years. He is among the longest sitting college or university presidents in the United States.

Dr. Harvey had the pleasure of receiving two standing ovations during the awards ceremony: the first at the announcement of the award he would be receiving, and the second after accepting the award and giving his acceptance remarks. Dr. Harvey began his remarks with a heartfelt acceptance of this once in a lifetime honor. “To the nominees, awardees, guests, my colleagues in higher education, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to stand before you to accept the 2018 HBCU Digest Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of my commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities in my 40 years of service as the President of Hampton University,” he said.

As he continued on, Dr. Harvey spoke about HBCU Digest, which is an organization he respects immensely, and encourages others to support. “We must become more vocal and more involved in support of the wonderful work that we continue to do. This is one of the reasons why HBCU Digest is important.

It gives us an opportunity to communicate with one another and work together to make HBCU and all of higher education better,” he said. “It gives us an opportunity to share information and serve as I have been fortunate in my life because I’ve been given the power to serve.”

Over his tenure as Hampton University President, Dr. Harvey has introduced innovations that have solidified Hampton's stellar position among the nation's colleges and universities. His extraordinary leadership is reflected in the growth and quality of the University's student population, academic programs, physical facilities and financial base. During Dr. Harvey's 40 years of visionary leadership, 92 new programs have been introduced, 28 new structures now dot the landscape of the campus surrounded on three sides by water, and the university's endowment has grown 660% from $29 million to $280 million and growing.

Dr. Harvey has also received appointments to national boards by six presidents of the United States and led important community and educational initiatives in Virginia. Dr. Harvey has truly transformed Hampton University into a world-class leader in higher education. Created by HBCU Digest Founding Editor Jarrett L. Carter Sr. in 2011, the HBCU Awards crowns winners in the fields of leadership, arts, athletics, research, and community engagement. Dr. Harvey was also the first recipient of the ‘Male President of the Year’ award in the inaugural HBCU Awards.

“Dr. Harvey's career has epitomized what innovation and work ethic can actualize within any organization, but particularly one with a mission mandate to support under-represented and under-resourced students,” said Carter. “The entire HBCU community is a collective beneficiary of his advocacy and example over 40 years, and we are honored to pay tribute to that legacy in at least a small way, by naming our lifetime achievement award in his honor.”

The HBCU Awards is the first national awards event to recognize the influence and impact of HBCUs on American culture.

Incoming Hampton University STEM Students Participate in Program to Gain Head Start on Education

Incoming freshmen that have been admitted into the Hampton University School of Engineering and Technology, which houses the Departments of Chemical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Architecture, and Aviation, are participating in a five-week Pre-College program, which started on June 15, 2018. The program is designed to help students get a head start in their respective disciplines, while energizing critical thinking, identifying student strengths and deficiencies, and igniting desire for life-long learning in their discipline.

“These brilliant students will begin their educational journey with this program,” said Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey. “They will receive an introduction to their field of study and become very familiar with THE standard of excellence we uphold. This will truly mark the beginning of their professional career and we are excited to be a part of it.”

This program is funded by the National Science Foundation Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) grant. The overall goal is to assist universities and colleges in diversifying the STEM workforce. Students who participate will take three courses: Pre-Calculus, Introduction to Engineering, and English. In addition, there will be daily study sessions, workshops, and field trips.

“Students participating in this program are from across the country, including the states of Michigan, Virginia, Alabama, New Jersey, Maryland, Texas, North Carolina, and California,” said Dr. Joyce Shirazi, Dean of the School of Engineering and Technology. “They are enthusiastic about the program and we are passionate about their success.”

The primary goal of this program is to increase the mathematical readiness of engineering students. This will yield increased retention and graduation rates for the School of Engineering and Technology.

Typically, freshmen engineering students are required to take eighteen (18) credit hours during their first full semester at Hampton University; as a result of participating in the LSAMP program, students can reduce their work load to thirteen (13) credit hours for their first official semester.

“It’s an honor to help support a program that seeks to propel Black American scholars who are novice in engineering to greater successes in the discipline,” said Nathan Holland, Director of the LSAMP School of Engineering and Technology Pre-College Program. “It would be a disservice to not support and build up this mountain of potential. These students represent an opportunity to see advancements in STEM related fields spearheaded by underrepresented minority groups.”

Join to Propose Two U.S. Senate Debates in the Fall

Hampshire University and Liberty University are pleased to announce that they have issued a joint invitation to the major-party candidates seeking election to the U.S. Senate to participate in two debates in the fall. The first proposed debate would be held in Hampton at Hampton University's historic Ogden Hall, and the second proposed debate would be held in Lynchburg at Liberty's new state-of-the-art Center for Music and the Worship Arts concert hall.

In addition, the Virginia Association of Broadcasters has agreed to partner with the two universities in promoting, producing, and broadcasting both debates on live statewide television. Students from Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications will also assist in the production of the debate on Hampton's campus.

Earlier this year, the two schools met to discuss their mutual interest in looking for ways to work together to advance their shared goals of providing the best educational opportunities for their students and promoting the public good by offering a statewide platform for robust civic discourse. The two schools' shared commitment to Jefferson's idea that only a well-educated citizenry can preserve the promise of the American republic led them to offer to host these two debates during this important U.S. Senate election.

Hampton University is located in one of the most populous regions in the Commonwealth and has an unparalleled history of leadership as one of the top historically black universities in the world. Liberty University is located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Central Virginia and is the largest Christian university in the world.

Kelly Harvey-Viney, the Director for Hampton University’s Center for Public Policy, said: “The partnership between Hampton and Liberty is an example of institutional civic engagement at its best. As our schools have connected across regional and ideological lines, so should our state and congressional officials in order to carry out what is in the best interest of the Commonwealth of Virginia. We need to have an honest conversation. Our children’s future depends on it, and these debates are critical in allowing that to happen.”

“We are very excited about the prospect of hosting these two important debates with Hampton University and the Virginia Association of Broadcasters,” said Robert Hurt, a former U.S. Representative and the Director of Liberty's Center for Law and Government. “The race for U.S. Senate in Virginia will be one of the important elections to follow in the fall, and we hope that our students and the public will benefit from what promises to be a lively and informative exchange of ideas at a critical time in the history of our nation.”

“We hope our collaborative partnership with Liberty University showcases what wonderful things can be achieved when institutions with different educational leaders with open minds work together to promote broader civic objectives,” added Paul C. Harris, a former Virginia delegate and Hampton University’s senior vice president. “What binds Hampton and Liberty in this unlikely endeavor is our shared passion for the value that rigorous political debate plays in the proper function of an educated citizenry.”
Lars Minns, a Hampton University alumni, was recently promoted to Chief Human Resources Officer for Mercedes-Benz, USA with responsibility for USA, Canada, and Mexico. In this new position, Minns will lead the organization in designing, implementing, and executing HR strategies that directly align with the company’s strategic objectives for the Sales, Marketing, and Distribution of passenger cars in the US, Mexico and Canada.

During his time at Hampton, Minns was involved in the International Students Association and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management in 1998. After graduating, Minns worked as a recruiter for Aerotek, followed by a position as an account manager for the Net Tech Group. After that, Minns worked for The Home Depot from 2005 until 2015 in several capacities, the last serving as Sr. Mgr. of Talent Acquisition where he led his team in executing talent acquisition strategies for the company’s fastest growing business segment. He joined Mercedes-Benz USA in 2015.

“Congratulations to Mr. Minns on his successful career thus far,” said Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey. “Mr. Minns is a prime example of what Hampton strives to do. We help provide the building tools for a rewarding future.”

Minns was born in the Bahamas and now resides in Atlanta. He has a beautiful wife and three adorable kids and is very excited about this new adventure. “I love the opportunity to maximize the efforts and capabilities of people to help foster great decisions, which lead to a great culture, and that drives business,” Minns said.

Having attended one of the most prestigious HBCU’s, Minns offers advice to current students to enjoy their time in college, be social, but remain focused on academics. “Prepare for your career in your junior year. There is a maturity that’s needed when you enter your senior year in order to handle the competing demands and that requires practice. Junior year is practice time and senior year is show time,” Minns said.

Minns is a sought after presenter and facilitator and spends considerable time communicating the importance of cultivating the right talent for business success. He is a current board member of Page Turners make Great Learners.

Hampton University Alumnus, Lars Minns, Promoted to Head of Human Resources for Mercedes-Benz

Hampton University Alumna Heads to Haiti to Teach

Ms. Alyssa Barber, Hampton University graduate, class of 2015, will soon embark on a new journey, teaching in Haiti. In September 2017, Ms. Barber visited Haiti on a two-week mission trip where she worked in an orphanage and a local school. Ms. Barber will become the Frontier Projects Haiti Consultant and work with Light for Living International Ministries (LFLIM) at their mission base in Carrefour, Port au Prince. Ms. Barber believes, “all students should get the chance to travel abroad because it broadens your perspective of other cultures and makes you appreciate what you have here in the United States.”

Hampton University Students Traveled to Panama to Learn Service and be Immersed in a Different Way of Life

Thirteen Hampton University students just returned from a trip of a lifetime to Panama City, Panama, as part of the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute (WRHLI) International Service Learning Program that occurred from May 14 – 23, 2018.

This program launched in 2016 when students traveled to the Dominican Republic for an eight-day international service learning and study abroad experience.

Last year, WRHLI Fellows traveled to Costa Rica for a ten-day service learning initiative. Costa Rica provided students with a memorable travel experience, while also allowing them to serve a population, known for its rich ecosystems and remarkable landscapes, which is very different from their own.

“I feel so blessed that our Fellows are able to participate in this program to help give back and improve the world we live in, by experiencing other cultures and bringing back memories that will last a lifetime,” said Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey.

WRHLI Fellows applied for the W.D.C. Harvey Scholarship, where finalists went through an interview panel, were selected, and then required to take LEA 305 Leadership Applications of Cultural Intelligence and The Entrepreneurial Mindset, a 2-credit course which met on Friday’s at 7:00 a.m., during the spring 2018 semester.

The W.D.C. Harvey Scholars is named after Hampton University President Dr. Harvey’s father, who was a social activist, and a business and community leader. This is the second year of the scholarship. “The trip was tremendous and the Leadership Fellows truly embraced service learning from a cultural perspective,” said Dr. Jarris Louis Taylor, Jr., Director of the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute. “This semester those who were selected as W.D.C. Harvey Scholars were required to take LEA 305 with me, so they actually had an academic course in preparation for going to Panama.”

Students participated in three main activities throughout their time in Panama: immersing themselves in the culture and lives of the Embera Indigenous community who live in a village that requires a one-hour long canoe ride to get to; served at a local foodbank and prepared over 12,500 meals for the community; and lastly, visited the San Jose Malambo Orphanage, where students interacted with children ranging in ages infant to high school, helped donate school supplies, and visited classrooms.

“I experienced joy and fulfillment just by interacting with people who had completely different backgrounds than me,” said Dazha Lankford, Hampton University rising junior and WRHLI Fellow. “Their joy and appreciation for every donation, service indicative, and conversation we had with them was the highlight of my life. I’m so grateful to the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute for giving me this amazing opportunity and letting me gain a new passion for serving.”

Although one of the main aspects of this trip is service, students were able to tour parts of the city and even were able to get an up close tour of the Panama Canal. “When touring the Panama Canal, I learned not just about the architectural design, but the history of its development and how important it is to the citizens of Panama for its economy and relations to the global community,” said Kenneth Riodand III., HU student and WRHLI Fellow. “A lot of lessons can be learned from Panama, including the way one should appreciate his or her culture and take pride in their heritage. I hope to integrate the lessons learned into my everyday lifestyle and also influence others with the same lessons, as well.”

The 2019 International Service Learning trip is already being planned. The Leadership Fellows will get a chance to apply this September to become a 2018-2019 W.D.C. Harvey Scholar. For more information about this program, go to http://li.hamptonu.edu/intl_service_learning.cfm.