Hampton University and the City of Hampton Partner to Form Hampton University Severe Storm Research Center

Hampton University has received a $135,000.00 grant from the Economic Development Authority City of Hampton, Virginia, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, (EDA) to fund the “Center of Excellence,” Hampton University’s Severe Storm Research Center.

“With the creation of this Center, Hampton University can continue to provide breakthrough satellite data and real-time information about area storms with our weather technology that rivals most weather centers in the country,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey. The “Center of Excellence” will use Hampton University’s state of the art weather technology for weather data collection, analysis and prediction, and recruit world-class experts, as well as collaborating with the EDA to support, promote and expand key clusters. It will also provide the latest severe weather reports, for the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Hampton.

Hampton University Receives $340,658 Technology Grant to Create Esports Lab

The Hampton University Department of Sports Management secured a $340,658 technology grant from the Department of Homeland Security to create an Esports lab, offering courses in Esports to students.

“Esports is the newest thing in sports management. Since 2016, there has been $16 million allocated for Esports Scholarships. Many African Americans have not been afforded these opportunities. There is a void in diversity between HBCUs and the history of the white institution level. I’m looking to increase the diversity in Esports and also have a revenue opportunity for this institution at the same time,” said Instructor of Sports Management, David C. Hughes. Esports or electronic sports is a competition using video games, taking the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players, individually or as teams. Fortnite, League of Legends, Counter-Strike, Call of Duty, Overwatch and Madden NFL are the most popular at-home video games for gamers. The gamers are watched as they play and followed by millions of fans all over the world. Fans attend live events or tune in on TV or online.

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Hampton University Student, Nupol Kiazolu, Crowned Miss Liberia USA 2019-20

Hampton University rising sophomore, Nupol Kiazolu was recently crowned Miss Liberia USA 2019–20, in her first ever participation in a pageant. This year was the 17th Annual Pageant, which took place on Liberia’s Independence Day, July 26th at the Suzanne Roberts Theater in Philadelphia, PA.

“Ms. Nupol Kiazolu is just one example of the best and the brightest students that we have here at Hampton University. We know that she will continue to succeed and represent her ‘Home by the Sea’ in all her future endeavors. Congratulations!” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey. Kiazolu is a political science major on the pre-law track from Brooklyn, NY. She is an activist and organizer, the President of Black Lives Matter Greater NY and the Founder and CEO of Vote 2000, where partnered with DoSomething.org, the organization aims to get young people to register to vote. Kiazolu was also featured in Teen Vogue’s 21 Under 21 class of 2018, which spotlights extraordinary young women, girls and femmes making waves in their industries or passions of choice.

Contestants of the Miss Liberia Pageant are scored in six categories: preliminary interview, African wear, talent, platform, evening wear and final interview question. The winner of the pageant receives a monetary award as well as an all-expense paid 10-day trip to Liberia. As the winner, Kiazolu will also attend speaking engagements, make appearances and be able to network with like-minded individuals.

“Past winners and contestants have gone on to create nonprofit organizations focusing on...”
Hampton University Receives Approval for New MRI Machine for HUPTI

The Virginia Department of Health has recently approved Hampton University’s formal request for one fixed MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) machine to be constructed at the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute.

“With the addition of this state-of-the-art technology, HUPTI can continue to ease human misery and save the lives of cancer patients. This is our mission at the world’s only free-standing proton beam cancer treatment center,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

The addition of an on-site MRI machine will be a big boost to the facility, as it will eliminate the need to outsource imaging to other locations. “This is a big win for Hampton University and HUPTI as well as a major progression for our patients’ care,” said Dr. Vahagn Nazaryan, HUPTI’s Executive Director. “Positive developments such as this one allow for expedited patient treatments and previously inaccessible research opportunities.

The approval for a new MRI machine is one of the many notable achievements and milestones for the Institute over the last several months. In March of this year, HUPTI surpassed 3,000 patients treated since its inception in 2010. Hampton University also became a member of the National Cancer Institute’s Quantitative Imaging Network (QIN), and secured a $2 million contract for cancer imaging research from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health to assist in further developing research resources at HUPTI to support various health-centered projects, one of which included MRI imaging capability at the facility.

Hampton University Welcomes the Class of 2023
During Two-Day Move-In, August 23 and 24

It’s that time of year again! Hampton University welcomed nearly 1,000 new Hamptonians to their new ‘Home by the Sea’, as they moved into their residence halls, in preparation of having a successful year during the two–day move-in, August 23 and 24.

Several organizations from Hampton University’s student body and staff were available campus-wide, helping the newest Hamptonians and their families move items into the residence halls. It also provided an opportunity for students to meet their classmates, Resident Assistants, Residence Hall Directors, staff, administrators and get to know the historic campus they will call home for the next several years.

“I feel so comfortable here already and have already met new people. It really feels like home,” said Kamryn Guile, incoming freshman, kinesiology major from Bowie, Maryland. “I’m looking forward to the football games, classes, and learning all that I can.”

Throughout the weekend, students and their families were able to attend social and informative events, including an open mic night, talent show, and the Opening Session on Saturday, August 24, which included a warm welcome address from Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

Dr. Harvey spoke about the importance of the first day of college for both the parents and the students.

“A sincere welcome to each of you to the place we affectionately call our ‘Home by the Sea’. To the parents, I extend a special welcome and express my appreciation and wise decision to entrust Hampton University with your son or your daughter. This day is an accomplishment of a dream as your child is now beginning college. Today is both a beginning and ending. You are ending a phase of parenting in which you have had significant control over your children’s lives. You are now beginning a phase in which you will have an opportunity to see the fruits of your labor as your child begins to now take control of his or her own lives through their own decisions and subsequent actions,” Dr. Harvey stated.

During his address, Dr. Harvey also provided statistics about the incoming class of 2023, such as top majors and the top states the students hail from. He spoke to the incoming students about their wise decision to make Hampton University their “Home by the Sea.”

“Today, you are embarking on what promises to be one of the richest experiences of your very lives. Furthermore, let me assure you that your decision to attend Hampton was a very wise one. I am confident after these 42 years as President, that the decision to choose Hampton was for the same reason that other outstanding young men and women chose to attend Hampton. This university has a commitment to excellence, equal opportunity, quality education and character. We offer dynamic academic programs, athletics programs and support services for our students,” Dr. Harvey said. “When General Armstrong founded Hampton, he said that there were two things that he wanted. One, he wanted a top-notch academic program, which today would be called workforce development. Secondly, he wanted an institution, which was of high character. He said of the two, character was even more important. At Hampton, we believe that good character is the main ingredient for a life well-lived.”

Also of note, in April, Dr. Nomonde Nolutshungu, the Minister Counsellor (Health Attaché) for the Republic of South Africa, toured HUPTI. She met with Hampton Mayor Donnie Tuck and the Institute’s medical staff to discuss ways to make the proton therapy cancer treatment modality available to the residents of South Africa. In the country of 58 million people, over 100,000 citizens disproportionately suffer from prostate, breast, lung, colorectal and other cancers. Following Dr. Nolutshungu’s visit, subsequent meetings with HUPTI staff are being scheduled to decide what next steps can be taken to help the people of South Africa gain access to proton therapy.

The Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute is located in Hampton, VA and currently treats breast, lung, prostate, head and neck, ocular, GI, brain and spine and pediatric cancers.

For additional information about HUPTI, please call (757) 251–6814 or email cordereau@hamptonproton.org.
Join us in congratulating the 2019 Forty Under 40 Honorees:

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Ms. Danielle Williams
Dr. Shaun Woody

Hampton University’s School of Nursing Hires Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson to Lead Center of Excellence in Gerontology

Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, DNP, MSN, RN-BC has been appointed to the role of associate professor at Hampton University’s School of Nursing. Her newly created role will help develop the University’s Center of Excellence in Gerontology that will focus on developing inter-professional health care providers to deliver care for older adults, developing community-based programs to address social determinants of health for older adults and lead community-engaged research with a focus on helping older adults live healthy lives.

“We are pleased to welcome Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson to Hampton University and to the School of Nursing. Her credentials and experience make her the perfect leader to see our vision for this Center of being more engaged in the care of older adults come to fruition,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

The inaugural year for the Center of Excellence in Gerontology includes three pillars: 1) building partnerships with key community organizations with an interest in care for older adults, 2) increasing community education and engagement through community-based seminars, and 3) building the workforce for caring for older adults; i.e. baccalaureate RNs with geriatric skills set, geriatric nurse practitioners, pharmacists and physical therapists prepared to address the unique needs of older adults.

“The population of Virginians age 65 and older are expected to double between 2010 and 2030, and almost one in five Virginians will be considered a senior citizen, according to statistics from the University of Virginia’s Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. Hampton University is uniquely placed to be a leader in Hampton Roads in working with providing community education for older adults and caregivers, working alongside policymakers, leading research efforts and preparing future health care providers. I am very excited to begin this journey to help our older citizens live healthy lives and continue being productive citizens in the Commonwealth!” stated Dr. McQueen-Gibson.

Prior to assuming the role at Hampton University, Dr. McQueen-Gibson spent two years at Virginia Commonwealth University as part of the community-based Richmond Health & Wellness Program. In this role, she served as an advanced practice nurse and clinical researcher providing care for community-dwelling older adults in low-income apartment buildings in the inner city of Richmond. Her clinical research focuses on developing models of care for custodial African American grandparents raising their grandchildren with a focus of addressing management of chronic disease. Her community-engaged research has also addressed nutrition insecurity, social isolation and its effect on older adults.

“We are simply thrilled to have Dr. McQueen-Gibson as part of the Hampton School of Nursing family! She brings a tremendous level of experience, and with her skill sets, our vision of establishing our Center of Excellence in Gerontology is definitely on the horizon,” said Hampton University School of Nursing Dean, Dr. Shevellanie Lott.

Prior to her work at VCU, Dr. McQueen-Gibson worked as a clinical administrator for Riverside Health System in Newport News, VA for their All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program for community-dwelling older adults. She has practiced nursing for over 35 years, to include clinical and administrative positions, and is a veteran having served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps on active and reserve duty.

Dr. McQueen-Gibson’s previous academic appointments include adjunct assignments at Marymount University, Norfolk State University, Howard University, and Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma Community College and Pierce College (all in Washington). Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson is serving an appointment by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam to the Virginia Board of Nursing. She is also serving on the U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services’ Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

She holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Ursuline College in Cleveland, OH, a Master of Science degree in Nursing from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Ursuline College in Cleveland, OH.

For more information regarding Hampton University’s Center of Excellence in Gerontology, contact the Office of the Dean at the Hampton University School of Nursing via email at shevellanie.lott@hamptonu.edu or via phone at 757.727.5654.

Kiazolu, Crowned Miss Liberia USA 2019-20, continued from front

clean water in Liberia, sexual abuse advocacy, mentorship, and a host of others. The Miss Liberia in the US Scholarship Pageant is more than just a beauty pageant. It puts its contestants and winners in a position where they can be strong advocates for their various platforms and ultimately implement it and watch it grow,” said Renee Wilson, Pageant Director of the Miss Liberia in the US Pageant.

Here is an excerpt from an interview with Nopol:

**How did you get involved with the Miss Liberia Pageant?** I’m not really a pageant girl, I’m an on-the-ground activist and organizer. But this is something that I’ve wanted to do since I was a little girl. I grew up around a lot of people who have been in pageants but I never thought it would become a reality. Everything feels so surreal!

**What was your experience like?** The whole pageant experience was phenomenal. Going in, I didn’t know what to expect. I thought it would be like it is on TV, very competitive, but really it was a sisterhood. We supported each other throughout the week, gave each other critiques and after the pageant, we are still keeping that sisterhood alive.

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**How were you feeling during the actual event?** I was so nervous! But then I got a pep talk from one of my friends and she said to just be yourself. Be the one who speaks out, the same one that is advocating for Liberia. Be who you are. So that’s what I did.

**What is your platform for the pageant?** My platform is rebuilding the infrastructure in Liberia through health care, socio economic infrastructure, criminal justice infrastructure, and education. As a human being, we all have rights to these things but people in Liberia are struggling. Some people don’t have electricity, sanitation facilities and the country’s literacy rate is only 47 percent. It’s just not right.

What’s next for you? I actually have some really great things in the works. I’m working on an HBCU initiative to get more young Black students to vote. I chose to attend Hampton University because of the great history that Hampton has. I couldn’t see myself at any other school. I just love HBCUs, so shining the light on HBCUs is extremely important to me. As for the rest, you’ll just have to stay tuned! Kiazolu plans to be an elected official and a civil rights/defense attorney after she graduates from Hampton.
University, Speaks at Liberty University’s 2019 Convocation

Hampton University’s President, Dr. William R. Harvey, spoke at Liberty University’s Convocation on Wednesday, August 23, delivering a powerful message of leadership, service and character, and receiving two standing ovations during his allocution.

Liberty’s President, Jerry Falwell Jr., introduced Dr. Harvey to the large crowd of students, faculty and staff. “Today I’ve been looking forward to for a long time. There’s a handful of college presidents that I got to know when I became president 12 years ago who have become mentors to me and I’ve learned so much from. President William Harvey is at the top of that list,” said President Falwell.

When introducing Dr. Harvey, President Falwell noted just a small portion of the many contributions Dr. Harvey has made to Hampton over the last 42 years he has served as President.

“Forty-two years ago when he became President of Hampton, he told the Board, ‘I promise you, I’m going to run this school like a business and I’m going to do what’s best for the school.’ Let me tell you what that has resulted in. He’s got hundreds of millions of dollars in endowment. The campus has beautiful buildings from every decade since 1868. It’s right on the water, on the Chesapeake Bay. And it’s the most successful, both academically and financially, historically black college in the country, in my opinion, and it’s because of this man right here,” said President Falwell.

Dr. Harvey expressed his appreciation and admiration for President Falwell and their friendship. He also told the audience of his belief in the goodness of God. “I want you to know that the Lord has ordered my steps. The main ingredient for success of any entity, no matter the field, “Business, education, government, politics, organized crime, sports, the arts, healthcare, or the like. It could make a positive difference or a negative difference. Either way, success is defined by effective leadership,” said Dr. Harvey.

Dr. Harvey’s parents served as his first leadership role models. “The lessons that I learned from them directly started me on the road toward my own leadership development. For an example, my Daddy taught me the leadership lesson of listening, of asking questions, seeking input, analyzing information and respecting others’ opinions,” Dr. Harvey said.

From an early age, Dr. Harvey had been taught by his parents the importance of being of service. “Leading and serving others is a way of life for me. I find great joy in knowing that my leadership and service have made a difference in others’ lives. Over 35,000 students have graduated from Hampton since I have been there. I thank God for that. If any of you really want to be a leader, if you really want to be great. If you really want to be a person of honor, then you must do as Jesus said, you must serve others,” said Dr. Harvey.

Lastly, Dr. Harvey spoke about good character. “I recognize that in order to lead and serve, one must not only believe in, but also demonstrate, good character. As members of our society, all of us have a moral urgency to promote character development. There are those who will criticize us on this matter, but I would urge you here at Liberty as I do my students at Hampton, not to abstain from doing what you think is right and doing what you think is best, not just for today, but also for future generations,” Dr. Harvey said.

Dr. Harvey ended his speech with a challenge to Liberty students. “Allow your academic experiences here at Liberty to serve as the foundation upon which you build productive careers. Allow your social interaction with your faculty, staff, administrators, and your fellow students to guide you as you interact with individuals in the workplace and in society,” said Dr. Harvey. “It is my desire for you to live richly satisfying personal lives, filled with love and laughter. To find ways to make your community a better place for yourselves and your neighbors, and to grow and continue to learn for the rest of your lives. Remember, Liberty has made you conquerors, and you have the courage and the strength to overcome every obstacle set before you.”

In an effort to help those students and families affected by Hurricane Dorian, Hampton University is entering into an agreement with the University of the Bahamas–North to allow students who have been displaced by the hurricane to continue their education on HU’s campus.

“I think this agreement is something that can be helpful to a great number of students and families, and is part of something I’ve tried to do my entire career – helping people to achieve and meet their goals,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

Dr. Harvey and Dr. Rodney Smith, the President of the University of the Bahamas, the former Administrative Vice President and Chief Planning Officer at Hampton University, came to this agreement after Hurricane Dorian battered the Bahamas with high winds and rain for more than two days, causing extensive damage and several deaths.

Students from the University of the Bahamas–North will be able to attend classes at Hampton for the fall 2019 semester, receive room and board for one semester, and will have the option to stay at Hampton once the semester is over at regular rates for tuition and fees.

“Hampton has been the educational choice for many Bahamians over its long history. I am grateful to President Harvey and university leadership on this demonstration of kindness and humanity to my home in our time of need,” said Lawrence Rigby, (c/o 2015), 2014-2015 Student Government Association President from Nassau, New Providence. “Young Bahamians from Abaco and Grand Bahama who are looking for the tools to rebuild their lives and home will find them at Hampton.”

For more information, please contact the Hampton University Office of Admissions at 757-727-5328. Anyone interested in supporting these students, please contact the Hampton University Office of Development at 757-727-5002.