Hampton University Continues to be Recognized as Top School in Several Collegiate Publications

Hampton University is consistently ranked as the top of several prestigious college listings, including U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, MONEY Magazine and many others, distancing itself from many institutions of its size across many noteworthy categories.

The Princeton Review named Hampton University as a “Best Regional College” and “Best 385 Colleges” in their annual college guide. The Princeton Review has been a trusted resource for students and families to make the right college choice for over 27 years. For its 28th edition, The Princeton Review surveyed over 140,000 students from across the country so that they could tell the public which colleges have the best food, best career services, happiest students and more.

“Every day Hampton University continues to uphold THE Standard of Excellence that our founder General Samuel Chapman Armstrong set forth when he transformed a dream into the reality of this institution. We pursue programs and ventures that are not occurring at any other institution. We are the only HBCU ever to be solely responsible for a major NASA mission. Our rankings in these highly prestigious publications reflect the many accomplishments and achievements Hampton University continues to produce,” said Dr. William R. Harvey, Hampton University’s President.

The U.S. News & World Report is a multiplatform publisher of news and information. For 30 years, their rankings have served as a valuable reference when making life’s toughest decisions. U.S. News & World Report ranked Hampton University for 2020 as a Best National University, and as one of the top HBCUs. They also ranked Hampton University with a Top Undergraduate Engineering Program and a new ranking category this year, Top Performer on Social Mobility. This ranking measure how well schools graduated students who received federal Pell Grants.

Hampton University was named one of the “Best Colleges” in 2019 by MONEY Magazine – a longtime trusted leader in financial preparedness.

Study.com recently published its 2019 rankings for best criminal justice schools in the country and Hampton University received a top ranking. Over 40 million visitors per month use Study.com to research potential schools, degrees and careers, and this list of the best criminal justice programs will help users and potential students learn about Hampton University’s excellent criminal justice offerings.

OnlineCollegePlan recently created rankings surrounding several different areas in education. Hampton University received Top Online PhD programs in special education.

College Values Online also identified Hampton University as having one of the best online doctorate in special education degree programs. The ranking considered accreditation, rankings in major publications and affordability.

College Consensus, a unique college ratings website that aggregates publisher rankings and student reviews, has published their ranking of the Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities 2019 and Hampton University ranked in the top five. To identify the Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities 2019, College Consensus combined the latest results from the most respected college rankings with thousands of real student reviews to produce a unique consensus score for each school. According to Consensus editors, “College Consensus gathers the publisher rankings and student reviews from around the web and distills the results into simple, easy to understand scores so students can quickly and easily compare schools.”

Affordable Schools identified Hampton University as having one of the most affordable online bachelor’s in human resources management degree programs in their 2019 ranking. The ranking considered average cost of attendance, student-to-faculty ratio, US News and World Report ranking, and graduation rate. The editors noted that this is one of the best values for an online bachelor’s in human resources management degree programs.

TheBestSchools.org featured Hampton University as one of the best Online Paralegal Bachelor’s Programs for 2019. TheBestSchools.org connects prospective students with the best online degree programs available. According to TheBestSchools.org, “Hampton stands out as one of the best of the best and we want to celebrate that”

Nursing School Hub named Hampton University in the Top 25 Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities Nursing Schools for 2020. With demand of nurses of all backgrounds at an all-time high, HBCU nursing schools are playing a critical role in providing black and other minority students with a welcoming, supportive educational environment. Hampton University’s program is preparing nurses to meet the healthcare needs of a diverse America.

OnlineDegrees.com has proudly ranked Hampton University No. 3 in their new study focusing on the best schools to earn a bachelor’s in criminal justice online. They look at factors such as tuition, flexibility, accreditation and scholarships to select the top schools. They also use the most recent government data, such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics and others, to evaluate schools offering bachelor’s degrees in criminal justice online.

First Lady Pamela Northam Visits Hampton University Child Development Center as part of her Second Annual Back to School Tour

Virginia’s First Lady Pamela Northam visited the Hampton University Child Development Center (HUCDC) on Monday, September 9, as part of her “Back to School” tour to highlight the importance of school readiness. HUCDC was the only child development center First Lady Northam visited in Hampton. Last year was First Lady Northam’s inaugural Back to School tour, where she traveled more than 2,000 miles and made 38 different stops throughout the state.

“We welcome First Lady Pamela Northam to Hampton University. Our Child Development Center is the absolute best place for Early Childhood Education. We were happy to share with First Lady Northam the tremendous work that Ms. Joy Hernandez and her staff are doing to shape the minds of our children and prepare them for school,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

First Lady Northam is a longtime educator and advocate of young children. During this Second Annual Back to School Tour, First Lady Northam will engage with educators, parents, students, legislators and local leaders from the nonprofit and business communities. “Our community partners are so important in making sure we have children getting what they need. It truly does take a whole village, and Hampton University is the gold standard. We want to

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Hampton University Faculty Attend the 74th Annual Fall Educational Staff Institute

As the Hampton University fall 2019 semester began, faculty and staff kicked-off a week-long Fall Educational Staff Institute, where the theme was “Teaching and Learning Differently in the Age of Generation Z.”

The opening plenary session included warm and welcoming remarks from Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey, to the new faculty who will officially be joining various departments beginning this fall. “I want to welcome each of you very enthusiastically. We had a great year last year, and you have an opportunity to make this the best year ever. I appreciate all of you and I welcome all of you,” Dr. Harvey said.

A group from SEI Studios gave the keynote address, entitled “Story-Driven Teaching and Learning.” SEI Studios is the film arm of Strategic Education, Inc., the parent company of Capella University and Strayer University, both focused on helping working adult students advance their careers. The three presenters from SEI Studios were Nicole Cattell, VP; Katrina Rainer, Manager of Learning Design; and Raymond Ottinot, VP Behavioral Research & Development. They produce story-driven learning experiences through documentary videos that enhance the online learning developed at Strayer and Capella.

“We create an online digital experience that is story-driven. Our job is to create online engaging learning content but it’s really the faculty members that make that connection between the content and the student,” said Cattell.

The group talked about how learning enhanced with story can create a more engaged student. They have created a documentary film driven experience. They brought together a team of filmmakers, television producers and learning designers to reimagine the online learning experience and showed the faculty some videos that students utilize in the classroom, along with discussions and reflections, to learn. For more information about SEI, visit strategiceducation.com.

The 74th Annual Fall Education Staff Institute concluded on Friday, August 30, 2019.

Hampton University Hosts 26th Annual Advancing Minorities’ Interest in Engineering Conference and Gala

Hampton University hosted the 26th Annual Advancing Minorities’ Interest in Engineering (AMIE) Annual Conference and Gala, September 3-5. The conference brought together college and university deans, industry leaders, government officials, faculty and students, all in the name of Engineering.

The conference began with the Dean’s Reception hosted in the Hampton University Museum and sponsored by The Boeing Company, where Hampton University’s President, Dr. William R. Harvey, said a few words about Hampton and welcomed the attendees to this year’s conference.

“All the amazing things that have happened at Hampton over the past 42 years that I have been here, is because of the team. I am the team leader, but it’s the team. Seventeen of my vice presidents have gone on to become presidents of other institutions, so it shows you the quality of personnel that we have,” said Dr. Harvey. “A strong advocate of STEM programs, Hampton University is pleased to offer the attendees of this conference an exciting opportunity to explore our campus and the Hampton Roads Region. As you enjoy the activities that have been planned, please know that Hampton University looks forward to providing you with a positive and pleasant experience.”

Next, was a full day of workshops at the Newport News Marriott at City Center, which included presentations from engineering industry corporations, government agencies, and deans of the fifteen (15) ABET accredited Historically Black Colleges and Universities Engineering Programs, which focused on this year’s theme, “Empowering Engineering Success from the Classroom to the Workforce.”

The Keynote Address was given by Robert Dixon, Jr., Customer Support Executive, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Directorate for Analysis, Defense Intelligence Agency. “During my military and civilian career and while serving in various leadership and technical leadership positions, I advocated the importance of building partnerships, both internally and externally to organizations that I have been so fortunate to serve. I’ve seen some strong partnerships between and among organizations that have enhanced the relevance and leveraging power of the partnering organizations,” said Dixon. “Advancing my interest in engineering has proved a purpose and relevant to many areas of government, especially intelligence community, industry and academia. From my perspective, AMIE is a very relevant resource of historically black colleges and universities focusing on the many challenges of STEM diversity and the shortfalls that are currently present in government, agency and academia.

Several other presentations occurred throughout the day including a panel discussion about “Emerging Technologies and the Future Workforce,” a workshop about positioning HBCUs for the future, students providing insights about their internship experiences, and showcasing the 2019 AMIE Design Challenge top three winners, where Hampton University students won first place two years in a row. “As you witnessed with the Design Competition presentation, our students not only have the technical skills, but they have the soft skills as well, which is why they win competition after competition, after competition,” said Dr. Joyce Shirازي, Dean of the Hampton University School of Engineering and Technology.

“The conference has been phenomenal. This year we had a record number of attendees; we are 150 plus and so it is growing. We were excited about the student participation. We have had more students here than we have ever had before. The students had the opportunity to talk about their Design Challenge that happened in February. It just brought chills, to listen to them and it gave the corporations and government agencies attending the conference, the opportunity to see the amazing students that HBCUs produce. That’s why this conference is so important, because it’s an opportunity to showcase the capabilities of the HBCUs,” said Veronica Nelson, AMIE’s Executive Director.

Hampton Student Jayla Brown wins $5,000 Ashley Stewart Scholarship

Hampton University 5-year MBA student Jayla Brown from Detroit, MI, has won a $5,000 scholarship from the leading lifestyle, fashion and social commerce brand, Ashley Stewart. Brown attended Ashley Stewart’s finale event on Saturday, September 14, in search of their 2019 brand ambassador.

“Congratulations to Ms. Jayla Brown on her scholarship and for representing Hampton University at this momentous event. Ms. Brown is graduating at the end of the year and we wish her much success as she transitions into the next phase of her life,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

The sold-out finale event celebrated all women who stand for leadership, confidence, resilience, kindness and public service, with special feature performances that brought down the house by legendary American hip-hop duo Salt-N-Pepa, Faith Evans, Kid Capri, DJ Olivia Dope, BK United Drumline & Dancers, and more, along with Power 105.1’s Honey German, who hosted the pink carpet pre-show.

“We heard all about the Finding Ashley Stewart finale from years past, but had no idea what we really signed up for until we stepped foot on that stage Saturday night,” said Salt-N-Pepa. “It was the most amazing night, with the most lively audience, celebrating a shared love of community. We were so honored to be part of this year’s event and are proud to say that We are Ashley Stewart.”

As part of Ashley Stewart’s #ASGives initiative – a philanthropic platform for long-term investments in the communities that have supported the brand for close to 30 years – the 2019 Finding Ashley Stewart finale event awarded over $900,000 in scholarships and charitable donations, partnering with organizations such as Susan G. Komen, Black Retail Action Group, and others.

Brown’s scholarship is part of this initiative.

“Attending Ashley Stewart’s finale event was an absolutely amazing experience. Once I was there, I knew it something that I needed to see. The women there were being uplifted, encouraged and appreciated for the way they look, and not just women that wear size 0, it was all women. It was very breathtaking to see,” said Brown. “I’m appreciative and humble to be able to accept my scholarship, along with the other women who won awards. It’s amazing that women who look like me are succeeding and doing well.”

Brown graduates this year and has already accepted a full-time position to teach mathematics with Teach for America.
Hampton University is now a Member of the Common App

Hampton University and the Common Application or ‘Common App,’ the non-profit membership organization dedicated to access, equity and integrity in the college admissions process, announced Hampton's addition to their online resources for students and counselors.

“Hampton University’s membership with the Common App provides a wonderful opportunity for prospective students, parents, teachers, and guidance counselors to get an up-close and personal look at Hampton University’s excellent academic programs and exceptional student services,” said Dr. William R. Harvey, Hampton University President.

Used by more than three million applicants, teachers, and counselors across the United States and around the world every year, the Common App platform streamlines the college application process for students and connects them to additional support resources, including financial aid and scholarship opportunities, virtual mentors, and more.

“Hampton University is excited to announce our new membership with the Common Application beginning in the 2019-2020 application season,” said Angela Boyd, Hampton University Dean of Admissions. “We’re looking forward to expanding our reach, contacting new students, and showcasing all of the amazing opportunities they can pursue here at our ‘Home by the Sea.’”

Recently, the Common App has launched a new website designed to help students better plan for college, explore their options, and apply. In addition to an enhanced web experience, Common App is introducing several user experience improvements to the 2019-2020 application. Specifically, applicants will now be able to better access the application from mobile devices and tablets.

“Common App is launching the new application season with great joy and a refreshed look and feel. The new brand helps us connect with the broader range of students, counselors and institutions that we serve, and allows us to grow our programs and services -- beyond technology -- in support of our mission,” said Jenny Rickard, President and CEO of Common App.

“We want all students to feel supported by Common App — regardless of where they are in their journey. Whether they’re already thinking about applying or if they’re not sure whether or not college is right for them. We want to provide the tools and resources to help more students get to and through college.”

Central to the new website are new college exploration and search tools that will help prospective applicants learn more about Common App member institutions. Common App’s new college profile pages provide a more engaging experience for students, and enable Common App members to showcase unique attributes about their institutions, including featured academic programs, student life, and virtual tours.

Visitors to the new commonapp.org will also be able to learn about new research from Common App to improve college access, as well as outreach campaigns conducted through Reach Higher, an initiative launched by former First Lady Michelle Obama during her time at the White House that is now housed at Common App.

Hampton University Professor to Serve as Rotator at National Science Foundation for the Next Year

Dr. Michelle Fletcher Claville, Director of The Nanoscience Project at Hampton University (NanoHU), Assistant Dean for the School of Science and a professor of chemistry, will spend the next year at the National Science Foundation (NSF) as a Rotator. NSF offers a chance for scientists, engineers and educators to join as temporary program directors — or rotators — who are able to make recommendations about proposals to fund; influence new directions in the fields of science, engineering, and education; support cutting-edge interdisciplinary research; and mentor junior research members.

“It is a true honor for Dr. Michelle Fletcher Claville to be asked to serve as a Rotator for the National Science Foundation this upcoming year. The knowledge that she will bring back with her will be invaluable to our faculty and their quest for NSF funding,” said Dr. William R. Harvey, Hampton University President.

As a rotator, Dr. Claville will be able to collaborate with others in the science field and return to Hampton with new insights and experience of how to apply for NSF grants.

“I will be a Program Director in the National Science Foundation’s Directorate of Education and Human Resources. I will have responsibility for two programs: the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program. I am honored to have been chosen to serve in this capacity as it allows me to learn the inner workings of a federal foundation that has been instrumental in my own career, and has certainly benefited Hampton University,” said Dr. Claville.

Dr. Claville will be working in the Division of Human Resource Development, which supports and promotes activities that seek to strengthen STEM education for underserved communities.

“Typically, HBCU faculty tend to pursue and rely on programmatic funding without obtaining support for scholarly discoveries. At Hampton University, we have scholars who are interested in receiving funding for their innovative ideas, some of which may be programmatic and/or laboratory based. For me to learn how one would work with the various directorates to achieve our unique goals, would be an absolute strength for the University,” Dr. Claville said.

“It is a great privilege for Dr. Claville to spend one year at the National Science Foundation. Her new experiences will help our faculty write more competitive proposals when she returns,” said Dr. Calvin Lowe, Dean of the Hampton University School of Science.

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grow this out to other places and show them how wonderful you all work together to make this happen and care for our children. We thank you for that,” said First Lady Northam.

First Lady Northam received a tour of the Hampton University Child Development Center, along with many Hampton University officials and dignitaries from Hampton, including Mayor Donnie Tuck. After the tour, First Lady Northam read the book, “Pete the Kitty’s First Day of Preschool,” to a group of very well behaved HUCDC students.

Smart Beginnings Virginia Peninsula, which is a public-private partnership, and works to enhance the quality of early childhood health and learning for young children in Hampton, Newport News and other counties in the Peninsula, chose Hampton’s Child Development Center for First Lady Northam to visit because it is a high-quality Level 4 Virginia Quality Center.

“Joy and her teachers have really put the work in. They were a Level 3 for two years, trying to get that foundation to earn the higher-level rating. They were coached, went to professional development and we are really proud of them for reaching that Level 4 on the first try,” said Hilari Devine, Regional Coordinator for Virginia Quality.

The HUCDC is continuing to reach new heights as it has received recognition from The Child Care Aware of America (CCoA), National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), National Head Start Association (NHSA), National Indian Child Care Association (NICCA), National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), Teachstone, and the Afterschool Alliance. These organizations have all acknowledged the HUCDC for their excellent care and service.

“We are setting the foundation for young preschool aged kids. We want to make sure that these young children are successful, and in order to be successful, we must provide educational experiences for the children and ensure they are ready for Kindergarten and that when they get there, they are not behind,” said Joy Hernandez, Director of the HUCDC.

School readiness really starts at birth, years before the first day of Kindergarten. “We know that a child’s brain is developing at a rapid pace and the majority of it is developed in the first five years of life, so every second counts, by way of interaction, education, nurturing, social and emotional development,” said Diane Umstead, Executive Director for Smart Beginnings Virginia Peninsula. “Joy Hernandez has put herself out there and provided the leadership so that the teachers get the best and these children get the best. It’s a rare commitment and it absolutely has to be done by everyone that’s involved in early childhood.”
Hampton University Department of Aviation Participates in the Inaugural 5K On The Runway Event

Faculty, staff and students from the Hampton University Department of Aviation participated in the first ever 5K On The Runway event at the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport (PHF) on Saturday, September 14.

To celebrate 71 years of commercial air service, the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport held the inaugural 5K On The Runway race, a unique opportunity to see the airport by running on airport taxiways and runways for a one of a kind experience.

Here is a list of the Hampton University faculty, staff and students who participated:

Dr. Demetrius Geddis, Assistant Dean, School of Engineering & Technology
Mr. John Murray, Chair, Department of Aviation
Mr. William Franklin, Assistant Professor, Department of Aviation
Mr. Andrew Smith, Assistant Professor, Department of Aviation
Mrs. Jennifer Cross, Secretary, Department of Aviation
Mr. Sterling Jones, Junior, Air Traffic Control major
Mr. Paris Sears, Freshman, Flight Education major

The Marching Force performed Hampton’s alma mater after the ceremony closed and each Bahamian student received a Hampton t-shirt and grocery bag filled with toiletries and snacks.