Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey, greeted the Hampton University faculty at the 2020 Winter Educational Staff Institute on Thursday, January 2, 2020. The theme for the institute was “Teaching and Learning Differently in the age of Generation Z, Part II.”

“Learning takes place in a lot of places; in the classroom, in the dormitories, on the athletics fields, and many other places. I want to suggest something to you. Think about your interactions with students outside the classroom. Be role models. Lead, teach and guide these young people to be good citizens of good character. I promise you, it will make a world of positive difference to them and to our nation,” said Dr. Harvey.

At the Institute, several faculty members received the Academic Excellence Faculty Award for the past year. Honorees were recognized for their efforts by Hampton University Chancellor and Provost, Dr. JoAnn W. Haysbert and their respective Deans. Each dean developed a set of criteria for the selection from his/her respective academic unit. The selected professors demonstrate innovation in teaching, the ability to motivate students, maintenance of high academic requirements and standards and the ability to keep pace with current theories and practices in his/her disciplines.

The 2019 recipients of the award are:

Ms. Laura Battaglia, School of Engineering and Technology
Ms. Lynn Waltz, Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications
Mr. Jerry Alexander Bracey, School of Liberal Arts and Education
Mrs. Robin Ward, School of Nursing
Dr. Yogesh Kulkarni, School of Pharmacy
Dr. Donald Lyons, School of Science

Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey honors the 54 years of continuous service and dedication from Jewel B. Long, Dean of Residence Life, by renaming John S. Kennedy Hall’s lobby in her honor. Long is set to retire in January. Kennedy Hall is a women’s Residence Hall built in 1918 and was one of the first buildings Dean Long worked in as a Resident Assistant and Graduate Assistant.

“Dean Jewel B. Long has been a loyal emissary of Hampton University for 54 years. She has given of her time, her talent and her devotion to help provide an education for life for all students. It is only fitting that we rename the lobby of Kennedy Hall in honor of our treasured Dean Long,” said Dr. Harvey.

Long, a Hampton alumna, is a memorable part of Hampton University’s legacy. As a student, she was assigned clerk-typist in the Office of Student Affairs, now known as the Office of Student Activities. Later on, she became a resident assistant for Stone Manor, where she was living at the time. She was a business education major and originally wanted to teach school. However, the university’s president at the time Dr. Jerome Holland, suggested she stay at Hampton after graduation to become a graduate student.

“This was a way for me to earn a degree for free, so I decided to stay. I became the first graduate assistant in what was then called the Area of Student Personnel Services,” Long said.

During her time at Hampton, Long served as Graduate Assistant for the Director of Student Activities and the Dean of Students, Residence Hall Director and the Assistant to the Dean of Women. In 1988, she earned the title of Dean of Women and worked under that title until 2015 when it changed to Dean of Residence Life.

Dean Long is big on community service and giving back. She calls her commitment to serving others a gift and will continue to do so after her retirement.

Hampton University Faculty Honored at the 2020 Winter Educational Staff Institute
Hampton University Alumna Dr. Ebonie Vincent Stars in New TLC Series
‘My Feet Are Killing Me’

Hampton University alumna Dr. Ebonie Vincent is starring in a new TLC show entitled, “My Feet Are Killing Me.” Dr. Vincent is a highly trained foot and ankle surgeon in Orange County, Ca. The show follows Dr. Vincent and another doctor as they tackle everything from wart clusters and fungus, to toe amputations and foot reconstructions.

“We are incredibly proud of Dr. Ebonie Vincent for her success in the medical field, and for being selected for this new show. Dr. Vincent displays great character and we know that she will continue to uphold THE Standard of Excellence in all that she does,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

Dr. Vincent is a graduate of Hampton University, the class of 2009. She was also a proud Lady Pirate volleyball player for all 4 years at Hampton. She started her professional career in Orange County, California at OC Podiatry. This is a well-known and established practice where Dr. Vincent was selected and welcomed to work with two other physicians in the cities of Orange and Irvine. Securing this position in this location was a dream come true, as she always hoped and prayed to return to Southern California to begin her career.

Hampton University will always serve as the foundation of her career path. She feels today that Hampton gave her a sense of being thankful for her ancestors, her family and the confidence that she could make her goals and dreams a reality of becoming a doctor: “It is a lonely road going through the higher education process after undergrad and so Hampton instilled in me things like family values, which really helped me in my post-grad experience,” Dr. Vincent said.

The values and support that she was given while attending Hampton stayed with her through this journey. The confidence to not give up and work hard is what she learned and what she executed. After graduating from Hampton, with a bachelor of science degree in biology, Dr. Vincent attended Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOPM) where she earned a STEM grant, was awarded a prestigious scholarship and a master’s degree in biomedical science.

Her higher education did not stop there. She went on to earn her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. This journey to practice medicine is not complete until a three-year residency is completed, which moved Dr. Vincent to Vineland, New Jersey, where she completed her required residency at Inspira Health Network.

All of this education and training prepared her not only for a career as a podiatrist and landed her a dream job, it further provided an opportunity beyond her imagination. She has been offered a starring role as the West Coast Podiatrist in a new TLC show, entitled “My Feet Are Killing Me.” Dr. Vincent indicates that the show is about real medical problems and the lives of people with foot pain and issues that affect their daily lives. The content of the show is not for the faint of heart. People have some very serious problems that can be helped and solved to make them live a better quality of life. She hopes overall that the concept of the show brings to light, diseases and foot problems that can be resolved for a change of life. The show will also bring a narrative of how surgeons work, how podiatrists work with teams of other medical doctors and professionals, and interact with patients and families for positive outcomes. The show will represent how surgeons care for their patients and work to make sure that listening is a value.

“My Feet Are Killing Me” premiered January 2nd on the TLC network at 10 p.m. as a nine-part medical transformation series featuring a variety of patients, including a romance novelist looking to get her sixth toe amputated; an athlete with two different sized feet; and even a man suffering from Proteus syndrome (the Elephant Man’s Disease).

Dr. Vincent is compassionate in giving Hampton credit for her success. Without this foundation, the confidence and education she received while attending, her future would not have been possible. Today, Dr. Vincent also serves as a mentor to others and looks forward to speaking to students to encourage others to become a doctor of podiatry.

Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications Hosts Career Fair and Panel Discussion

Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications (SHSJC) hosted a career fair and panel discussion to help guide students on what it takes to receive internships and jobs within the media industry.

“We are proud to see our Journalism School hosting events like these, encouraging our students to utilize their resources, and to help guide them into a bright future. Our Home by the Sea looks forward to the success of our students studying Journalism and Communications,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

Senior, journalism students Cydney Straker and Simone Bell organized this career fair and panel discussion as their senior capstone project, hosted in the SHSJC. The panel discussion included guest speakers:

- Khalida Volou – Digital Editor for WUSA 9
- Jaketa Clark Thomas – CEO of Omnia Unlimited LLC
- Matthew White, Glenn Knight, B. Da’Vida Plummer, Jessica Zimmerman, Alexis Brower

“Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications is known for having a very strong recruitment visitation rotation from some of the top brands in media. However, it is exceptionally rewarding to watch these young communicators plan an event that showcases their own strategic communications skills, but also, shows their dedication to raising the brand of their school and sharing their gifts with their fellow students,” said Dean of the SHSJC, B. DaVida Plummer. “At the end of the day, this was as successful as anything I’ve seen major recruiters do in house at Hampton University.”
Hampton University's new Center for Gerontology Excellence and Minority Aging has established its Advisory Council, including members from Eastern Virginia Medical School, Alzheimer's Association, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and more.

“The creation of this Advisory Council for our newly formed Center for Gerontology Excellence is an important step in ensuring that exceptional health care is provided for older adults in our state. Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson has done an outstanding job on developing the Council and we are excited to witness what they will accomplish,” said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey.

Dr. Ethlyn Gibson, Associate Professor at the Hampton University’s School of Nursing and Director, HU Center for Gerontology Excellence, said, “We are delighted to have established this important council. This diverse body of academics, clinicians, community partners and leaders will help us build programs that will address community needs, and provide community-based programming, and build greater awareness throughout the community serving older adults.”

In addition to Dr. Gibson, other members of the Council include:
- Dr. Travonia Brown-Hughes, Co-Chair, Assistant Professor, Hampton University School of Pharmacy
- Dr. Christine Jensen, Director, Riverside Center for Excellence in Aging and Lifelong Health
- Dr. Thomas Cudjoe, Johns Hopkins University – School of Medicine, Division of Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology
- Dr. Marissa Galicia-Castillo, Professor of Geriatrics, EVMS Glennan Center for Geriatrics & Gerontology
- Dr. Arkena Dailey, President of the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy
- Dr. LaTonya Dickerson-Hughes, School of Nursing Alumni & Consultant for Joint Commission on Accreditation
- Dr. Patricia Slattum, Professor Emeritus, Retired, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Pharmacy
- Madeline Dunston, Education Director, EVMS Glennan Center for Geriatrics & Gerontology
- Yolanda Rainey, Hampton University, School of Physical Therapy
- William Massey, Executive Director, Peninsula Agency on Aging
- Pastor (Dr.) Brian Wells, Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church, Newport News
- Katie McDonough, LCSW, Director Programs & Services, Alzheimer’s Association

Tina Thomas, MSHP, BS, CADDCT, CDP, Director Programs & Services, Alzheimer’s Association

The mission of the Gerontology Center is to advance innovative transdisciplinary approaches for older adult minorities through research and education. Pillars of engagement for the Center include:
- Supporting & building the geriatric workforce in Virginia
- Mentoring and supporting students
- Fostering partnerships
- Collaborating & promoting research

For more information on the Hampton University Gerontology Center of Excellence, please contact Dr. Ethlyn Gibson at 757-727-5657 or email: ethlyn.gibson@hamptonu.edu

Hampton University Sports Management Professor creates a Mobile App called ‘Give Black’

Hampton University Sports Management professor, David C. Hughes, has created a mobile app called ‘Give Black,’ which is dedicated exclusively to making donations to HBCUs, black nonprofits, businesses, churches and other nonprofit organizations that help the Black community. This app will allow anyone with a mobile phone to make a donation, supporting these businesses.

“How ‘Give Black’ works:
1. Download the App from the App Store
2. Sign up as a business or organization
3. Invite users to donate to your cause

Around three years ago, I had an idea to create an app for a nonprofit that a friend of mine was raising money for. While that never materialized, the idea always stuck with me. My goal was to create an innovative vehicle that would make people aware of services offered in our community, while increasing the ease and volume of the philanthropic contributions to Black owned business, churches, nonprofits and to non-Black owned businesses that help the Black community,” said Hughes. “This is the world’s first app that places a fiscal emphasis on the empowerment of institutions that service the Black community. One of my goals is to increase the percentage of HU donors by 10% while using my app.”

The ‘Give Black’ app creates a source solely dedicated to increasing funds and making stakeholders aware of services provided in their community, aiming to discontinue negative trends and strengthen black businesses, black non-profits and HBCU’s ability to receive donations while making greater impact on the community.

The Give Black app is available as a free download in Apple’s App Store and in Google Play.

If you would like more information on the Give Black app, or would like to schedule an interview, please contact David C. Hughes at:
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The Hampton University Marching Force Participated in the New Year’s Day Parade in Rome

The Hampton University Marching Band, otherwise known as “The Marching Force,” participated in the 2020 Rome New Year’s Day Parade in Rome, Italy.

Thousands of people gathered in St. Peter’s Square to celebrate and receive the Pope’s New Year’s Day blessing and The Marching Force was there as well to enjoy the festivities. The Rome New Year’s Parade celebrates life, cultural diversity and international goodwill. It takes place in conjunction with the World Day of Peace, where the parade proceeds along the Grand Via Delta Conciliazone and culminates in St. Peter’s Square.

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

Visit Hampton University’s Official Facebook page to see The Marching Force’s performance.

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam presented his budget for Fiscal Years 2020-2022, which includes $11,143,500 for the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI). The proposed funds will support the Institute’s life-saving efforts including proton therapy to treat cancerous tumors with fewer side effects to traditional cancer treatments, proton research and therapy activities.

“The budget I present to you today is structurally balanced. And it is cautious— we are forecasting our revenue to grow around 4 percent each year over the biennium, which is a more conservative forecast than the two General Assembly budget committees,” Governor Northam said in his address. “This strong economy enables us to increase funding in areas that have been neglected, while better positioning Virginia for the future.”

The Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute is committed to the latest in cancer-fighting technologies, as well as a continued focus on excellence in patient care. HUPTI treats breast, lung, prostate, head and neck, ocular, GI, brain and spine and pediatric cancers. It is the largest free-standing proton therapy facility in the world.

Governor Northam’s proposal, which invests in K-12 education, affordable housing, protecting Virginia’s environment and more, is the most progressive in Virginia’s history. The proposal aims to make significant investments in key priorities while maintaining strict fiscal responsibility.

“Cancer has replaced cardiovascular disease as a leading cause of death in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Additionally, Hampton Roads leads the nation in prostate cancer deaths. I want to thank Governor Northam for recognizing cancer as the terrible disease that it is and endeavoring to do something about it. His inclusion of the Hampton University Proton Therapy Cancer Institute in his 2020-2022 budget is a wonderful step in curing those citizens who have that terrible disease of cancer. Hopefully, the next Virginia General Assembly will support his request which will help us ease human misery and save lives,” said Dr. William R. Harvey, Hampton University President.

Governor Ralph Northam Includes $11,143,500 for Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute in 2020-2022 Budget