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**Committee on
Ceremonial Occasions
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Update!!!

March 7, 2022

Greetings from the Committee on Ceremonial Occasions,

We hope this communique finds you and your family safe and well. Recently, we posted the commencement communique on the Hampton University webpage. The communique included the announcement that we will celebrate the 152nd Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. in Armstrong Stadium. As promised, we are now sharing information about registering for and attending the event to facilitate you and your guests' plans to join us for this exciting and much anticipated celebration.

So that you have an opportunity to share this very special celebratory occasion with those who have supported you as you pursued your degree, you are allowed to invite eight people to join you at the celebration. All attendees must register to attend. On March 21, 2022 at 9 a.m. (EST) the registration portal will open. The registration link is <https://hamptonu.jotform.com/212625163299156>. We encourage you to register as soon as the portal opens. The registration portal will close on April 29, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. (EST)

In an effort to ensure the health and safety of all participants and attendees, proof of the COVID-19 **vaccination, to include the booster**, will be required for **graduates and all attendees**. All vaccination information will undergo a verification process. There will be no exemptions granted nor allowed for this event. Only fully vaccinated individuals may attend. The vaccination requirement also applies to children. If a child is not of vaccination age, he or she may not attend.

To register to attend, you must provide your name, a photo and an image of your **official** COVID-19 vaccination and booster record/card. We also need each of your guests' names and an image of their **official** COVID-19 vaccination and booster records/cards to approve their attendance. All information will be housed in a secure portal.

After your registration is complete and verified, you will receive an email containing access to your non-transferable tickets to the commencement exercises. You must then download and print the admission tickets for you and your guests. In order to gain entry, you and each of your guests must present a ticket and a valid photo identification. Face coverings will be required and must be worn at all times, both inside and outside.

Lastly, immediately following the main ceremony, we will proceed to our Awarding of Degrees ceremonies for your respective school. In the Awarding of Degree Ceremonies, you will be presented with your degree by your school dean and take your commemorative photograph. The location of your school's Awarding of Degrees ceremony will be provided on the graduation page on the Hampton University website and will also be printed in the program. All attendees must also present their admission tickets to enter the school ceremonies.

The Hampton University family hopes that you are as excited as we are to have an opportunity to celebrate your accomplishment face-to-face at our "Home by the Sea." In the meantime, please address questions to commencement@hamptonu.edu. Also, frequently consult <https://home.hamptonu.edu/our/graduation/> for updates on Commencement.

Sincerely,
/s/ Karen Turner Ward, Chair
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