

# THE PIRATE'S PEN



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## Message from the President

By Carolyn E. Jackson '72

Fellow Hamptonians:

This past year has been an exciting one for our DC Chapter. I want to take this opportunity to summarize how well we achieved the goals we established for the chapter for the 2006 -2007 year listed below:

- Strengthen the membership by increasing the number of paid members to 200.
- Enhance monthly meetings and encourage networking among attendees.
- Institute a mentoring program for local area high school students.
- Increase fundraising efforts of the chapter to enhance scholarship support for matriculating students.
- Increase financial contributions to the university through targeted efforts toward the alumni giving campaign.
- Enhance communication with local alumni by website enhancements, emeritus class dialogue and surveys to the membership.

The good news is that we met all goals established except one. We were unable to increase the number of paid members to 200. This goal, fellow

## It's Giving Time

Ann Baird Bridges '66

Thanks to all who contributed to Hampton University for the July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007 fiscal year. A special thanks to those who went the extra mile and increased their giving and made a special contribution to the "Cafeteria Campaign." Preliminary data show 199 alumni gave \$152,728.23 with \$84,488.08 designated for the cafeteria. It's a new year now and the DC Chapter set ambitious goals for the upcoming year. Some of you will complete your cafeteria pledges, others will give because it's your reunion year. I ask everyone to give something this year. We've set a donor goal of 300. With over 1200 alumni on our mailing list, this is a realistic goal. Our focus continues to be on increasing the donor base. If more of us give, the dollars will increase. You have many giving options including the cafeteria and the NHAA, Inc. Endowed Scholarship fund. Let's give back to Hampton to perpetuate the legacy for future Hamptonians. If you'd like to work on the Alumni Giving Committee please call 202-829-3132 or e-mail [bairdbridges@aol.com](mailto:bairdbridges@aol.com).

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Hamptonians, is not a lofty goal but one which is attainable if we work together. Our membership committee has been recharged and we will continue to pursue this target for the upcoming year. I want to thank all members of the body who work tirelessly to move our chapter forward.

We were recognized by the National Hampton Alumni Association and the chapter received the *National Hampton Alumni Association's President's Award*. This is the highest award granted to Chapters and Regions in recognition of outstanding service to the Association at the local, regional and national levels and to Hampton University.

I look forward to serving as your president again this year and welcome the support and participation of all area alumni.  
Sincerely,

Carolyn E. Jackson '72  
President, DC Chapter

## Hampton Ladies Luncheon

Darlene Richards '89

On August 4, 2007, the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Hampton Ladies Luncheon took place in the Cleveland dining hall on the campus of Hampton University. In the spirit of the University's initiative, it was only fitting for the Co-chairs of the luncheon to choose this venue. We all knew that this may be the last time we would have this experience.



Cynthia Richards stands outside of the cafeteria prior to the Ladies Luncheon.

We enjoyed the variety of menu items. As we introduced ourselves we were able to see the bond that has been built over the years by the ladies from the

class of 1954 where this tradition all started. We reminisced with classmates, roommates and Sorors from near and far. The most seasoned in attendance was Mildred Jordan (1932) who is 98 years young. The youngest in attendance was from the class of 2006. The souvenir was a picture frame of the new cafeteria with a digital clock. As the luncheon came to a close, we gathered in a large circle singing the Alma Mater. Later that evening the ladies gathered for a Fish Fry at Strawberry Banks. If you were unable to make this event be sure to join the tradition as we meet in Las Vegas on August 9, 2008.



Attending the luncheon at Virginia Cleveland hall are (l - r) Laurese Hale, Janis Brown Harris and Carolyn E. Jackson.

## Now Is the Time to Accept the Call: Calling All Hamptonians

Kimberly Barnes '88

*Take a moment and think back to all of your favorite Hampton Institute or Hampton University memories... Yes that's it go back to freshmen year . . . now move into sophomore year . . . how about junior year . . . At last, senior year and graduation. More importantly, think about the all of the life lessons and friends that you made. Friends that would later be known as "family."*

By becoming a financial member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, you can help maintain your HU memories, strengthen ties with Hamptonians across the D.C. area, and provide financial support to the next generation of alumni. This year we have an aggressive goal of achieving more than 200 members, which will make us the largest chapter in the NHAA. With your continued support, we will exceed our goal by our financial year-end on March 31, 2008. In addition, the D.C. Chapter will send \$5 to Hampton University in the name of every paid member as part of the Alumni Giving Campaign.

Please take a moment and complete the enclosed membership application (See page 5) and send in your dues. Remember we are everywhere —church members, P.T.A., co-workers, neighbors, friends and family and let's not forget our areas classmates.

### Dues for the 2007 - 2008 Alumni Year:

2007 Graduates - FREE!!

2002 - 2006 Graduates - \$30

All Others - \$40

## DCNHAA Scholarships Presented to Entering Freshmen

Gary S. Lee Bushrod '04  
Chapter Vice President

On Saturday, August 4, 2007, Darniece Shirley, Gary Bushrod, and Daniel Wilson attended the Annual New Student/Parent Orientation Program, hosted by the DC Hampton Parents' Club, Inc. Though the program was established to orient entering freshmen on the legacy of Hampton University, these three alumni came to make a very special presentation in the name of our chapter.

Six students were presented with scholarships on behalf of DCNHAA. This year, the chapter allocated \$8,000 in funds to aid local students in their educational endeavors at Hampton University.

The keynote speaker of the program was Ms. Kimberly Oliver, the 2006 National Teacher of the Year, a Hampton University graduate. She spoke on the importance of taking in the whole "Hampton experience." Oliver charged the students to embrace their growth in college, while being true to themselves and building bonds with other students that may very-well form into life-long relationships.



From left to right: Darniece Shirley, La'Ron Watson, Giselle Richardson, Theo Garrett.

Following the keynote speaker was an open forum between current students, aspiring students, alumni, and parents. This discussion gave the opportunity for questions to be answered, and guidance to be provided on the "ins and outs" of Hampton University's administration.

This program proved to be a great success and we are very pleased that our chapter took part in the first steps of these students' growth in education.



From left to right: Darniece Shirley, Tanya Johnson, Ashley Bayton, Brittany Pitts.

### 2007 Scholarship Award Recipients:

*Tanya Johnson*

Thomas & Elizabeth Childs Award, \$3,000

*Ashley Bayton*

Knox Tull, Sr. Award, \$2,000

*Brittany Pitts*

DCNHAA Award, \$2,500

*LaRon Watson*

Book Award, \$500

*Theo Garrett*

Book Award, \$500

*Giselle Richards*

Book Award, \$500

## Hampton Alumni and Community Service

Christopher J. Epps '05  
Chair, Community Service Committee

The Community Service Committee works tirelessly to give back to the community. Through our efforts we expect no awards but reap the rewards of doing something for others that may bring a smile to one's face or contribute to a specific need or cause. Volunteering in the name of our alma mater, we have the opportunity to fellowship with one another and rekindle memories of various service projects we led or participated in while at Hampton.

Last year our main community service activity was volunteering at So Others Might Eat (SOME), a community-based, nonprofit organization that provides food, clothing and health care to the District's homeless and underserved. SOME will remain our major service initiative; however, this year, I would like the chapter to participate in additional activities including those related to major holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. Although I have a few ideas of my own which I will share with you at September's meeting, I welcome your ideas and suggestions for events and activities we can participate in as a chapter.

Each third Saturday chapter members conduct a host of services for SOME patrons, helping the staff prepare and serve lunch, and assist with light clean up in the cafeteria and kitchen areas. Our first day of community service for the 2007-2008 year will be Saturday, September 15.

SOME is located at 71 O Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Your time will be valued from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. If you are a first-time volunteer, please arrive by 10:45 a.m. for training and instructions. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up in advance, please contact me at [eppscj3@aol.com](mailto:eppscj3@aol.com).

Remember that volunteers are always needed for the chapter's monthly community service commitments. I look forward to seeing you all in the fall. Thanks in advance for your support.

### *Featured Events*

**Thursday, September 13, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

The DC Chapter will host its first membership happy hour of the year at the Top Shelf Sports Bar at 639 Indiana Avenue, NW, 4 blocks from the Gallery Place China Town Metro Stop on the Red Line. For every Hamptonian who pays their dues at the Happy Hour, they will receive a complimentary rail drink. Please come out and join us!

**September 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

DC Chapter meetings start on this day and continue for every third Tuesday of each month.

**September 22**

The Mid-Atlantic Region meeting will take place in Hampton.

**August 7 - 11, 2008**

The biennial conference will take place in Las Vegas, NV.



**NHAA - Washington, DC Chapter  
Membership Application  
2006 – 2007 Alumni Year**

Name		HU Grad. Yr.	
Address			
Phone No.		E-Mail	
2006 Grads! Membership _____ Complimentary 2001 - 2005 Grads Membership _____ \$30 All Other Grads Membership _____ \$40 Please enclose a check for the appropriate amount, made payable to the NHAA-DC Chapter to cover dues for the 2006-2007 membership year.		Amount Enclosed	
Mail Payment to: NHAA-DC Chapter P.O. Box 91734 Washington, DC 20090-1734			

I was recruited by:

I would like to volunteer for the following committee (s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Concert       | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emeritus Class      | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter    | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Grad Recruitment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Recruitment | <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Giving | <input type="checkbox"/> Founder's Day           |

## Hampton University 2007-08 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/8/2007	Howard	Washington, D.C.	1 p.m.
9/15/2007	North Carolina A&T (ESPNU)	Greensboro, N.C.	6 p.m.
9/20/2007	Morgan State (ESPNU)	Hampton, Va.	7:30 p.m.
9/29/2007	Delaware State - Alumni Day	Hampton, Va.	1 p.m.
10/6/2007	Princeton	Princeton, N.J.	3:30 p.m.
10/13/2007	Norfolk State	Norfolk, Va.	2 p.m.
10/20/2007	South Carolina State (Homecoming)	Hampton, Va.	2 p.m.
10/27/2007	Winston-Salem State	Winston-Salem, N.C.	6 p.m.
11/3/2007	Bethune-Cookman	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4 p.m.
11/10/2007	Florida A&M	Hampton, Va.	1 p.m.
11/17/2007	Southern Illinois	Hampton, Va.	1 p.m.

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