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Founder's Day

By Daniel Wilson '98

On Sunday, January 21, the DC Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. hosted its annual Founders Day program. This year's program was entitled, "Recognizing our Present and Honoring our Past." The program took place at the Howard University Blackburn Center. The Armour Blackburn Center holds a special significance to the Washington, DC Chapter as it was named after the husband of one of our Emeritus Class members, Mrs. Helen McKay Blackburn, Class of 1933.

This year's keynote speaker was Ms. Allison Seymour from the Fox 5 Morning News who is from the class of 1988. Other special guests included honorees from last year's program, including Professor Ruby Wells and Doris Howard. This year's recognition went to two young ladies from the Class of 1998 who are making an impact in the communities in which they reside and are truly letting their "lives do the singing." Ms. Yolanda Coleman, Class of 1998 is currently a High School teacher at the Friendship Edison H.S. in North East Washington, DC and an author. Yolanda has donated proceeds from her books sales to the NHAA, Inc, Scholarship Fund. Ms. Tiffany Tippins, also Class of 1998, is a certified Financial Advisor and Entrepreneur who teaches financial wellness seminars to persons in underserved communities. Ms. Tippins has assisted students at Hampton with financial support and still serves as a mentor to inner city youth in the Washington, DC area.

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Ms. Alison Seymour receives an honorary plaque at the Founder's Day celebration from Marquis Brown '06 co-chair of the event.

Come and Experience the Hampton University Concert Choir

The DC Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association will host the Hampton University Concert Choir, Saturday February 24th at 4pm for their annual scholarship fundraiser. The choir will be performing for the first time at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception 400 Michigan Ave. NE Washington, DC. This is an exciting opportunity for the choir and we hope all area alumni will support this endeavor. Prior to the concert, participants can arrange tours of this magnificent venue individually by calling 301-526-8300 (venue is assessable to individuals with disabilities). Please contact Janice Harris at 301-249-5944 for more information and other opportunities for support.

Prince George's County Education Community Mourns the Passing of Hamptonian G. James Gholson

By Karyn A. Riley '00



He was known as a trailblazer and a champion of education for African-Americans. Faced with segregation in the Prince Georges County public school system, he succeeded in developing a model for educational leaders that is still followed today. G. James Gholson departed us on December 6, 2006.

Mr. Gholson earned both his bachelors (1945) and masters (1946) degrees from Hampton Institute, and began his career as a teacher. He completed advanced work at Columbia, New York University, Penn State, University of Maryland, and George Peabody College.

In September 1950, Mr. Gholson became the first principal of Fairmont Heights High School, a newly built, all-black high school in Fairmount Heights, Maryland. In this position, he excelled, encouraging students and maintaining a high level of academic standards. Alumni, many of whom became educators, remember him as "tough" and "caring".

Because of his success in this position, he was appointed to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in 1969, where

he drafted and implemented the county's desegregation program. His work on this project was recognized in *Newsweek* magazine, and served as a model for system-wide desegregation initiatives in many places, including Seattle, Washington; Louisville, Kentucky; Laurel, Mississippi; and New Castle and Wilmington, Delaware.

In recognition of his outstanding career with the Prince George's County School System, G. James Gholson Middle School in Landover, Maryland was dedicated on May 2, 2003. It currently serves over 800 students in grades 7 and 8.

In his later years, he spent his time visiting with students and dabbled in painting. His oil portrait "The Quiet Place" (2003) is displayed prominently in the lobby of Gholson MS. The painting, with its subtle colors and skillfully blended textures, mirrors the personality of its owner: a calm, subdued demeanor with a presence that leaves an impact on all that encounter it.

Source:

[http://www.pgcps.org/~fmhts/Tribute_files/Fairmount Heightsbooklet.pdf](http://www.pgcps.org/~fmhts/Tribute_files/Fairmount%20Heightsbooklet.pdf)

Hampton Cafeteria Campaign

Are you ready for a challenge? I can imagine how excited you were as you read the brochure describing the new cafeteria. You know what Hampton is expecting from us, the alumni to meet the \$5 million dollar matching grant. The DC Chapter has always been a leader when it comes to giving and I don't expect this time to be any different. By June 30, 2007 Hampton University needs \$5 million to collect an additional \$5 million dollars. There is no easier way to double your money. So what can you do to help?

1. Make any contribution by **June 30, 2007**
2. Pledge \$5,000 to purchase a window, make a \$500 down payment by **June 30, 2007** and pay the remaining balance by **June 30, 2009**.
 - a. As an additional bonus, your contributions will be credited to your Reunion Class giving for Reunions through 2011.
 - b. For \$5,000 you can have a window with a maximum of 5 names. You can have any combination of 1 to 5 people contribute to the window. Five people would only have to contribute \$1000 each. Team up with friends in our class or any other grads with whom you relate - husband, wife, child, to do a window.

Please send your pledge forms and/or checks today with Chapter Code AACU to: Office of Alumni Affairs, Hampton University, Hampton, VA 23668. Or pay online at www.hamptonu.edu/newcaf or with a credit card. If you have questions or need additional information please call the HU Development Office - 757-727-5764

Hampton Scholarship Fund

By Darniece Shirley '96

It is that time of year when we begin to solicit graduating seniors attending Hampton University to apply for our annual scholarship awards. The Scholarship Committee of the DC Chapter, NHAA, Inc. is responsible for providing scholarships and/or book awards to incoming freshmen from the Washington, DC Metro area who plan to attend Hampton University. Scholarships are given based on a completed application and interview.

The Scholarship Committee provides an average of \$5,000 per year with the following Named Scholarships:

- Top Scholar - Thomas & Elizabeth Childs Award
- 2nd Place - Knox Tull, Sr. Award
- 3rd & 4th Place - DC Chapter Award

Please support our 2007 scholarship awards in the following ways:

- Purchase a ticket for the Choir Concert to be held on February 24, 2007 at the Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington, DC. Monies from the Annual Concert Choir provide primary funding for scholarships.
- Make a donation to the NHAA, Inc. DC Chapter and note that the monies are to be used for the Scholarship Fund.

2007 scholarship applications are available at: <http://www.nhaadc.org> or by sending an email to Scholarships@nhaadc.org. The deadline for submitting an application is Monday, April 30, 2007.

For more information please contact Darniece Shirley, Scholarship Chairperson at daedae23@hotmail.com.

Hampton University High School Day

By Tiara Ballard '05

On April 6, 2007, the DC Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association invites area high school students (grades 9-12) to experience Hampton University first hand. Students will have an opportunity to tour the campus, view on-campus housing, learn about financial aid, and interview professors and students of their choice study area. Entertainment will be provided by HU's marching band, The Marching Pirates, along with Ebony Fire, the HU Jazz Band, and much more.

The bus will leave at **6 AM SHARP** from Woodstream Church (9800 Lottsford Road, Mitchelville, MD 20721). The cost is \$25. For more information, please contact Tiara Ballard at tiadane@aol.com.

Hope to see you there!

Networking Tip:

The ultimate solution to getting things done is to take the first step...do something and stick to it. Success is created and built on one thought, one action at a time. The only difference between what you will be, or your business will be, is the action you take.

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."
-Colin Powell

Note:

Each member is asked to bring business cards to our February membership meeting(one to place in our networking portfolio and some to share with other members).

Audrey Hyman
Networking Co-Chairperson

Hampton Alumni and Community Service

One of the priorities of the NHAA's DC Chapter is to engage in volunteer activities in the local community. This holiday season, members of the Chapter took time to organize Christmas donations at a local homeless shelter in Washington, DC. So Others Might Eat (SOME) is a community organization that meets the immediate daily needs of the homeless population in the city. SOME has been in existence for nearly 40 years providing affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling, to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness. The DC Chapter hopes to take part in more opportunities to contribute to SOME's mission in the future. Contact Christopher Epps eppscj3@aol.com if you are interested in volunteering.



Community Service Chair Christopher Epps '06 above right is joined by DC Chapter members Charlene Cherry '93, and Tony Cheatham '80 (front) assisting a SOME volunteer.

The D.C. Chapter is Growing!

By Kim Barnes '88

. . . And there is still time for you to send in your membership dues for the 2006 - 2007 alumni year.

Thanks to the 105 members, who have already paid their dues. We are more than half way to our goal of 200 members. With your continued support, we will exceed the goal by our financial year-end on March 31.

To assist in reaching our goal we are holding a membership challenge and all are invited to participate. Here is how it works:

Each member is to recruit another member to join the DC alumni chapter. For each member who joins with your encouragement, the recruiting member will have one chance to win a grand prize which will be announced at the April Chapter meeting. The goal is 200 members by March 31.

Be sure to note on the membership form the name of the alumni who has recruited you.

The Member Get a Member campaign will close at the end of March so now is the time to meet the challenge of recruitment. All current paid members are eligible for the contest.

The Washington, D.C. Chapter will send \$5 to Hampton University in the name of every paid member as part of the Alumni Giving Campaign for the new cafeteria. This is yet another way for you to give back to your beloved "Home by the Sea."

Please take a look at the list of paid members and encourage all area Hamptonians to support the DC Chapter and the University. Remember we are everywhere —church members, P.T.A., co-workers, neighbors, friends and family and let's not forget our area classmates. Currently the three classes with the highest number of paid members are:

1. The Emeritus Class
2. Class of 1966
3. Class of 1998

Please take time today and complete the enclosed membership application and mail along with your chapter dues and don't forget the **Member Get a Member Campaign**.

Dues for the 2006 - 2007 Alumni Year are:

- o 2006 Graduates - FREE!!
- o 2001 - 2005 Graduates - \$30
- o All Others - \$40

2006 – 2007 Washington, DC Chapter Financial Members

Watch Our Family Grow!!!

*As of 12/28/06

*The Membership Drive for this Alumni Year Ends March 31, 2007.
Dues received after that date will be applied to the 2007-2008 alumni year*

Emeritus Class

Pearl L. Bailey '45
Annie Barbour '48
Dorothy Bennett '46
Rosemary Brinkley '49
K. Elizabeth Campbell '39
Elizabeth Childs '43
Delesta Griffin Cross '45
Naomi Howard Young '44
Greta Garrett '56
William B. Johnson '56
Allie Latimer '47
E. Theophia Lee '41
Velma Leigh '45
Mae W. Myers '55
William Thomas '55
Constance Tucker '55
Robert Tucker '55
Mattie Walker '52
Ruby Wells '42

1959

Doris Sumney

1960

Saxon Graham

1961

Janice West Wormack

Pauline Woolfolk

1962

Carolyn B. Eaton

J.R. Richmond

Hugh Turner

1963

Cassandra Butler

Rosalind Singleton-Page

1964

Dr. Matthew Blanding

1965

Joyce Brown Turner

Euna Edwards

1966

Anne Baird-Bridges

Dr. Gladys Baxley

Janice Pearson

Clarence Pearson

Leonard Powell

Dr. Brenda Tobe

1969

Audrey Allen Hyman

1970

Carol Tisdale James

1971

Doris Howard

1972

Oretha Chandler

Freddie Cook

Carolyn Jackson

1974

Marsha Pender

1976

Dr. Anita Greene

1978

Edwin Walker

1979

Felici Brown

Janice Brown Harris

1980

Tony Cheatham

Joyce Wilson

1981

Linda Mitchell

Rhonda Taylor

1985

Eldon L. Hayman, Jr.

1986

Cynthia Richards

1988

Kimberly Barnes

Dr. Michael Fautroy

Leonice Stewart

Anita Walls

1989

Purnell Johnson

Darlene Richards

1990

Dawn Jackson

1991

James Speight III

1992

Laurese Hale

1993

Darlene Banks

Charlene Cherry

1996

Darniece Shirley

1997

Teresa Holland

Kano Hudson

1998

Yolonda Coleman

Heather Hairston

LaToya Pearson

Jennifer Pinder

Kelli Stuart

Daniel Wilson

1999

Karina Allbritton

Keisha Jackson

Rashel Short

LaCreCia Williams

Tariq Wilson

2000

Samir Cummings

Sirraaj Hasan

Michael Powell

2002

Ann Futrell

2003

Jakki Showell

2004

Gary Bushrod

Romesha D. Everson

Rashida Sims

2005

Tiara Ballard

Jason Eugene Goodson

Christopher Epps

2006

Lauren Bayton

Marquis Brown

Jamal Jordan

Darien Nolin

Ashley Obie

Johnathon Pittman

Class Unknown

Kimberly Varner



**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)

- Choir Concert** **Membership** **Scholarship**
 Emeritus Class **Newsletter** **Recent Grad Recruitment**
 Student Recruitment **Alumni Giving** **Founder's Day**

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ✚ Third Tuesday each month Chapter meeting 7:00 pm
- ✚ February 24 Choir Concert
- ✚ March 17 Toast to Success Business Networking and Wine Tasting Event
- ✚ March 23 – 24 Mid Atlantic Regional Conference
- ✚ March 31 Membership Year ends for 2006 – 2007
- ✚ April 1 Emeritus Class meeting
- ✚ April 6 High School Day
- ✚ May 13 Graduation
- ✚ June 30 Alumni Giving Campaign ends for 2006 – 2007
- ✚ August 4 Hampton Ladies Luncheon, Hampton, VA

Elected DC Chapter Officers 2006 - 2008

<i>President</i>	Carolyn E. Jackson '72 cjacksonhcqs@aol.com
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