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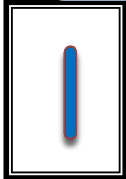
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"Marking 20 Years of Service in 2022"

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From the Chapter President

CELEBRATE!



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2022!

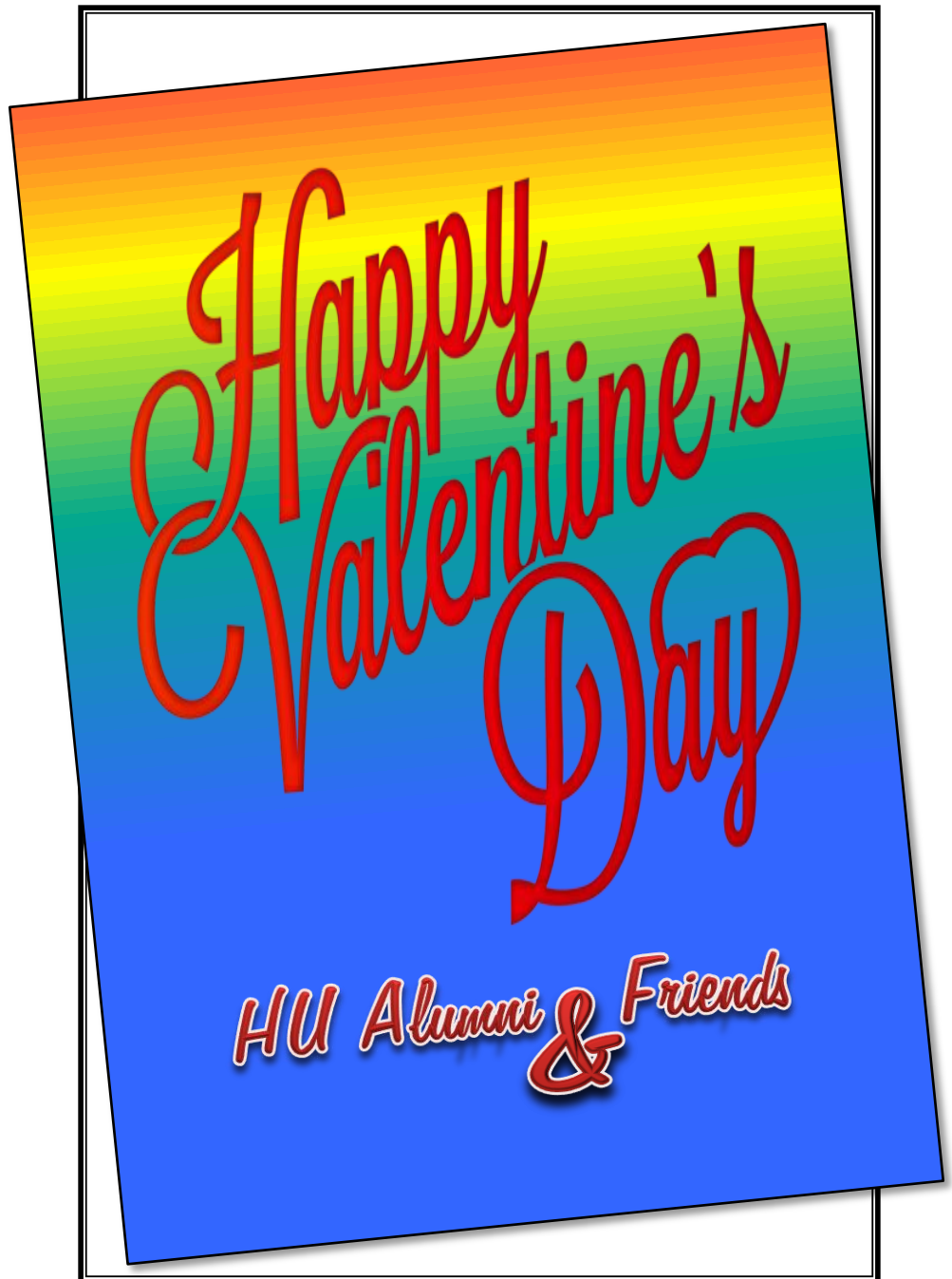
While I'm sure everyone's lives were impacted in some way by COVID, I hope you were still able to enjoy your time with loved ones and recharge for the year ahead.

I reflect back on our Chapter in 2021 with great pride for what we accomplished last year. I look forward to 2022 with even more optimism! We're start the year with a membership campaign, rolling right into MoCo Madness in March, a joint volunteer effort with Prince Georges County in April and other fun and exciting events lined up. Remember our **endowed scholarship** started last year that we are hope to have it fully funded by June 30 (reference page 2).

Together we can make this a great year, MoCo Chapter! Thanks for your continued support!

Jonathan
Chapter President

NEXT VIRTUAL
Montgomery County
Chapter Meeting
11 AM, Saturday,
February 26, 2022



HELP MoCo CHAPTER RACE TO THE FINISH!

Great News, Alumni!

As of this month, thanks to a generous \$1,200 contribution from our President, Jonathon Gunn '02, nearly \$9,100 has been donated from to current and former chapter members to The Montgomery County Chapter NHAA scholarship endowment! An anonymous donor has committed to a dollar-to-dollar match of donations received up to \$12,500, equal to half the minimum \$25,000 required for our endowment. That leaves a \$3,400 balance to be raised over the next 5 months (February-June 2022) to meet our goal!

Needless to say, your generous support is needed!

Most of you remember the chapter embarking on this effort in September 2020 to establish its first endowed scholarship to commemorate our 20th anniversary. The two-year goal was to raise the minimum \$25,000 by July 1, 2022, roughly 5 months from now.

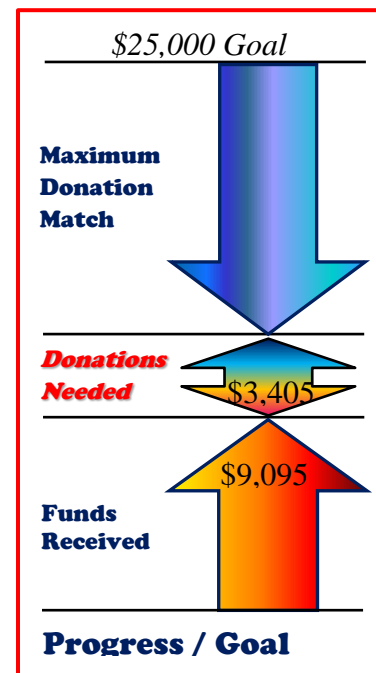
We've almost there, alumni – let's get the job done!

Twenty alumni and friends donating \$34/ month from February to June, or making a one-time donation of \$170, would do it! Consider sharing a RMD (required minimum distribution). However you decide to contribute, please dig deep and give what you can to help your chapter to reach this milestone!

Donate through the university website. That way it will automatically count toward your annual giving total. *Here's how!*

- **Step One:** Go to the www.hamptonu.edu home page and select the "GIVE NOW" button
- **Step Two:** Select the "GIVE NOW" button at the top or on the lower part of the page
- **Step Three:** Select "GIVE Online" on the Ways to Give
- **Step Four:** Select the blue "OTHER" box
- **Step Five:** Go to "Selection of Designation of My Choice", scroll down in the window and select "Other Endowed Scholarship"
- **Step Six:** Enter the Name of Your scholarship. (enter "MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD CHAPTER NHAA PRESIDENTS ENDOWMENT" in the comment box)
- **Step Seven:** Enter complete donation payment info MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD CHAPTER NHAA PRESIDENTS ENDOWMENT

Please remember to email **Gwen Jones, Chapter Treasurer** at gwendolyn_jones@verizon.net with the donation amount(s) so we can track our progress. *So help MoCo Chapter race to the finish, alumni!*



Jonathon Gunn '02' President

Chapter Elections in May 2022

Join Up, Alumni & Friends!

Dues-paying Alumni!

It is time to nominate MoCo NHA Chapter members for offices for the 2022-2023 academic year! Elections will be held at the May meeting so decide what position you are interested in or who you would like to nominate.

Nominations are currently open for the following officer positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Assistant Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Chaplain

Send your nominations to mcmdnhaa@gmail.com or make your nominations at the March or April meeting. MoCo Chapter needs your participation in its leadership to continue to grow!

Refer to the attachment about opportunities to serve with the Mid-Atlantic Region NHA.

COVID-19 Care

Here are links with information about getting FREE rapid COVID-19 test kits and masks.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing/rapid-tests.html>

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Chapter Officers & Committee Chairs

Jonathon Gunn '02, President

Jonathan White '11, Vice President

Gwen Jones '80, Treasurer

Parliamentarian - VACANT

Mindy Golatt '96,

Daarel Bumette II '06

Tyren Sutton '04, Chaplain

Membership Chair

Recording Secretary

Gayle Washington '74,

Godfrey Maynor, Jr. '85,

Joye Saxon, '92,

Assistant Chaplain

Parents Club Liaison

Assistant Recording Secretary

Sonya Snedecor '95,

Arthur Jackson '72,

Budget Secretary - VACANT

Alumni Giving Chair

Scholarship Committee Chair,

Financial Secretary - VACANT

El-Tonya Duckworth '97,

Chatter E-newsletter Editor

Community Service Chair

Student Recruitment Chair -




Fund Raising Chair - VACANT

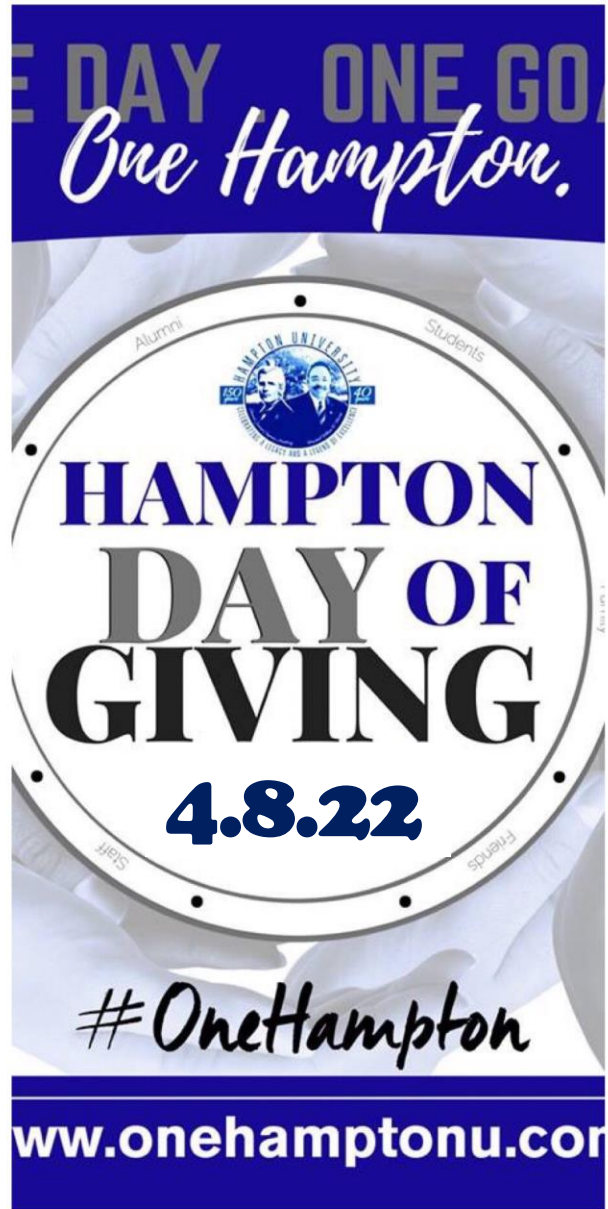
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Scheduled Chapter Meeting & Activities

Date	Time	Location
2022		
2/26	11 AM	Chapter Meeting
3/12	--	MoCo Madness Game Night
3/26	11 AM	Chapter/ Mid-Atlantic Region Meetings
4/8	11 AM	Annual Day of Giving
4/23	11 AM	Chapter Meeting / Christmas in April (TBD)
5/8	--	Commencement / Class Reunions
5/21	--	Chapter Meeting / Election of Officers
6/25	11 AM	2022-2023 Chapter Planning Meeting

Hampton U. Sports

Men's Basketball			
	Feb 19 (Sat)	7:00 PM	
	Feb 23 (Wed)	7:00 PM	ESPN+
	Feb 26 (Sat)	2:00 PM	



The poster features a large white graduation cap against a blue background. At the top, it says "ONE DAY ONE GOAL" in large letters, with "One Hampton." written in a white script font below it. In the center, a circular seal contains the Hampton University logo and the text "HAMPTON DAY OF GIVING" in large, bold, blue and black letters. Below the seal, the date "4.8.22" is written in a large, bold, blue font. At the bottom, the hashtag "#OneHampton" is written in a white script font, and the website "www.onehamptonu.com" is displayed in white text on a blue background.



The poster shows a basketball arena at night. At the top, there is a logo for "Big South Championships" with "Spartan UTH" and "HERCULES TIRES" integrated into the design. Below the logo, it says "MARCH 1-6, 2022" and "2022 HERCULES TIRES BIG SOUTH BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS" in large, bold, white letters.



The logo features a stylized blue and white city skyline. In the center, the letters "CIAA" are written in a large, bold, blue font with a registered trademark symbol. Below this, the word "TOURNAMENT" is written in a bold, orange font on a blue banner. At the bottom, a basketball is shown with the text "BALTIMORE 2022" written around it.

Feb. 22 - 26, 2022

WHCA Announces HU Scholarship

WASHINGTON D.C. (Feb. 1, 2022) – The White House Correspondents' Association announced today the creation of a new scholarship to be awarded each year to one student at the Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications.

"It is wonderful to see Hampton University students in the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications have an opportunity to be actively engaged and covering the White House," said Hampton University

President, Dr. William R. Harvey. "The Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications

(SHSJC) was built with

a vision to produce

ethical and competitive leaders in mass media who are equipped to practice excellence and innovation in multimedia technology while adhering to the core principles of journalism and communications. Now more than ever our country needs fair and unbiased political reporting."

One \$7,000 "Trust in Reporting Scholarship," funded by the Reuters news organization, will be given annually to a journalism student at Hampton University, preferably one interested in government or political reporting, according to Steven Portnoy, WHCA president and correspondent for CBS News Radio.

"Today's White House correspondents take tremendous pride in helping foster the development of the most promising journalists of tomorrow," said Portnoy. "We are excited to watch the careers of Hampton's WHCA scholars take flight and grateful to Reuters for its partnership."

The student will be included in a scholarship luncheon in Washington D.C. on April 29, attend the WHCA dinner on April 30, 2022 and will be paired for one year with a volunteer mentor from the White House press corps.

"We're inspired and excited about this annual scholarship to benefit our students, and our expanded relationship with the WHCA," said Julia Wilson, dean of Hampton's Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications. "This

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scholarship will help elevate Hampton's stature and include our school among our nation's top journalism schools. We plan to be not only the top Historically Black College and University journalism and communications school, but one of the best in the nation."

The Hampton University scholarship is the 12th partnership the WHCA has with other universities throughout the United States. Others include American University, Arizona State University, Columbia University, Howard University, Northwestern University, Ohio University, the



University of California at Berkeley, the University of Kansas, the University of Maryland, the University of Missouri and the University of Tennessee.

"Covering the diverse world in which we live requires a more diverse newsroom," said Alessandra Galloni, Reuters editor-in-chief. "We're delighted to extend the 'Trust in Reporting' scholarship to Hampton University to further this mission and to provide the next generation of journalists the opportunity to develop crucial skills both through formal education as well as hands-on training."

The WHCA also provides scholarships in partnership with the Asian American Journalists' Association and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. The organization also honors an independently financed scholarship recipient from Iowa State University, in partnership with the White House Historical Association. ...

For more information, contact Executive Director Steve Thomma at director@whca.press

HU Unveils Two Alumni Statues

HAMPTON, VA (Feb. 2, 2021) — Hampton University announces the recent unveiling of two new statues recognizing Hampton alums **Dr. May T. Christian '55** and **Clarence F. 'Jap' Curry '41**, both major contributors and stalwart supporters of Hampton University's mission. These new statues reside next to Twitchell Hall, near the Alumni House near the University's scenic waterfront.

"I always thought that Dr. Christian and Mr. Curry were two of the most loyal, supportive, and dedicated graduates of this world-class institution. We commend the positive impact, good work and faithful efforts made by these two individuals," said Dr. William R. Harvey, Hampton University President. "We honor both Dr. Mary T. Christian and Mr. Clarence F. 'Jap' Curry, for their service to the community and the world, as well as their support of their alma mater, Hampton University. For years, people's lives were aided by their endeavors. For these reasons and others, it is my pleasure to unveil these new statues."

Dr. Mary T. Christian



An educator and politician, Dr. Mary Taylor Christian was born on August 9, 1924 in Hampton, Va. After graduating from Phoenix High School in 1941, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, basketball, drama and debate teams, Dr. Christian began working in the laundry department at Hampton University. It was during this time she began taking typing courses and eventually landed a secretarial job at the university.

Dr. Christian was encouraged by her mentor to further her studies and she went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1955. From 1955 until 1960, Dr. Christian taught in the Hampton City School system. She attended Columbia University during summer breaks, where she earned her Master's degree in Speech and Drama in 1960. In 1968, she earned her PhD from

Michigan State University, while working as a professor at her alma mater of Hampton University. Dr. Christian's first major step into the political arena came in 1968 when she helped organize a voter registration drive at HU which resulted in more than a thousand people registering to vote.



(Footnote: The Class of 1971 thought enough of Dr. Christian, then Chair of the Elementary Education Department, to salute her in its yearbook.)

In 1980, Dr. Christian was named the Dean of the Hampton University School of Education. She was the first African American to serve on the Hampton City School Board. Dr. Christian worked as a campaign manager for several political candidates before deciding to run herself in 1985. In 1986, she was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates and became the first African American since reconstruction to represent the state's 92nd district, the City of Hampton.

Dr. Christian served nine consecutive terms in the Virginia General Assembly where she championed legislation on education, healthcare and prescription drugs. Dr. Christian was among three African Americans appointed to the House Appropriations Committee. She also served on the Education and Rules Committees. She served in the General Assembly from 1986 to 2004.

Known as "Dr. C" by her students on campus, Dr. Christian was professor emeritus at Hampton University. She received numerous awards for her community and humanitarian service. In 2014, a play based on Christian's life, titled "My Life Did the Singing," was performed on campus as part of her

birthday celebration. All proceeds from the celebration benefited the scholarship fund established at HU in her name.

On January 28, 2018, Dr. Christian was conferred with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Dr. William R. Harvey at the 125th Founder's Day Celebration.

Clarence "Jap" F. Curry



A native Newport News, Virginia, Clarence F. Curry received the Bachelor of Science Degree from Hampton Institute in 1941 and completed further educational studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and The George Washington University.

Curry worked as a public servant with the United States Postal Service for forty-three years. In his career with the Postal Service, he held several positions, including Supervisor, Assistant Manager, and Station Manager. Having begun his career at the Newport News Post Office in 1941, during the segregation era, he was one of the first African Americans promoted to a management position. Upon his retirement from the Postal Service, he served as Postmaster of Williamsburg, Virginia.

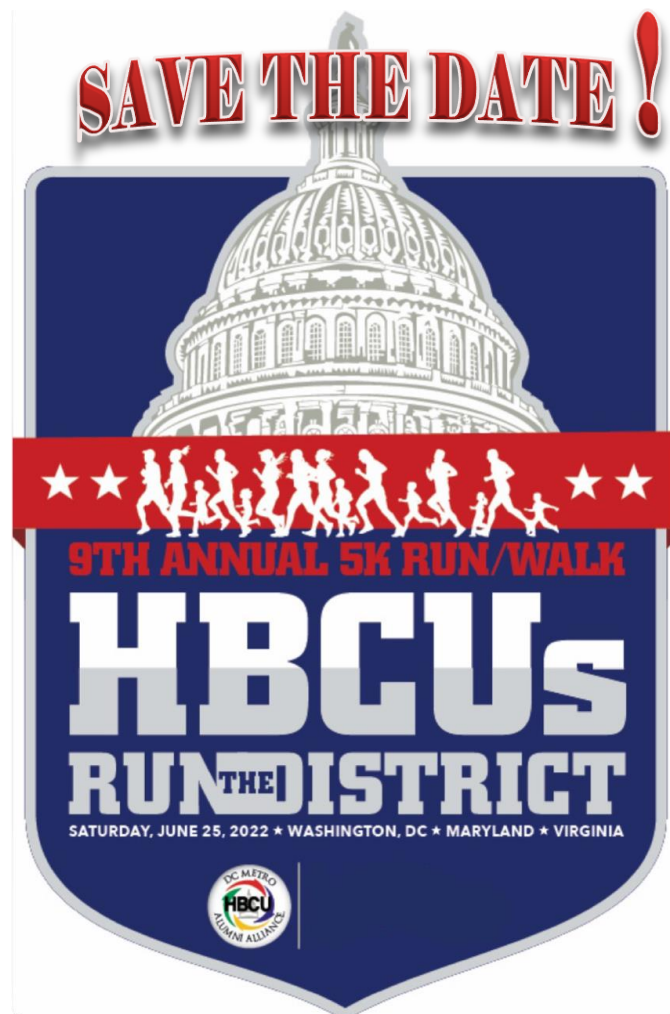
A passionate musician, Curry began his musical career in high school. During his matriculation at Hampton Institute, he played clarinet and alto saxophone in the marching band, symphony orchestra, and Royal Hamptonians Jazz Orchestra. In 1948, he formed his own band, Jap Curry's

Blazers which traveled the country backing famous artists such as Sam Cooke, The Drifters, Marie Simon and Big Joe Turner and performed in renowned venues such as the Apollo Theatre of Harlem. The Blazers served as the opening act for the Duke Ellington Orchestra at the Hampton Jazz Festival, and Curry performed live on television with Johnny Mathis and Jackie Wilson.

As a Hamptonian, he was a faithful supporter of the Hampton Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. and the Pirate's Booster Club. Curry and his wife, alumna Sadie Curry, endowed a scholarship for music majors, donated a collection of big band jazz arrangements, and passed the Hampton tradition on to their children and grandchildren.

On January 23, 2011, Curry received the Presidential Citizenship Award from Dr. William R. Harvey at the 118th Founder's Day Celebration.

Source: [HU Office of University Relations](#)

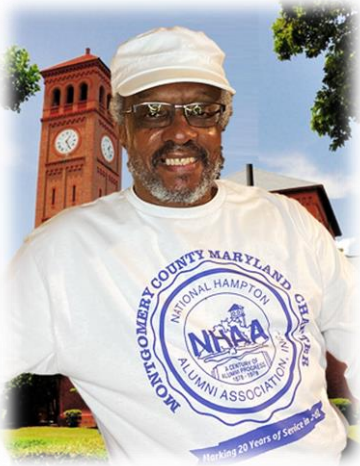


January 2022 Chapter Membership

Name		Class Year	Name		Class Year
1	Edward "Troy" Bishop	1987	10	Elizabeth Perry	1997
2	Phyllis Does	1983	11	Geoffrey Pierce ✕	1982
3	El-Tonya Duckworth	1997	12	Karen Porter	1985
4	Robin Ford	1984	13	Joyé Saxon ✕	1992
5	Jonathon Gunn	2002	14	Sonya Snedecor	1995
6	Ronald Harris II ✕	2002	15	Shawne Thomas	1989
7	Arthur Jackson ✕	1972	16	Sharon Vaughn	1982
8	Toni Johnson-Conner ✕	1975	17	Steven Vaughn	1981
9	Gwendolyn (Echols) Jones ✕	1980	18	Gayle Washington ✕	1974

ADD YOUR NAME AND BE AN "ACTIVE" CHAPTER MEMBER!

Get Your STYLE ON & Build Our Endowment!



Chapter Members,
 Participate in our first "Styling" Fund Raiser and look good in the spring! Several shirts with the same logo placement are available. A portion of each sale over 14 units supports The Presidents

- Scholarship endowment. It's easy to do!
- Click on link below and make your purchase before the fund raiser ends on March 26
 - Clothing items will be printed at the conclusion of the fundraiser
 - Purchased items should be received around two weeks after the fundraiser ends

[Follow this link to the Chapter "Styling" Fundraiser!](#)



March 25 - 27 TBA - Choir Rehearsals
 March 26, 2022 Anniversary Luncheon - 12:00 Noon until 2:00PM
 Featuring Guest Artist Ann Nesby, Henrietta Thomas Telfair, and Brenda Pressley
 Sunday March 27, 2022 Anniversary Concert - 4:00PM

Covid-19 Protocol Will be Followed. You must show your vaccination cards with booster before entering the events. Tickets will go on sale in January. If you have previously paid for a ticket it will be honored.

For tickets and and more info visit: hamptonalumnievents.com

[Follow this link for complete information\(?\)](#)

Montgomery County, Maryland Chapter, National Hampton Alumni Association
WINNER OF THE 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011 NHAA PRESIDENT'S AWARDS
WINNER OF THE 2013 and 2015 MERIT AWARDS

2021-2022 Membership Form

Greetings Fellow Hampton Alum and Friends of the University!

Help to grow our chapter by paying annual membership dues! Five dollars of your annual dues is sent to the university in your name. Alumni-giving success is measured not only by how much is given but also by how many give. *Can we count on you?*

Please renew your membership today. If you've never been a member, make this the year to join the Chapter. Watch for the monthly "Chatter" newsletter to see what members and the University are doing – social events, fundraisers and community service activities. You'll also have up-to-date information on the meeting schedule.

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting or the next Chapter event!

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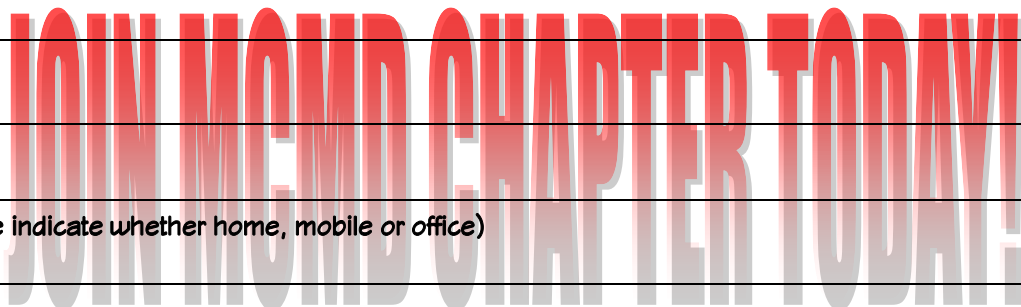
Graduation Year

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City, State & Zip Code

Preferred Phone (Please indicate whether home, mobile or office)

Email Address

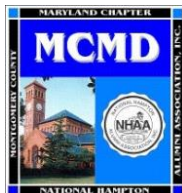


CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP OPTION (through June 30, 2022)

- Student Membership - *FREE* for 1 year following graduation
- Regular/Associate Membership - \$40 (Hampton Alum/Friend of HU)
- Contribution to the 2021-2022 Chapter Scholarship: (\$25 suggested) \$ _____
- Yes, I'll make a \$_____ (monthly) donation to the Chapter Scholarship Endowment*
- Contribution to Chapter operations : \$ _____

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Questions? Contact Membership Chair Mindy Golatt '96, mgolatt@hotmail.com or 917-407-1505 (m).

Please include Chapter Giving Code **AACF** on all contributions to HU to earn Chapter credit.