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2009 President's Award



Congratulations

Clayton Eichelberger, Leon Hendrix, Michelle Byrd, Dr. William R. Harvey, Martina Durant, and Rachel Spivey

Every year, seniors who are eligible to participate in the May graduation ceremonies and who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above are invited to compete for the President's Award. The President's Award Committee narrows the field down to a finalist and then the president selects the winner. This year, 26 seniors applied.

On March 21, Dr. Harvey made an unusual decision. He chose all 5 finalists; this has only happened once before. What's amazing is four of the five finalists were Honors College students. Each student received \$500 and the President's Cup trophy.

Hat's Off...

Jason Sherer and Joycelyn Watkins, Honors College students, were inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athletic Honor Society. Requirements for induction to this honor society include having a cumulative GPA of at

least 3.4 and being lettered in a sport. They are lettered in golf and track respectively.

Leon Hendrix III has been selected to attend The New York Times Student Journalism Institute 2009 in New Or-

leans. Only 24 students from across the nation were competitively selected, they are among "the best and brightest aspiring journalists."

NEW MEMBERS OF THE HC STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

The ballots are in and the votes have been counted. This year's class will be represented on the board by **Marcus Thomas, Jessica Moore, Juan Diasgrandados, and Melanie Spencer.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations

Jessica Osizugbo
2009

Special Benefactor
Scholarship Winner
Jessica will be going to Alajuela, Costa Rica to increase her knowledge base of the medical system in Latin America by participating in the SALUD Medical Spanish program hosted by AmeriSpan.

UNV 200 and Diamonds and Pearls

The UNV 200 Honors Service Learning seminar requires students to not only have individual service projects and research but also to be actively involved in a group or class project. One of the class projects involves working with a group of secondary school students who are called Diamonds and Pearls. These students are a part of a youth project from First Baptist Denbigh. They come to Hampton University for two Saturday mornings each semester.

In the first session with the group, the students discussed the importance of healthy eat-

ing and adding exercise into their lifestyle. The students played a bingo game with the group to test their knowledge of eating right and exercise. Soon after, the group was split into two teams and each team competed in an obstacle course to visually show the importance of exercise in a lifestyle. Lastly, the students ended the session with a game of Jeopardy and a Healthy Snack Creation Workshop where students used yogurt, fruit, and granola to create a parfait.

For the second session, the Hampton students stressed the importance of relationships to the students. The students opened up with a skit, portray-

ing, two people arguing and the group gave opinions about the argument and how they would have handled the situation.

Next, a dating game was played to investigate what the students in the group look for in an ideal mate. The students described 5 levels of love and relationships to them.

Finally, groups of two, one male and the other female, discussed what is important to each when they look to start a relationship with the opposite sex, with friends and with family. The session ended with a healthy snack to tie in what the group learned from the first session.

Mr. and Ms. Honors College Requirements

The Honors College Student Association Manual, under Article IV Section 3, states "Mr. and Ms. Honors College shall be selected each year in a manner proposed by the Board and approved by the body."

This year in order to run for Mr. or Ms. Honors College, the applicants had to submit a proposal that addressed the following: *The pursuit of 'honors' is a rewarding and fulfilling experience of which many students do not take advantage. What steps should we take to encourage students to further explore these opportunities?* The new Mr. and Ms. Honors College are Charles Todd and Pamela Champ.

More Good News

Generation whY Not?, this team made up of Honors College members Angel Rich and Rachel Spivey and Andrea Thornton, recently won first place and the grand prize of \$15,000 in Prudential Financial Insurance Company's competition to solve a real life

issue. This competition asked students to create a plan for altering the way life insurance is marketed. Basing their marketing plan on targeting youth and preparing them for better fiscal responsibility through education in financial security, healthy living

and social responsibility, Generation whY Not? not only had the opportunity to present to top executives in the industry but also to experience scrumptious meals and limousine rides. Congratulations Scholars!

From the Director's Pen

I've said it before; this is the time of year when Honors College is like a beehive with activity—"MARCH MADNESS." "March Madness," for me, is not just the exciting championship basketball games; rather, it means completing the orientation and induction process for the class of new students who undertake the challenge of Honors College. We have reviewed applications, interviewed applicants, and completed a full weekend of orientation activities so that each applicant who pursues this program has a good idea of what Honors College requires. It's exciting and time consuming; it's fun but tiring. This year, like the ones before, the pool of applicants is rich with talent, personality, energy, and ambition.

Seeing the 48 students make the "Commitment to Honors" and receive Honors College pins, while proud parents and friends share the ceremony, is like a "slam dunk" that wins the game.

There's another event that makes "March Madness" real for me. This is the time that the seniors review their Honors College records in order to certify that they have completed the requirements to graduate with Honors College endorsement. Unfortunately, some students will not enjoy the honor because they have failed to complete the program requirements. A disappointment such as this simply underscores

the need for each HC scholar to keep his/her folder up-to-date and to plan ahead.

"March Madness" means preparing and convening our thirteenth annual W. E. B. Du Bois Invitational Honors Conference. This conference – student planned and student implemented – really demonstrates the commitment, talent and dedication of HC scholars. The "madness" subsides with Honors Day when the University proudly recognizes all achievers. This year's theme is "Honors @ H U: Prepared for Change". Now that's a three-pointer that reflects Honors College.



Congratulations HCASC Sweet 16 Finalist
 Adam Dixon, Captain
 Nneka Uzoh
 Melanie Richards
 Jayrick Hayes
 Sarah-Anne Leverette



W.E.B. DuBois Conference

The 13th Du Bois Conference was attended by students, faculty and parents from one middle school and 11 high schools. 110 attendees came from Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Traditionally, this conference is planned and implemented by Honors College students for students who we label as the Smart Kids Network.

Featured in the first plenary session were Jerenda Manley, an awesome violinist, and an exciting dance by new HC inductees, Aneese Williams, Alexis Gadson,

Kari-Lynn Burroughs.

This year's workshops featured *Fashion Police: What Your Outfit Says About You*

Healthy Relationships: Staying Connected on All Levels
"Turn My Swag On"
"I Get Money!"
Embrace Diversity
"Whip Game Proper"

How is Txt Msg'n Affecting You?
Learn Something New About Your Roots

Seeing Yourself through Them
The Evolution of Gospel Music
Introducing the Asante Kingdom of

West Africa

Blacks in the Media: Do you believe what you see?

The Electoral Process and the 2008 Election

A Class Act: How the Huxtable Family Served as Role Models

Staying True to You: From the Female Perspective

All Things That Glitter Aren't Gold

The dedicated efforts HC Presenters, Facilitators and Implementation Committee made the W.E.B. Du-Bois Conference a great success.

Congratulations

Joia Starks 05',

**For being selected
as a 2009**

**Charles B. Rangle
International
Affairs Fellow.**

**Honors
College
Applicants
Clean Up
the Block**

The Orientation and Recruitment Committee had the HC Applicants take part in the Hampton Clean City Commission project. The students went to W. Pembroke to do their part in keeping Hampton beautiful.

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Orientation

Honors College applicants began the orientation process by being guests January 30th at the All-Campus Honors Banquet in the Student Center Ballroom. The applicants were able to experience firsthand some of the major events that go on within the Honors Council. On February 7th, the applicants met on the 8th floor of DuBois Hall for their first collective interaction with

each other and introduction to what the Honors College is all about. The applicants were required to present their projects on the different countries that are represented around Ogden Circle. The project required working with someone that the applicant may or may not have known before, presenting the information well and creatively, and finally listening to immediate feedback from committee members

and other Honors College members concerning their presentations. February 12th-15th was an action packed weekend for the applicants and the committee. Experiencing a Hot Issues Forum, interacting with Diamonds & Pearls, making schedules, and learning "Bind Us Together," proved to be a fun-filled time with lots of laughs and "teachable moments."



- Alisha Henderson
- Briana Johnson
- Brandi Jordan
- Kamilah Land
- Christina Lane
- Sheldon Lawrence
- Simone Lawrence
- Sydnee Mack
- Timothy McCall Jr.
- Camille McGirt
- Rasheed Merrell
- Leah Mitchell
- Kyshira Moffett
- Jessica Moore
- Stanley Nickarz
- Jamillah Plate
- Chanelle Roberts
- Robert Solomon
- Melanie Spencer
- Castel Sweet
- Eyden Thomas
- Justin Thomas
- Marcus Thomas
- Aneese Williams
- Jasmine Williams
- Jessica Willis

Induction

On March 20, 2009, 48 students were inducted into the Honors College Program. The theme for the evening was Perspective: Seeing the World Through Different Eyes. The guest speaker for the program was Elijah Hayward, an '05 Honors College graduate.

**2009 Honors
College Inductees**

- Daniel Applewhite
- Andrea Auguster
- Kelli Barnes
- Lyndsey Brightful
- Zaakiyah Brown
- Kari-Lynn Burroughs
- Indeya Chavis
- Djeneba Cherif
- Courtney Cole
- Kendyl Crawford

- Kelsey Daniels
- Zachary DeHart
- Juan Diasgranados
- Jessica Douglas
- Carrea Dye
- Monte Flowers
- Tishera Foxworth
- Garyn Gabriel
- Alexis Gadson
- Diandra Gordon
- Tiera Harris
- Candice Harris-Brown

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Honors College Student Executive Board

**Chair - Christiana Pinkston Betts
Secretary - Anitra Anderson**

Orientation and Recruitment - Chelsea Sealy and Jessica Scott

Word of Honor - Jamie Hardy and Courtney Hinton

Retreat - Tiffany Hampton and Clayton Eichelberger

Winner's Circle - Dwayne Wright and Marcel Wallace

Travelers Circle - Jade Anderson and Anitra Anderson

Homecoming - Jayrick Hayes and Brittany Adams (Mr. and Ms. Honors College)

W.E.B. Du Bois Conference - Kenneth Barton and Christiana Pinkston Betts