

**Alfred L. Davis, Jr.**  
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**ALFRED L. DAVIS, JR.**, Director of Bands at Hampton University and Conductor of the Marching Band (The “Marching Force”) and Symphonic Winds, is a graduate of Windsor High School in Windsor, VA. He received both his Bachelor's degree in Music Education (1983) and Master's degree in Secondary Education (with emphasis in music, 1985) from Hampton University. While at Hampton he studied trumpet with Donald Appert and Robert Ransom, arranging with Robert Martin and Sylvester Young and conducting with Donald Appert, Roland Carter and Sylvester Young.

Prior to returning to his alma mater, Mr. Davis served as Director of Bands and Instructor of Music at Savannah State College in Savannah, Georgia. In Virginia public schools, he served as Band Director at Windsor Middle School and the Windsor High Schools in Windsor, VA. Davis began writing for the marching band at Hampton while a student in the band. Prior to his hiring at Hampton, he served as staff arranger for the Hampton University Marching and Basketball Bands, under the direction of Sylvester Young and Barney

E. Smart. He was appointed Assistant Professor of Music and Assistant Director of Bands at HU in the fall of the 1995 academic year, where he served as the Chief Arranger for the Marching and Basketball Bands, and as Conductor of the Concert Band, Basketball Band, and Brass Ensemble. Under his leadership, the Basketball Band was given rave reviews for its performances at the MEAC Basketball Tournament and at two NCAA Tournament sites (Boise, ID and Storrs, CT).

Mr. Davis was appointed Director Of University Bands at Delaware State University in the fall of 2001 He was the conductor of the Marching Band, where he led the band in performances at the Richard Allen Classic in Philadelphia, PA, the Gold Coast Classic in San Diego, CA and the Original Battle of the Bands in Washington DC during his tenure there. He also conducted the Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo in major performances on-campus during the Spring Semesters of 2002 and 2003.

Mr. Davis returned to Hampton University in the fall of 2004 as Director of University Bands and Assistant Professor of Music. He is presently teaching the following course at HU: Marching Band, Advanced Instrumental Conducting, Marching Band Techniques, Symphonic Winds and Brass Methods. He has led the HU Marching Band in performances at the annual Battle of the Bay Classic (vs. Norfolk State), the 2004 Original Battle of the Bands in Washington, DC, the Whitney Young Classic in New York, NY, the 2005 Detroit Football Classic in Detroit, MI, the 2006 MEAC-SWAC Challenge in Birmingham, AL, the 2008 MEAC-SWAC Challenge in Orlando, FL and the annual HBCU Battlefest in Norfolk, VA. He also led the Symphonic Winds in a performance at the NASPAAM conference in Chicago, IL in February 2005 and at the HBCU National Band Directors Consortium Conference in March 2007. High school and college bands throughout the United States have played his marching band arrangements.

Mr. Davis is active as a clinician and adjudicator of marching and concert bands. He holds membership in the College Band Directors National Association, National Band Association, Music Educators National Conference, the HBCU National Band Directors Consortium (serves on the Board of Directors), the

Intercollegiate Music Association (currently serves as Vice-President), and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He also holds honorary memberships in Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity and Tau Beta Sigma Honorary Band Sorority. He is married to the former Sherree Brunson (Hampton, 1986) and has one daughter, Eva Paige.