

# THE CHATTER



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## *From the Chapter President*

### Seasons Greetings!

Let us all take a moment to reflect on the blessings that have been bestowed on us this year. Even with the tightened economy, we still have much to be thankful for. As we close out 2008 and bring in this historic year of 2009 let us not forget what it has taken to get this far. Blessings surround us.

Our annual Holiday and added this year our Pre-Inaugural Party is December 20. I hope to see many of you, your families and friends in attendance. It's an evening of great food, silent auction, raffles and this year a dance contest. Get ready to party! Read further for additional details.

Community service projects continue. Please be sure to bring gently worn coats, toiletries and loose change to donate at our next meeting, Saturday, December 13.

Need a stocking stuffer idea? Ready to plan a family night out? What about a girl or guy night out? Whatever the reason, plan to join area Hampton alumni from the Mid-Atlantic region as we cheer on the Wizards on Saturday, January 31, 2009! There'll be a special link for us to purchase tickets. Our Chapter will receive a portion of each ticket. More information is coming.

### *MCMD Chapter Meeting*

Join us on

Date: Saturday, Dec 13, 2008  
Time: 11 o'clock a.m.  
Place: Wheaton Regional Library  
11701 Georgia Avenue  
Wheaton, MD 20902

### PRE-INAUGURAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 2008

December 20, 2008 @ 9pm

SILVER SPRING HILTON

The last Sunday in January is Founders Day. We would like to continue the tradition of worshipping at a Chapter member's church that day. If you would like Chapter members to worship with you, please let me know.

Any suggestions for a Black History Month activity? We'd like to hear from you!

It's time for each of you to really think about stepping up and consider taking on a leadership role in the Chapter. Elections will be held in May. Elected terms are one year. Check the by-laws for specific offices and qualifications. We will begin looking for interested candidates in January. We must have a ballot in place by the March meeting. A nominations chairperson, to be determined, will contact members beginning in January. In the meantime, if you have a desire to run for an office, please let me know.

Be sure to keep reading. The *Chatter* is always full of great information. Hope to see you at the next meeting, Saturday, December 13 @11:00am at the Wheaton Regional Library.

**Happy Holidays to All!**

*In The Spirit! Possibilities Unlimited,*  
Toni '75

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## LEARNING THE ALMA MATER

Yes, there are a few Hamptonians who, for whatever reason, have not learned 'our favorite song' well. How many schools have a special arrangement of its alma mater, as sung by the Hampton University Choir? And how many have their marching band expand its size on the field while playing another special arrangement of the alma mater as they march? It's truly a very beautiful alma mater! How special is it...?

In the 80's, the D.C. Hampton Alumni Chapter sponsored tri-alumni dances, featuring Hampton with A&T, Morgan, Howard or other HBCU's. Near the end of the dance, each school would sing its alma mater, with the other schools singing before Hampton. Many of them mostly mumbled words after the first two lines. When Hampton formed its circle, the schools knew that every Hamptonian knew the words, and sang the alma mater with love. After a few years, the dances stopped. Some say it was just due to the embarrassment of other HBCU's being out-sung by Hampton. How awesome is that???

Now, in order to learn it, you need to dedicate 15 or 20 minutes of time to learn. You also have to tell yourself that you are committed to learning it. But the secret of learning it is to "sing the MEANING of the song, and not just the WORDS". You also want to memorize the words IN ALL CAPS because they will make you remember the rest of the line. Here we go...

*"O Hampton, A THOUGHT SENT from HEAVEN above"*

**MEANING: This is awesome-Hampton as a "THOUGHT" sent from Heaven!**

*"To be a great SOUL'S INSPIRATION"*

**MEANING: Implying that Gen. Armstrong was the 'great soul' who had the inspiration for Hampton.**

*"WE SING thee the (pronounce as 'thuh') EARNEST of broad, human LOVE"*

*"The SHRINE of our HEART's ADORATION"*

*"THY FOUNDATIONS FIRM and thy ROOFTREE OUTSPREAD"*

**MEANING: Hampton's trade school taught students to build buildings. Think of old buildings like VC Hall, Clark Hall, and the Chapel. This refers to their FIRM foundations and their ROOFTREES – beams in the ceilings that brace and hold the buildings together are 'rooftrees'.**

*"And thy SACRED ALTAR-FIRES burning"*

**MEANING: In olden days, altars were lit and sacrifices placed on them to appease and revere ancestors. We sure made sacrifices in all of Hampton's buildings.**

*"The SEA CIRCLING 'round thee, SOFT SKIES overhead DEAR HAMPTON, the GOAL of our yearning!"*

*"OH HAMPTON, we NEVER can MAKE thee a SONG EXCEPT as our LIVES do the SINGING"*

**MEANING: These two lines mean that the words we have sung so far will never mean anything unless our lives reflect our 'broad human love'.**

*"IN SERVICE that will THY GREAT SPIRIT PROLONG"*

*"And SEND it through CENTURIES SINGING!"*

**MEANING: Our service to Hampton and our communities will prolong the spirit of Hampton and maintain its legacy through centuries.**

Now, if you have "sung the meaning" and committed the words IN ALL CAPS to memory, you now 'own' the first verse and refrain of your alma mater. CONGRATULATIONS! The second verse is on you, and next time we'll work on "Lift Every Voice and Sing". With President Obama in the White House, we will all need to know the words and the meaning of that bit of our heritage.

Earl F. Simmons, Class of 1966  
Chaplain, MCMD NHAA, Inc.

## Annual Giving Appeal to All Alumni

Thank all of you who made contributions to Hampton University during the past academic year, particularly those who participated in the New Cafeteria Campaign. Although much progress has been made, Hampton still has not accumulated enough funds to break ground on the new building, and you may recall Dr. Harvey's appeal to the alumni at Homecoming.

I encourage all alumni to budget *now* to fulfill pledges made during this campaign or to make another contribution you feel is appropriate given what Hampton University has given to you. Below is all you need to know about alumni giving:

### How Much to Contribute?

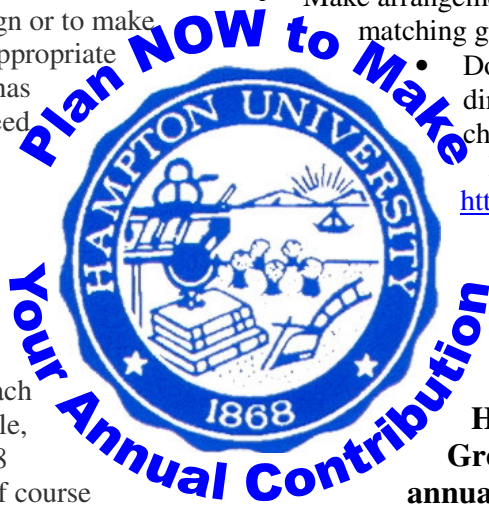
*Whatever you are comfortable giving, and can continue to give on a regular basis.*

The University would like every alumnus to contribute \$100 for each year since graduation. For example, if you graduated 1998, your 2008 contribution would be \$1,000. Of course smaller amounts given annually would still be greatly appreciated! *Both the University and national alumni organization encourage alumni to stop only giving during class reunions!* A more predictable pattern of giving would help University budgeting and planning.

Every alumnus who has not done so is encouraged to begin by contributing \$50 in 2008-2009 (the cost of to modest dinner for two), *then continue to annually donate an equal or greater amount.*

**How Do I Contribute?** *Several convenient options are available to you:*

- The MCMD Chapter will contribute \$5 in your name during each year of membership;
  - Make an (additional) online contribution directly to the University by going to: <http://www.hamptonu.edu/donate/>
  - Make a pledge by credit card or bank draft;
  - Make arrangements for your employer to make a matching gift; or
  - Download the form to contribute directly to the University from your checking account on a monthly basis
- For more information go to: <http://givingto.hamptonu.edu/ways.cfm>



*Remember to include the **Chapter Code AACF** with your donation or pledge so that it is credited to MCMD Chapter.*

**Help ensure the survival of this Great Institution with your annual contributions.** This would

also increase the university's relatively small donor base make it easier for HU to secure large gifts that help grow the endowment, since alumni donations provide tangible evidence of what alumni think of their alma mater.

Thanks for your continued support.

Arthur Jackson, '72  
Alumni Giving Chair

### Tom Joyner Foundation

You can still donate to the Tom Joyner Foundation on behalf of Hampton until December 31, 2008. Follow the link below.

[http://www.hamptonu.edu/donate/tom\\_joyner.cfm](http://www.hamptonu.edu/donate/tom_joyner.cfm)

Click on the "DONATE NOW" button, and add "Montgomery County, MD Chapter" behind your last name so our Chapter receives credit.

Montgomery County, Maryland Chapter  
National Hampton Alumni Association

*You're invited to join your local Hampton Alumni chapter*

**WINNER OF THE 2007 AND 2008 NHAA PRESIDENT'S AWARD!**

**2008-2009 Membership**

**Yes! Sign me up! I want to stay connected to my "Home by the Sea"**

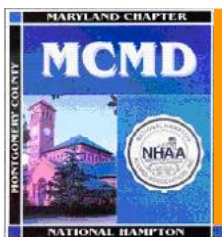
Name	Graduation year	
Street		
City, State & Zip code		
Home phone	Office phone	Cell phone
Email address		

**WHICH COMMITTEE WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT?**

- Social    Recruitment    Membership    Public Relations    Budget  
 Scholarship    Parents' Club    Alumni Giving    Courtesy and Recognition

**CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP:**

- Student Membership - FREE for 1 year after graduation  
 Regular Membership - \$35  
 Associate Membership - \$35  
 Honorary & Emeritus Membership - FREE (50 years since graduation)  
**Contributions to MCMD Chapter Scholarship Fund: \$25 (suggested)**



Make check payable to: **MCMD NHAA, Inc.** (Montgomery County MD Chapter NHAA, Inc.), and mail along with this application to:  
 MCMD NHAA, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 3334  
 Gaithersburg, MD 20885-3334

Questions? Contact Membership Chair, Earl Simmons  
[earl\\_simmons@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:earl_simmons@nlm.nih.gov); 301-622-0659

## [ Calendar of Events ]

DATE	TIME	Chapter Meetings
<b>2008</b>		
December 13	11 A.M.	Wheaton Regional Library
<b>2009</b>		
January 17	11 A.M.	Rockville Library
February 14	11 A.M.	Rockville Library
March 21	11 A.M.	Rockville Library
April 11	11 A.M.	Rockville Library
May 16	11 A.M.	Rockville Library

DATE	TIME	Activities
<b>2008</b>		
Dec 20	9pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Celebration
<b>2009</b>		
Jan 24		Alumni Council of Mid-Atlantic Region, NHAA meeting - location TBD
Jan 25	TBA	Founder's Day Observance MCMD Chapter worships at local church
February	TBA	Annual Black History Month event
Mar 9 - 14		Men's Basketball/MEAC Tournament
Mar 18 - 20		Black Family Conference at Hampton Univ
Mar 27 - 29		MCMD Chapter hosts MAR Conference
Apr 3		High School Day at Hampton University
May 8 - 10		Alumni Reunion Weekend
June	TBA	Chapter Leadership Retreat
July 11	TBA	Annual Chapter Picnic

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND REMINDERS

#### Community Service

Remember to bring gently worn coats to Saturday's meeting for the Chapter's Coats 4 Kids project, and toiletries for the kids at Rock Creek Academy. The Community Service Committee is also collecting Pennies for the Homeless at each meeting. Bring your loose change for the jar. You can also bring canned foods to the holiday party for our community service efforts. If you have questions contact Krystle at 240-731-1200.

Krystle Washington, Class of 2007  
Community Service Committee Chair

#### Holiday Treats

Arthur Whitaker, class of 1965 and owner of Whitaker's Gourmet, Inc., has wonderfully delicious RUMFRU Delight Gourmet Cakes available for your dining pleasure. Try RUMFRU Delight Gourmet Cake with coffee, tea, or your favorite ice cream. Either way "It is a Taste to Delight Your Senses and Lift Your Spirits". Visit our web site at [www.whitakersgourmet.com](http://www.whitakersgourmet.com) to place an order, or call us at 301-434-CAKE (2253). You may also pick your cakes up at the alumni pre-inaugural Christmas party and save on shipping.

### Chapter Meeting Locations

#### **Wheaton Regional Library**

11701 Georgia Avenue  
Wheaton, MD 20902  
240-777-0678

#### **Rockville Library**

21 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850  
240-777-0140

### CONDOLENCES

The Chapter offers sincere condolences to Medaris Banks who recently lost his mother. Please keep Medaris in your thoughts and prayers.

# HELPING HAMPTON GROW

## Roster 2008 - 2009

Lavern Hamlin Allen\*\* - 1956  
Roberta Finney Atkinson - 1962  
Eric Bailey - 1979  
Jeremy Broussard^ - 1999  
Ethelwyn Caples-Willis\*\* - 1942  
Alexander Chalmers\*\* - 1950  
Dianna Babb Coleman - 1981  
Thurman Davis - 1960  
El-Tonya Duckworth - 1997  
Krystal Curtis Evans^ - 2006  
Eunice Sears Frazier^ - 1955 and 1965  
Alvergia Guyton\*  
John Hawkins IV^ - 2000  
Arthur Holmes\*\* - 1952  
Courtney Dunbar Jones^ - 2000  
Curtis Langford\*\* - 1952  
Rita Lee - 1995  
Lillian Martin Long\*\* - 1957  
Lisa Smith Miller - 1987  
Barbara Newton Purdie^ - 1968  
Letitia Robinson^ - 1993  
Lenora Sherard - 1965  
Earl Simmons - 1966  
Sonya Snedecor - 1995  
Twinnetta Potter Taylor - 1992  
Audrey Vaughan - 1965  
Gayle Washington - 1974  
Marie Whitaker - 1966  
Sheryl Green Wilson^ - 1985  
Fred Yette - 1981

Lonita Claggett Allen^ - 1985  
Alfred Bailey\*\* - 1952  
Sharon Broady Vaughn - 1982  
Alethea Burt\*\* - 1953  
Kaye Craft - 1973  
Carl Coleman - 1980  
Loretta White Davis - 1962  
Gloria Deyo\*\* - 1952  
Gwendolyn Echols-Jones - 1980  
Robin Ford - 1984  
Jonathan Gunn^ - 2002  
James Guyton\*  
Leroy Hedgepeth\*\* - 1953  
Herbert Jackson - 1955  
Russell Jones^ - 2000  
Tiffani Bailey Lash^ - 2002  
Russell Manns^ - 1990  
James Marshall, Jr.\*\* - 1953  
Adrian Nelson, Sr. - 1957  
Delores Brown Reese\*\* - 1953  
William Robinson - 1964  
Carolee Simmons - 1969  
Richard Smith\*\* - 1957  
Annie Lewis Taylor - 1962  
Reshenda Thompson - 1995  
Steven Vaughn - 1981  
Arthur Whitaker - 1965  
Fred Willis\*\* - 1943  
Kawania Howerton Wooten^ - 1988

^New Member  
\*\*Emeritus  
\*Associate Member

Updated as of 12/09/08

