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THE *Blueteenth*
ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

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The Atlanta Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated (NHAA-Atlanta) is delighted to present its third annual Bluteenth Gala, following our 2022 Blue and White Ball. This event is our signature fundraiser of the year, making it possible for us to provide scholarships to Hampton University students and support valuable public service initiatives in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

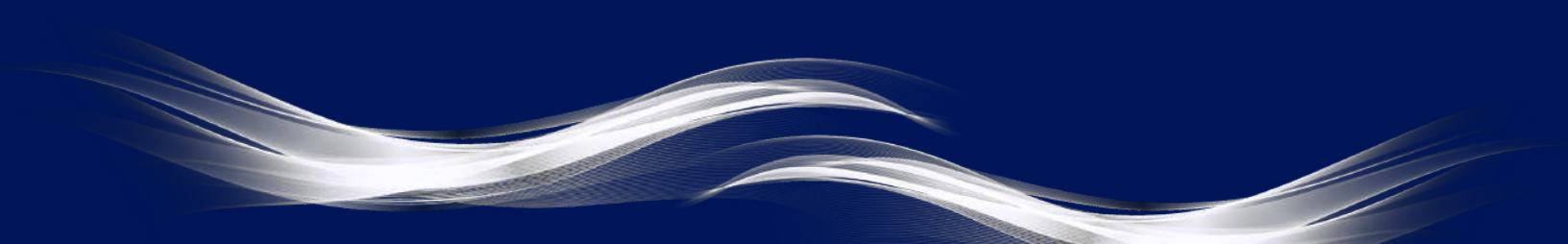
“Bluteenth” is a unique name that was selected because our gala and the other events that comprise the Bluteenth Experience generally occur during the weekend of the federal holiday, Juneteenth, one of the most significant moments in history. Hamptonians have a special appreciation for Juneteenth because the first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 occurred under our treasured landmark on campus, the Emancipation Oak.

The Bluteenth Experience is a celebration of excellence as evidenced by our five 2025 Bluteenth Gala honorees. The outstanding professional accomplishments and civic engagements of Attorney Shay Lawson McKinley, Mrs. Angela Burt-Murray, Ms. Carmen Daniels Jones, Ms. Tracy Moss, and Mr. Malcolm Benson cannot be overstated.

It has been our pleasure to provide more than \$150,000 in scholarships to 79 Hampton University students since 2022. The generosity of our Bluteenth Gala guests and other benefactors have made this possible. In 2023, we were confident that we would be able to raise \$50,000 in FIVE minutes. We raised \$61,000 in TENish minutes. In 2024, we were blessed to accrue more than \$70,000 for student scholarships. With your support tonight, we believe we will surpass that and achieve our aspirational goal of \$100,000 before the evening ends.

NHAA-Atlanta has been busy supporting Hampton University, metropolitan Atlanta, and our members all year. With 241 financial members, we have made a significant impact in key areas that support Hampton University, advance the NHAA-Atlanta brand in the community, and contribute to the overall health and wellness of members and friends.

In early August, we kicked off the year with our Leadership Retreat, where officers and committee chairs came together to plan impactful programming and reaffirm our mission. This gathering set the tone for a year dedicated to service, fellowship, and celebration.



In September, more than 400 Hampton and Howard alumni joined us for the spirited “Battle of the Real HU” Watch Party, where we celebrated our seventh consecutive victory. Throughout the year, we hosted multiple HBCU Nights at local sporting events, creating opportunities to network and build community among HBCU alumni in Atlanta.

Health and wellness took center stage with events that nurtured both body and mind. From participating in our energizing Homecoming Boot Camp—featuring hiking, biking, and yoga – to our Spring Hiking Series, members embraced holistic well-being. We also launched the “Get Fit” initiative in partnership with the American Heart Association during Homecoming Weekend and will cap the year off by participating in the HBCU 5K, raising scholarship funds and awareness for our institutions.

In December, our joyful Holiday Jingle Mingle brought families together in the spirit of giving. We collected toys and essentials for women and children supported by Promise Place and later volunteered with CHRIS 180 to wrap gifts for their annual holiday event.

Founders Day Weekend in January was a memorable celebration, including a cocktail mixer, two service projects, Sunday worship at Friendship Baptist Church, and a festive brunch—honoring our Hampton heritage and commitment to service. We also participated in a successful service activity with City Bridges Food Pantry where we served hundreds of families through their food pantry.

In the spring, we engaged with prospective students at HBCU College Fairs across metro Atlanta and showcased Hampton pride at the HBCU Chess Classic at Georgia Tech, the HBCU Collegiate Softball Invitational, and the Georgia Tech Track Invitational. We proudly supported our student-athletes and connected with the HU Athletics team during the Coaches Caravan Atlanta stop.

Our annual Springcoming brought together alumni from across the area for a weekend of reconnection and renewed commitment—many members even paid their dues on-site, showing strong support for the chapter.

We closed the year at the Atlanta Jazz Festival, where we celebrated HBCU Alumni Row—an event that blended jazz vibes with HBCU pride and grew our membership while expanding our visibility in the community.

And now, we welcome you to Blueteenth, our culminating event of the year. Since August, we have been preparing for this special celebration. We are thrilled to have you with us this weekend. Thank you for being a part of our journey.

This is How We Let Our Lives Do The Singing



A MESSAGE

FROM PRESIDENT, DR. GEORGE WHITE

Dear Fellow Hamptonians, Friends, and Esteemed Guests,

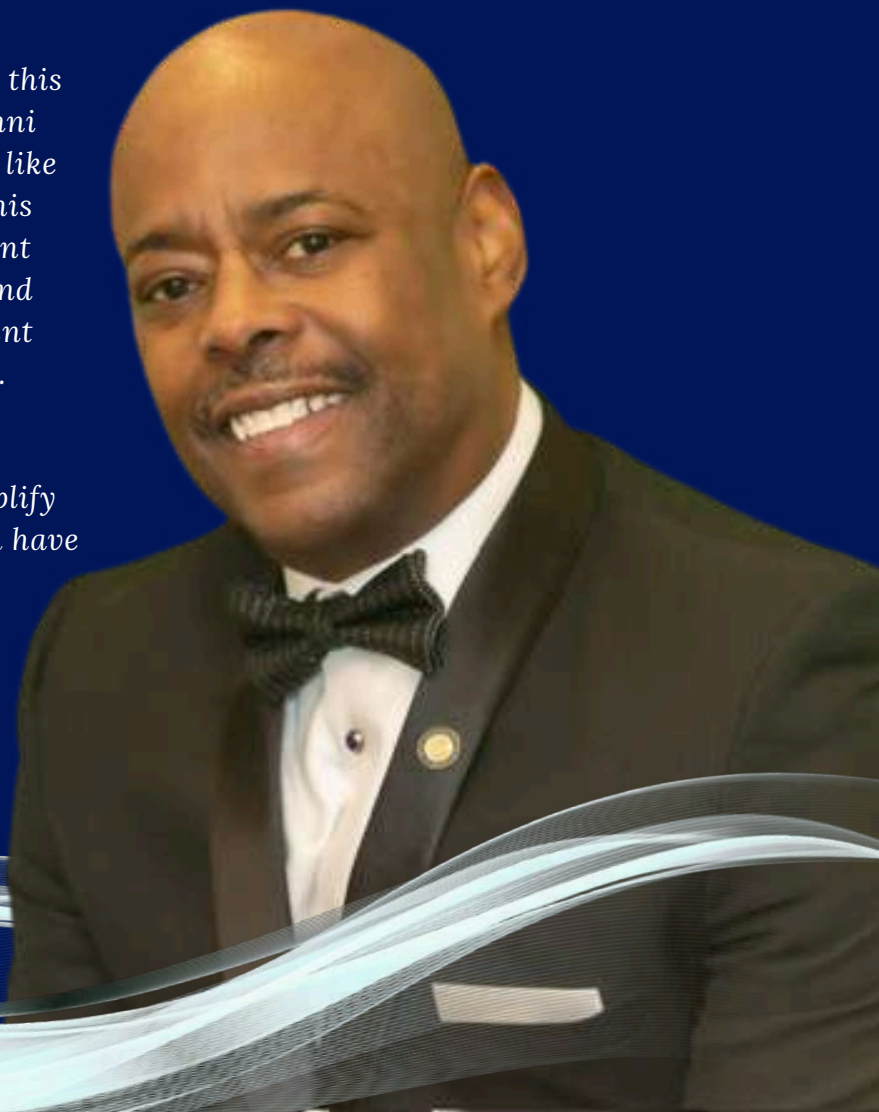
As President of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc., it is my distinct honor to welcome you to the 2025 Bluteenth Experience here in the vibrant city of Atlanta, Georgia. This year's celebration aligns with the historic observance of Juneteenth—a momentous occasion in our shared history—and we are proud to commemorate it together.

Bluteenth 2025 marks the revival of our chapter's largest fundraising initiative, featuring a series of events that began Thursday with our Blu-OWT gathering at The Gathering Spot and culminating tomorrow afternoon with Bluteenth and Blutinis. We're excited to debut a new venue for the Bluteenth Gala this year—the iconic Omni Hotel in downtown Atlanta, a shift from our former home at the Oceans Ballroom at the Georgia Aquarium. Our theme, Casino Royale, promises an evening that is both unforgettable and exhilarating.

I continue to be humbled and inspired by this extraordinary organization and the alumni across generations who make gatherings like this possible. It is my sincere hope that this events inspire greater alumni engagement and galvanize support for scholarships and institutional resources that benefit current and future Hampton University students.

To our honorees-congratulations! Your exceptional leadership and service exemplify the very best of Hampton University. You have truly embodied the spirit of our beloved “Home by the Sea” and have “let your lives do the singing” through your impact on our communities.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our Gala Chair, Dr. Reaneé Ivey Ellis, and the entire Bluteenth Experience committee.



WELCOME

FROM PRESIDENT, DR. GEORGE WHITE (CONT'D)

For the past three years, your tireless dedication and creativity have delivered an extraordinary and elegant experience that showcases the very best of our alumni network.

Our executive leadership team has had a phenomenal year—championing student mentorship, health and wellness, scholarships, student recruitment, alumni engagement, community service, and more. I am deeply grateful for their commitment to both our students and fellow alumni. Special recognition goes to our leadership team: Mr. Gerald Smith, Vice President; Ms. Tamara Ewing, Treasurer; Ms. Toi Carter, Corresponding Secretary; and Ms. Dayzia Gadson, Recording Secretary.

As we enjoy the evening's festivities, let us not lose sight of our purpose. We are navigating unprecedented times, and our students need us now more than ever. I humbly ask for your generous support as we strive to raise \$100,000 in scholarship funds for current and future Hampton scholars.

Finally, please join me in honoring our two distinguished “Good Trouble Award” recipients: Dr. Dietra Trent, former Executive Director of the White House Initiative on HBCUs and a tireless advocate for our institutions, and Mr. Harry Dunn, the courageous former U.S. Capitol Police Officer who stood in defense of democracy on January 6, 2021. We are truly grateful for their presence and their service.

In That Ole Hampton Spirit,

George E. White

DR. GEORGE E. WHITE, PRESIDENT

Atlanta Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated



WELCOME

FROM EVENT CHAIR, DR. REANEÉ IVEY ELLIS

Greetings!

It is a joy to welcome you to the 2025 Bluteenth Gala. As the evening unfolds, I invite you to experience the vibrancy and unity that define the Bluteenth Gala. From the amazing accomplishments of our honorees to the stories of resilience and achievement shared by our scholarship recipients, tonight is a celebration not just of milestones but of the foundation we are building for the future.

The 2025 Bluteenth honorees have excelled beyond expectation in their professional and civic endeavors. Tonight, we shine a well-deserved spotlight on Shay Lawson McKinley, Esq. (HU '06), Mrs. Angela Burt-Murray (HU '91), Ms. Carmen Daniels Jones (HU '88), Ms. Tracy Moss (HU '89), and Mr. Malcolm Benson (HU '96).

Our Good Trouble Award recipients, Dr. Dietra Trent and Mr. Harry A. Dunn, are both remarkable in their own right. It is such an honor to have them with us this evening.

This evening will be even more significant as we introduce you to some of our incredibly gifted NHAA-Atlanta scholars. Thanks to the generous support of attendees at previous Bluteenth Galas and the predecessor event, the Blue and White Ball, NHAA-Atlanta has awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships to 79 students since 2022. We are so impressed with these young people and happy to do all we can to ensure their continued matriculation at our beloved Hampton University.

Dr. Brian L. Davis offered an opportunity for Hampton University students to compete for internships at the Georgia Aquarium during his term as President and CEO. Tonight, we will posthumously honor him by presenting an award to his family in gratitude for our three-year partnership with the Georgia Aquarium.



WELCOME

FROM EVENT CHAIR, DR. REANEÉ IVEY ELLIS (CONT'D)

The Blueteenth Experience owes its success to the unwavering support of our sponsors and donors. Please take a moment to recognize them in this commemorative journal and show them the same generosity they have extended to us.

Let us also recognize the incredible energy of our volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure that every detail of this four-day Blueteenth Experience is seamless and memorable. Their dedication is a testament to the enduring spirit of community that Hampton fosters in each of us.

May this evening be filled with joy, laughter, and purpose. Let the stories move, the music inspire, and the camaraderie remind you of why we are here-to make a difference. Together, we can turn the aspirations of the youngest Hamptonians into reality and celebrate the legacy our honorees have helped us build.

On behalf of the entire Blueteenth Experience Committee and NHAA-Atlanta, I welcome you to the 2025 Blueteenth Gala. Enjoy every moment and remember Hamptonians don't shake hands. We give Hampton Hugs.

Cordially,

Reaneé Ivey Ellis

REANEÉ IVEY ELLIS, PHD

Atlanta Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 2025

Greetings,

On behalf of Hampton University, the First Lady and I extend warmest greetings and heartfelt congratulations to you on another successful Bluteenth Experience. Your steadfast support for Hampton University students and our "Home by the Sea" is truly commendable.

This event reflects the strength, creativity, and commitment of our alumni community. The Bluteenth Experience not only celebrates our university, our alumni, and our students, but it also stands as a powerful example of what we can accomplish when we come together with purpose and pride. Since the inception of the Bluteenth Experience in 2022, you can be justifiably proud of your fundraising efforts resulting in collective contributions over \$150,000.00. As a result of your efforts, 79 scholarships have been awarded to Hampton University students from Georgia. Your work has made a lasting impact, and for that, we are extremely grateful.

As we continue to rise to new heights, I am excited to report that our university is doing extraordinarily well. We have elevated our Carnegie Classification Research Status to R2, meaning High Research Activity and Doctorate Production. We have also successfully launched a new School of Religion and reestablished our accreditation in the schools of Pharmacy, Business, Journalism and Communications, and Nursing. We have continued to increase our investment in capital improvements to our physical infrastructure with residence hall renovations, and we have expanded the faculty to meet the needs of our 33% increase in enrollment. We are implementing our strategic plan that elevates Hampton University excellence and provides our students with the *#1 Student Experience in America*.

Thank you for the invitation. Myra and I are honored to be here with you tonight. Best wishes for continued success. "Thank God and Go Pirates."

Sincerely,

Darrell K. Williams
President



June 21, 2025

Atlanta Chapter
National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Greetings ATL Hamptonians,

On behalf of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc., we congratulate you on another very successful Blueteenth Gala Celebration. I appreciate your efforts in support of our beloved "Home by the Sea."

Stacy and I are honored to witness another spectacular Blueteenth Celebration. We have been impressed by how you continue to elevate the elegance, efficiency and fundraising efforts for the weekend of events and look forward to this year's festivities.

The Atlanta Chapter remains the flagship chapter in the National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated in engagement, membership and fundraising. You are setting the standard and can be justifiably proud of your accomplishments. During the last three, your fundraising efforts resulted in over \$150,000 in direct contributions to Hampton University. Through use of the Current Use Scholarship program at the university, you have directly assisted in the education of students from the Atlanta area.

The association looks forward to your continued success as one of our premier chapters. We also look forward to working with you in order to help President Darrel K. Williams deliver the "#1 Student Experience," to our students. We hope you enjoy the Gala tonight.

In That Hampton Spirit,
b/c: "I Am 1968"

Willie Williams, Jr.
President, National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc.
2024-2026
"We Are Stronger Working Together"



**National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated
Southeast Region AL, FL, GA, MS, SC, TN & USVI**



June 2025

On behalf of the Southeast Region of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Incorporated, I am honored to extend a heartfelt welcome and congratulations to the Atlanta Chapter on the successful hosting of the 2025 Bluteenth Casino Royale Weekend. This momentous occasion is a testament to your unwavering commitment to Hampton University and your dedication to uplifting our community.

The Atlanta Chapter continues to be a pillar of excellence, not only within the Southeast Region but across the entire NHAAL, Inc. With over 4,000 alumni in our region, your chapter stands as the largest and most active, setting a standard of leadership, engagement, and service that inspires us all. Your efforts to raise scholarship funds, support Hampton University students, and create meaningful connections within the alumni network are truly commendable.

A special congratulations to this year's distinguished honorees and Atlanta Chapter President, Dr. George White, whose leadership has propelled the Southeast Region to new heights. Your collective impact is felt far beyond this evening's celebration, and we deeply appreciate the dedication of each member who played a role in making this event a reality.

I also extend my sincere gratitude to Chair Dr. Reanee Ivey Ellis, her hardworking committees, and all chapter officers who devoted their time and talents to bringing the Bluteenth Casino Royale Weekend to fruition. Additionally, we acknowledge and appreciate the generosity of our sponsors, whose support makes this event and your ongoing initiatives possible.

As we gather to celebrate, let us continue to uplift our beloved alma mater, strengthen our Hampton bonds, and advance the legacy of "Our Home by the Sea." The Southeast Region is immensely proud of the Atlanta Chapter, and we look forward to seeing your continued success.

With Hampton Pride and Best Wishes,

Pamela Bennett Askew '86
President, Southeast Region NHAAL, Inc.
Upstate South Carolina Chapter



ANDRE DICKENS
MAYOR



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June 21, 2025

Greetings:

As the 61st Mayor of Atlanta, I am pleased to join the Atlanta Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association (NHAA-Atlanta) in welcoming attendees of the *4th Annual Blueteenth Gala*.

I applaud your organization's intentional efforts to raise funds in support of public service initiatives and provide scholarships for students. These gifts have increased incrementally over the last four years, culminating with a donation of more than \$77,000 to 39 students during the current academic year and more than \$150,000 to 76 students since 2022.

Hampton University is a well-respected, top-tier HBCU with alumni who emerge as leaders in their professions all around the world. Closer to home, Metro Atlanta has been a fortunate benefactor of the exceptional skills and expertise of Hamptonians who have served in key leadership positions in major organizations based in our local communities.

It is my pleasure to congratulate tonight's five Blueteenth Gala honorees, who will be recognized for their superior contributions in professional and civic spaces. Your Good Trouble Award is near and dear to my heart and this city. Our beloved late Congressman John Lewis set the standard for doing the right thing no matter the circumstances and this award is a fitting tribute to his shining legacy. I applaud this year's Good Trouble awardees, for answering the call and leaving an indelible imprint on our society.

On behalf of the City of Atlanta, thank you all for your service and I offer my best wishes for a memorable occasion.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre Dickens", written in a cursive style.

Mayor Andre Dickens



PROGRAMME

WELCOME

Lulu Louizaire, HU Class of 2019, Miss Hampton 2018-2019 | Miss Georgia 2024

Reaneé Ivey Ellis, PhD, HU Class of 1979, Chair, Bluteenth Experience

George E. White, PhD, HU Class of 1980, President, NHAA-Atlanta

GREETINGS FROM THE BLUTEENTH GALA HOST

Fred Blankenship, News Anchor, WSB-TV2 News

Casino Royale Raffle

SAIL AWAY Donated by Silver Sponsor, Kelli Anderson, HU Class of 2002

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DINNER IS SERVED

Why I Support the Bluteenth

Entertainment by DJ Babey Drew, HU Class of 2002

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 BLUTEENTH AWARDS





PROGRAMME

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 BLUETEENTH AWARDS

SHAY LAWSON MCKINLEY, ESQ., CLASS OF 2006

Young Professional Alumni Leadership Award

ANGELA BURT-MURRAY, CLASS OF 1991

Excellence in Arts & Entertainment Award

CARMEN DANIELS JONES, CLASS OF 1988

Professional Achievement Award

Tracy Moss, Class of 1989

Ivory L. Young, Jr. Community Impact Award

MALCOLM BENSON, CLASS OF 1996

Distinguished Service Award

DR. BRIAN C. DAVIS

*Posthumous Presentation of the Science and Education
Standard of Excellence Award*

DR. DIETRA TRENT AND MR. HARRY A. DUNN

Good Trouble Award





OUR HOST

FRED BLANKENSHIP

ANCHOR, WSB-TV2 NEWS

Fred Blankenship joined the WSB-TV Channel 2 in 2007. He's been waking up Georgians ever since as the anchor of Channel 2 Action News This Morning from 4:30 a.m.-7:00 a.m.

He has covered everything from the COVID-19 pandemic to hurricanes during his time at the station. Fred's most memorable moment at WSB was honoring the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday by walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge with Congressman John Lewis. It was on that bridge that Congressman Lewis was nearly killed with other protestors.

Fred has been honored with several Emmy awards for his work on Channel 2 Action News This Morning and Channel 2 Action News at Noon. He's also involved with several organizations in Atlanta, including 100 Black Men of Atlanta and Leadership Atlanta. Before joining Channel 2 Action News, Fred worked in San Diego, California and Wichita, Kansas.

OUR TALENT

DJ BABEY DREW

HU CLASS OF 2002

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One of the world's most sought after DJs, DJ Babey Drew, has grown to become a staple in the music and entertainment industry, proving to be an energetic performer brimming with a passion for music. His explosive DJ sets consist of an unparalleled blend of genres of music.

Perhaps his best quality is his outgoing personality that energizes crowds. That has led him to selling out his own shows across the world in over 70 countries and he continues to break down barriers as a world renowned DJ.

He has made impressive appearances on shows like The Grammys, The Oprah Winfrey Show, MTV's TRL, The View, The

Today Show, Good Morning America, Live with Regis and Kelly, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Kid's Choice Awards, and more. Notably, Drew is the official touring DJ for Chris Brown. He has played alongside the likes of Diplo, Calvin Harris, Steve Aoki, Justin Bieber, the Chainsmokers, and many more. He is a regular DJ for the Kardashians & Jenners, and has an elite clientele list.

Babey Drew's audiences extend beyond the tour scene, as he has worked with Fortune 500 companies such as Microsoft, Nike, Delta, AT&T, and Facebook. On top of that, his mixes can be heard regularly on Power 96.1 in Atlanta, Z104 in Virginia Beach, and Sirius/XM. Grammy award winning for his work with Diplo and Skrillex on their "Jack U" project, Drew has produced an array of artists.

At the heart of it all, Babey Drew's ability to identify musical enclaves and make them palatable to audiences sets him apart, making him the ultimate DJ.



THE BLUETEENTH MENU

*Mixed Green Salad with Shaved Carrots, Radish,
Cucumber and Heirloom Cherry Tomato
Choice of Buttermilk Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette Salad Dressing*

*Chilean Sea Bass Black with Citrus Buerre Blanc
Served with Au Gratin Potatoes, Asparagus, Tri-Colored Cauliflower*

*Chicken Coq Au Vin With Baby Potatoes, Chicken Thighs,
Carrots, Pearl Onions, Smoked Bacon, Mushrooms
Served with Au Gratin Potatoes, Asparagus, Tri-Colored Cauliflower*

*Stuffed Baby Eggplant with Squash, Tomato, Quinoa and Mixed Herbs
Served with Au Gratin Potatoes, Asparagus, Tri-Colored Cauliflower*

*Rolls
Sweet Tea
Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee*

Crème Brulee Cheesecake



OUR 2025 HONOREES

HONOREE

YOUNG ALUMNI IMPACT AWARD

SHAY LAWSON MCKINLEY, ESQ.

Sheronda “Shay” Lawson McKinley is the Managing Attorney of the Law Firm of Lawson McKinley and a transactional law professor at Emory University School of Law. Her keen understanding of the entertainment business and leveraging IP has allowed her to negotiate millions in client deals with brands such as Apple Music, Capital One, iHeart Media, NBC Universal, and AT&T. Billboard Magazine named Shay a Top Music Attorney in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 for her work protecting the brand and legacies of multi-platinum, GRAMMY award winning artists, songwriters, engineers, and producers. Her work protecting clients has been featured by Essence, Rolling Stone, The Hollywood Reporter, Atlanta Business Chronicle, and Black Enterprise.

Shay’s passion for political advocacy drives her volunteer service as chair of Policy and Civic Engagement for the Black Music Action Coalition, three terms as Governor for the Atlanta Chapter of the Recording Academy (GRAMMYS®) as co-chair of legislative advocacy, and former Social Action Chair of the Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

During her time at Hampton University Shay was a Presidential Scholar, served as a member of the Greer Dawson Wilson Student Leadership Program, President of the Speech and Debate Team, and Co-Captain of the Honda All Star Academic Challenge Team. She recently picked up the leadership baton again to galvanize Hamptonians in an effort to elect the first HBCU graduate as President of the United States, creating a collective of students and alumni calling themselves Hamptonians for Harris.



HONOREE

YOUNG ALUMNI IMPACT AWARD

SHAY LAWSON MCKINLEY, ESQ.

Shay's efforts brought together over 2K+ Hamptonians across generations spanning from the class of 1969 to the class of 2028 for voter education, voter registration, and were able to raise over \$100K in support of Vice President Kamala Harris.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Shay earned her Juris Doctorate at Case Western Reserve University College of Law, her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with honors from Hampton University as a member of Oge Phi Oge XII and holds a certificate in Minority Political Leadership from the Grace E Harris Leadership School at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is married to Kyle T. McKinley and together they look forward to welcoming their first child in the summer of 2025.

HONOREE

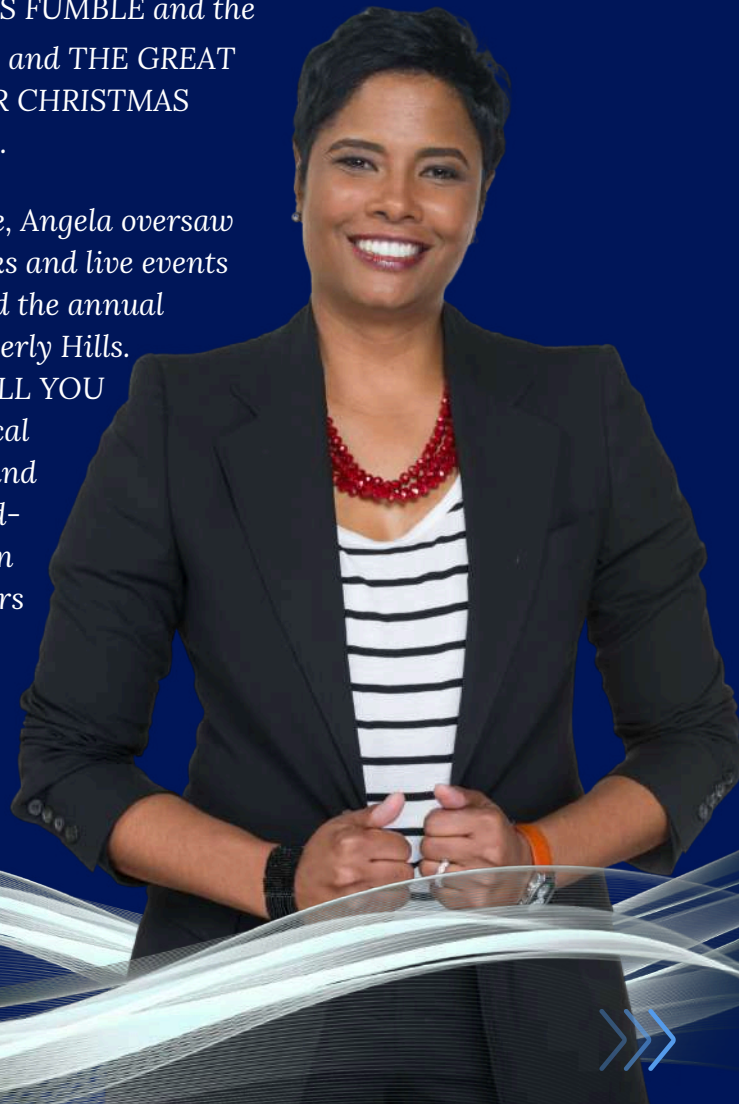
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AWARD

ANGELA BURT-MURRAY

Angela Burt-Murray is an award-winning journalist, novelist and screenwriter with extensive experience developing movies and TV series for BET, OWN, LIFETIME and NETFLIX.

She is the co-author of the novel, The Vow, which was optioned for the Lifetime Network movie, WITH THIS RING starring Gabrielle Union, Regina Hall and Jill Scott. Angela also authored the bestselling thriller "Games Divas Play" which was optioned by BET as the breakout TV series GAMES PEOPLE PLAY starring Lauren London. She is the creator, writer and producer for a second TV series, HUSH on AMC's AllBLK. She's also written six BET movies: LOVE MARRY KILL, CRUEL ENCOUNTERS, the breast cancer drama PROMISE TO GOD, the social media thriller FRIEND REQUEST, HOLIDAY HEIST, THE CHRISTMAS LOTTERY and developed the romantic comedy ANGRILY EVER AFTER, which was based on her humor book The Angry Black Woman's Guide to Life. Angela has also written three holiday movies for Discovery's OWN Network: COOKING UP CHRISTMAS, A CHRISTMAS FUMBLE and the COOKING UP CHRISTMAS, A CHRISTMAS FUMBLE and THE GREAT HOLIDAY BAKE WAR. Her holiday movie A KISS FOR CHRISTMAS was developed for Hallmark and streamed on Netflix.

As the former Editor-in-Chief of ESSENCE magazine, Angela oversaw the magazine and web site while also producing books and live events like the ESSENCE Music Festival in New Orleans and the annual Black Women in Hollywood Oscar celebration in Beverly Hills. She also created and produced reality series like "WILL YOU MARRY ME" and "30 DATES IN 30 DAYS" and political news specials like "Black Men in America" for CNN and MSNBC. During Angela's tenure she published award-winning investigative features on sex trafficking, gun violence and the HIV crisis, produced magazine covers featuring celebrities like Beyonce, Idris Elba, Will Smith, Denzel Washington and Halle Berry and interviewed both President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama in the White House.



HONOREE

EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

ANGELA BURT-MURRAY

Angela also previously served as Vice President and Editorial Director for Viacom's BET.com, Deputy Editor at Conde Nast's GLAMOUR magazine and interim General Manager for Magic Johnson's Aspire cable network. She also appeared as a co-host for three seasons on the talk show EXHALE alongside Issa Rae and has frequently appeared on CNN, Good Morning America, The Steve Harvey Morning Show and The Today Show and has been profiled in The New York Times.

Angela graduated from Hampton University with a degree in finance. She's served on the board of the American Society of Magazine Editors, Planned Parenthood Southeast, the domestic violence organization Safe Horizons, the South Orange Performing Arts Center, The Pingry School and established a scholarship fund for the Hampton University lacrosse team.

The proud mother of two sons, Solomon and Ellison (HU Class of 2024), she currently resides in Atlanta with her husband Leonard and is writing the new crime thriller, Twice as Good.

HONOREE

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CARMEN DANIELS JONES

Carmen Daniels Jones is a nationally recognized executive, strategist, and changemaker whose career is rooted in purpose and powered by resilience. She is widely respected for her ability to guide organizations through transformation—developing innovative strategies that fuel growth, advance inclusion, and unlock new opportunities.

Carmen's journey was forever changed in November 1986, when a car accident during Thanksgiving break left her paralyzed from the waist down. At just 20 years old, she was forced to reimagine her future. After months of rehabilitation, she returned home to New Jersey unsure whether she could continue her education. While her family encouraged her to stay close to home, Carmen was determined to return to Hampton University—the place that had already begun to shape her identity and aspirations.

At the time, Hampton's campus had accessibility barriers: no curb cuts, inaccessible dorms, and limited accommodations. But Carmen, her family, the Dean of Women, Dr. Greer D. Wilson, a rehabilitation engineer, and the university's facilities team came together to make the campus accessible. From curb cuts to an accessible dorm room in McGrew Towers, they made it possible for Carmen to fully return. Friends, classmates, her brother, Booker, who was an incoming freshman, and sorors of the Gamma Theta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. rallied around her. Her return to Hampton reignited her hope, restored her independence, and laid the foundation for a life of advocacy and leadership.

After graduating with a degree in Marketing, Carmen began working at a nonprofit serving people with disabilities. There, she joined national efforts to help pass the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990—landmark legislation that affirmed the civil rights of people with disabilities in every aspect of life. Driven to elevate the voices of people with disabilities in business and media, she founded the Solutions Marketing Group, a pioneering consultancy that helps Fortune 500 companies like Nike, Visa, AT&T, ESPN, and UnitedHealthcare effectively engage the disability community as consumers and employees.



HONOREE

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CARMEN DANIELS JONES

In 2008, Carmen led national disability engagement for then-Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign and was invited to represent the disability community at the Democratic National Convention's Platform Hearing. Following the election, she was appointed to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Obama Administration. There, she opened new markets for Black farmers—connecting their harvests to major retailers like Walmart—and later served as Director of the Office of Small Business, championing access and equity for diverse entrepreneurs.

Carmen currently serves on the boards of the United Spinal Association and the World Institute on Disability. In 2023, she was honored with the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation Visionary Award in recognition of her lifetime commitment to access, equity, and leadership for people with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities.

Carmen often reflects on Hampton University as the place that gave her the strength to reclaim her life. Her "Home by the Sea" didn't just welcome her back—it helped shape who she is today. She remains forever indebted to the Hampton University community that saw her potential and helped her soar.

HONOREE

IVORY L. YOUNG, JR.

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

TRACY MOSS

Tracy Moss is a 1989 graduate of Hampton University, with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. She also holds a Master of Business Administration in Marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc and is an avid volunteer. With over 35 years of business expertise, she has successfully merged her marketing acumen, entrepreneurial vision, and dedication to philanthropy to uplift communities and empower future generations. Her dedication to volunteerism is evident through her work with numerous nonprofit organizations, including Jack and Jill of America, Inc., EmotionThink, Makayla Moving Autism, and the Atlanta Chapter of The National Alumni Association of Hampton University. She is also the driving force behind Go Beyond Your Knowledge Fund Inc. (GoByk), a nonprofit she founded to cultivate cultural awareness and build self-esteem.

In 2000, Tracy saw a critical need to provide African American children with a space to connect with their heritage. Seeking to expose her five-year-old child to a richer cultural narrative while fostering community among Black students in a predominantly white private school, she established the African American Achievement Camp. What began as a small gathering of K-5th grade students grew into a powerful movement, eventually evolving into GoByk, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding Black history education for 25 years.

For more than two decades, GoByk's Black History Camp has been its flagship initiative, inspiring young minds and deepening their understanding of African American heritage. The organization's reach has since expanded, providing Black History program development and implementation for major institutions, including the National Black Arts Festival, the Southeastern Region of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Freedom Schools, and Black Girls Code. Tracy's work has been instrumental in ensuring that Black history is celebrated, preserved, and integrated into educational experiences for young learners.





HONOREE

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COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

TRACY MOSS

Beyond her professional and philanthropic endeavors, Tracy values family above all else. She is married to her college sweetheart, H. “Skip” Watson and is the proud mother of four children: Sydney, Randi, John, and Evynn. Her commitment to both her family and community continues to drive her mission of empowerment, education, and cultural enrichment.

Through her business acumen, nonprofit leadership, and dedication to uplifting others, Tracy Moss remains a beacon of inspiration in the Atlanta community and beyond.

HONOREE

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MALCOLM BENSON

Malcolm Benson is a visionary leader, servant, and steadfast champion of community who embodies the Hamptonian ideals of excellence, purpose, and impact. With every endeavor, Malcolm has remained anchored in a deep commitment to service, creativity, and the advancement of others.

A proud graduate of Hampton University, Malcolm earned his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering while also excelling on the football field. Alongside his brother Tim, a fellow Hamptonian and teammate, Malcolm, helped power the Pirates' football program during the early '90s, leaving behind a legacy both on the field and in the classroom. After his final season, Malcolm left as a 2X team captain, 2X season scoring leader and held the team record for the all-time leading scoring, amongst other records. In 1995, he was honored as a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete, now labeled as the "Academic Heisman", and inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame—recognition that also earned him a full scholarship to pursue his Master's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Georgia Tech.

Malcolm is also a proud Spring '94 initiate of the Gamma Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.—another experience he shared with his brother Tim (Spring '92).

Today, Malcolm serves as a Senior Network Implementation Engineer, where he brings nearly three decades of experience in telecommunications and engineering, driving performance, and innovation. His strategic thinking, technical acumen, and collaborative spirit have made him a respected leader within one of the world's top tech companies.

Deeply rooted in a value-driven upbringing in Jefferson City, Missouri, Malcolm learned the importance of hard work, humility, and service early on—watching his mother raise three sons with grace and resilience. That same work ethic and sense of purpose still fuels his desire to get his hands "dirty"—both literally and figuratively—in pursuit of meaningful change.



HONOREE

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MALCOLM BENSON

Malcolm is the co-founder of Grape Roots Inc., a nonprofit social enterprise that uses urban farming and technology to fight food insecurity and foster self-sufficiency in Atlanta communities. In 2022, the organization was honored with the Washington Cluster Partner of the Year Award by Atlanta Public Schools.

He is also the founder of mtminddesign, which has provided web and graphic design support to small businesses, nonprofits, and startups for over 20 years. In all things, Malcolm is a committed investor in people and in powerful ideas that promise lasting impact.

His influence within the Hampton University alumni network is equally profound. As a 25 year active member of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, and a two-term president, Malcolm sparked a movement—reinvigorating alumni engagement, launching new initiatives, and founding the Blue & White Scholarship Ball in 2010, which has now evolved into the beloved Blueteenth Weekend. This tradition has become a cultural touchstone in Atlanta and inspired similar celebrations nationwide. He has also served on the board of the National Hampton Alumni Association as a part of its technology committee, helping shape the direction and digital infrastructure of the organization on a national level.

Outside of his many professional and civic pursuits, Malcolm is most proud of the role he plays as a devoted father. His children, Serenity (Howard '25) and Xaden (Harvard '28), remain at the center of his inspiration and motivation to build a brighter, more equitable future.

Whether mentoring the next generation of engineers and farmers, serving on the board of Raising Expectations—a nonprofit focused on transforming the lives of underserved youth through education and mentorship—or helping to preserve Atlanta's cultural landmarks as a board member of the Historic Atlanta Municipal Market, Malcolm moves with intention, humility, and heart.

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HONOREE

GOOD TROUBLE AWARD RECIPIENT

DIETRA TRENT, PHD

HU CLASS OF 1986, GENESIS



Dietra Trent formerly served in the Biden/Harris Administration as the Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). With over 25 years of experience dedicated to advancing equity for Virginia's and our nation's most underserved communities, she made significant contributions to education and educational policy.

Previously, she held several leadership positions at George Mason University, including chief of staff and Interim Vice President for Compliance, Diversity, and Ethics.

In 2016, Dr. Trent was appointed Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia by Governor Terry McAuliffe, having previously served as Deputy Secretary of Education under both Governor McAuliffe and Governor Tim Kaine. Her extensive experience serving in the administrations of three former governors, including Mark Warner, as well as the Office of Congressman Bobby Scott, has provided her with a wealth of federal, state, and educational policy.

Dr. Trent holds a bachelor's degree from Hampton University and both a master's and Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University. In recognition of her contributions to education and equity, she has been awarded five honorary degrees.

HONOREE

GOOD TROUBLE AWARD RECIPIENT

HARRY A. DUNN



Many of you know Harry by name, perhaps by face and maybe even through video, testimony and interviews from the past few years.

Dunn joined the U.S. Capitol Police in 2008. On January 6, 2021, he was on the front lines of protecting the Capitol, Members of Congress and our nation's democratic processes against the mob of insurrectionists attempting to stop the certification of the 2020 election.

Throughout that day, both outside and inside the Capitol, Dunn faced physical attack and racial slurs from those storming the building.

In recognition of his heroic public service, President Joe Biden awarded him the Presidential Citizens Medal, the second-highest civilian award given to individuals who have performed "exemplary deeds of service for their country or their fellow citizens." He also is a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal.

Following the attack, Dunn was one of the few officers willing to speak publicly about the events of January 6, calling for the creation of a commission to investigate the day and the events leading up to it. He testified before the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol in nationally broadcast hearings, and since has been featured in The New York Times, MSNBC, NPR, ABC News, The Washington Post and CNN.

A certified crisis negotiation and crisis intervention officer, Dunn grew up in Prince George's County, Maryland, crediting his parents with instilling in him the value of treating people right. He attended James Madison University, where he earned a degree in public health education and promotion. There, he was a student-athlete and starting offensive lineman for the university's 2004 national championship football team. He has equated his football experience to his law enforcement experience: "In sports, you learn to do things for the guys and work together to achieve common goals."

OUR 2024-2025 SCHOLARS

The Atlanta Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. is proud to announce our 2024-2025 scholarship recipients. Our scholarship program provides tuition assistance to students who reside in the metropolitan Atlanta area and are incoming or current students at Hampton University and meet the rigorous NHAA-Atlanta scholarship application criteria. This year, the chapter awarded a total of \$60,000.00 in scholarships to 30 students. Follow these young Hamptonians. We are certain you will hear their names in prominent places.



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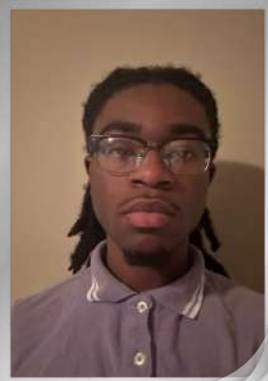
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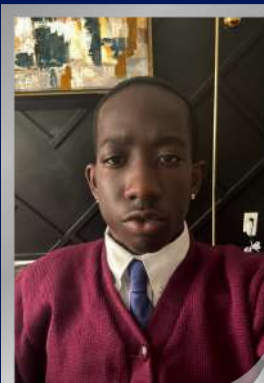
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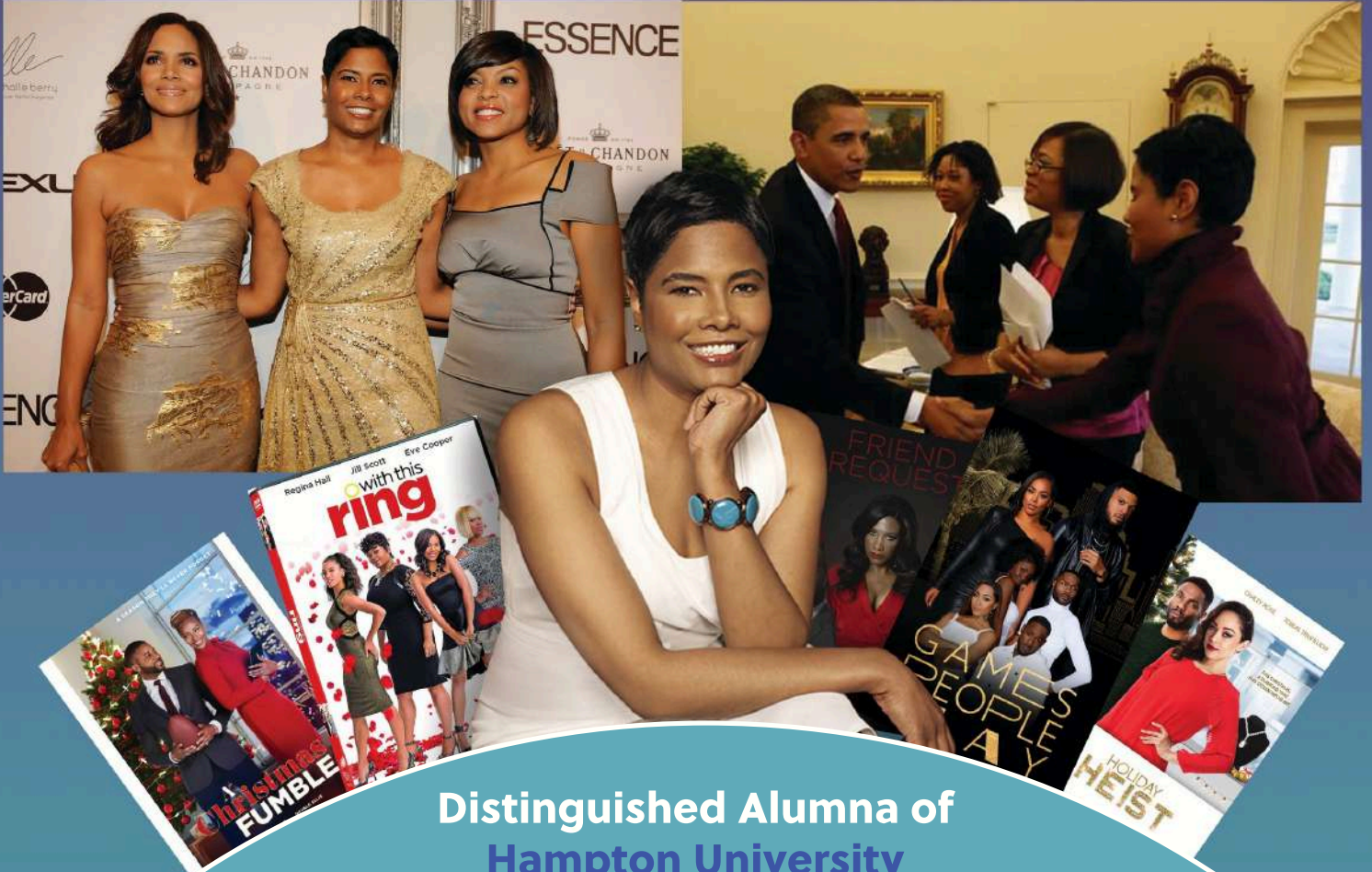
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You have always been an inspiration to us, not just within our Sorority or the gates of our beloved Home By The Sea, but in all of your endeavors. You are a shining example of what can be achieved through perseverance and determination—hence your Line Name, “True Grit.”

Sisterhood is the bond we share.

As you celebrate this significant honor, know that your Line Sisters are in awe of you and love you deeply.

With tight hugs, our heartfelt congratulations, and a collective **SKEE WEE**,

Your “Bleeps & Blunders Take 49”
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Gamma Theta Chapter
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Congratulations **Carmen Daniels Jones**

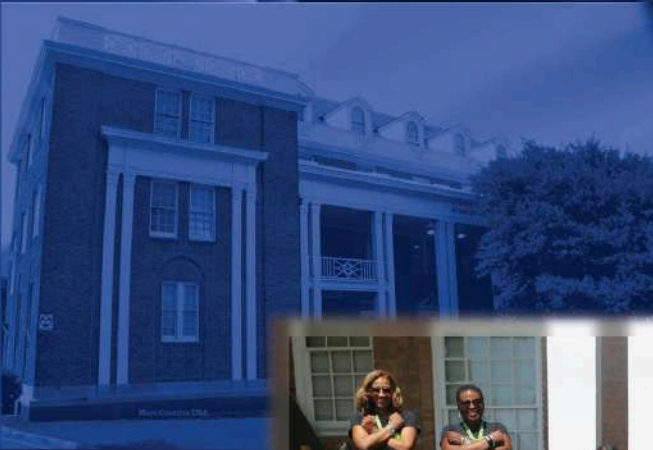
Congratulations Carmen on receiving the 2025 Bluteenth Gala Professional Achievement Award. Your life is doing the singing!

Over the years, we've watched you rise — with strength, vision, and unwavering commitment. Your journey has been nothing short of inspiring and this recognition is so well deserved. You have always led with grace, purpose, and brilliance.

We are endlessly proud of you.

With heartfelt cheer,

The Hampton University
Kennedy Kittens



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SOROR CARMEN DANIELS



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The Mighty Class of Ogre Phi Ogre VI and its Executive Leadership Team wholeheartedly congratulates our classmate Carmen Daniels for being on hororee for the fourth Bluteenth Gala this evening Saturday, June 21st.

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TO **CARMEN DANIELS**

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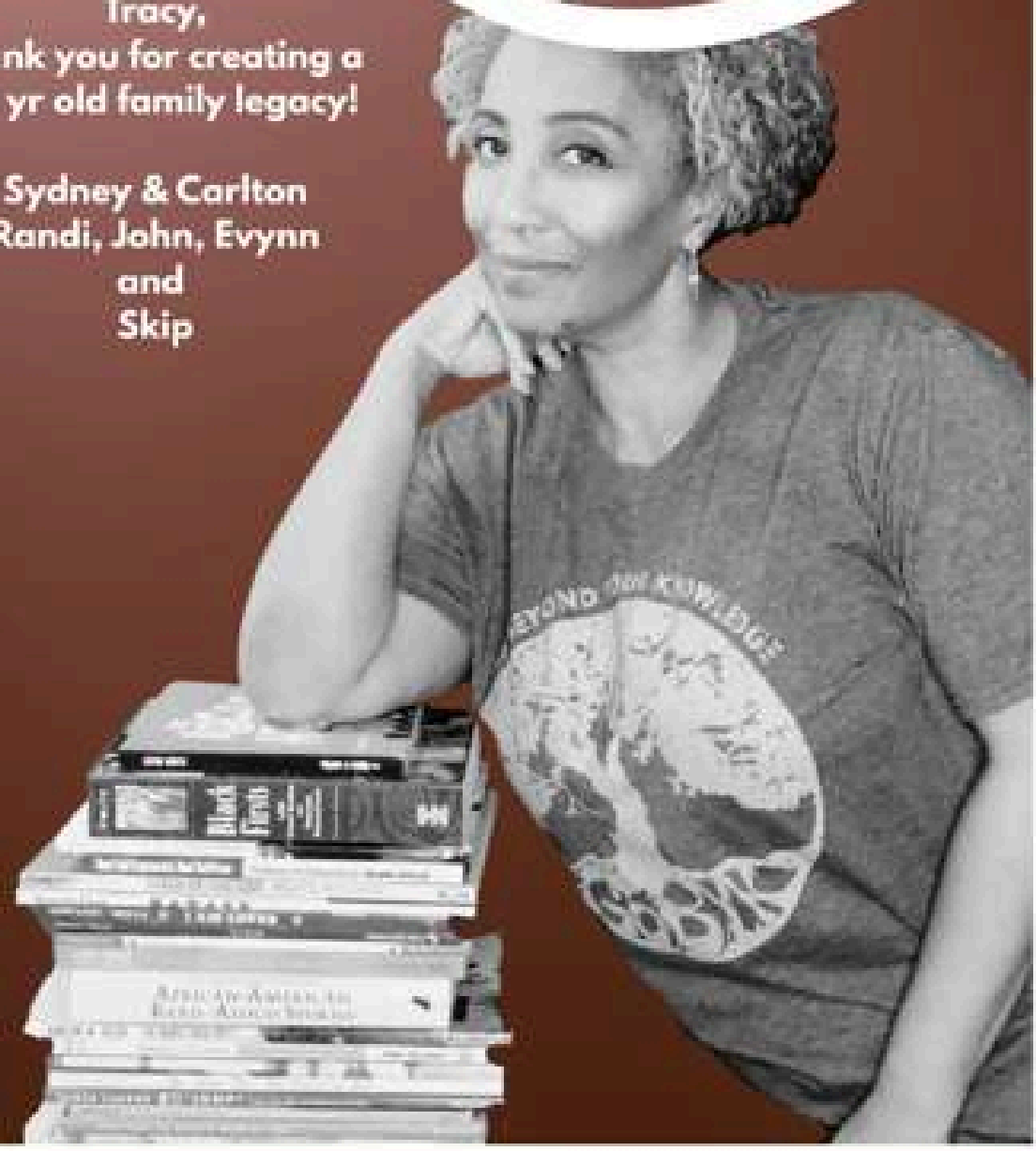


With Love,
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Thank you for creating a
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In you, the spirit of Alpha lives and breathes—yesterday's promise fulfilled in today's purpose, with a future that holds even more to celebrate. We salute you, our brother, with love, respect, and unwavering unity. The House of Alpha is proud—and so are we.





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To be a great soul's inspiration;
We sing thee the earnest of broad human love,
The shrine of our heart's adoration.
Thy foundation firm and thy roof tree out spread,
And thy sacred altar-fires burning,
The sea circling 'round thee, soft skies overhead,
Dear Hampton, the goal of our yearning!

REFRAIN

O Hampton, we never can make thee a song
Except as our lives do the singing,
In service that will thy great spirit prolong,
And send it through centuries ringing!

Kind mother, we'll treasure the dear happy days
We've spent here in life's preparation,
Yet go with brave hearts upon our chosen ways,
Of service to God and our nation.
Still wearing thy colors, the blue and the white.
As pledge that our fond hearts will cherish
A love which for thee ever shines true and bright,
A loyalty that ne'er can perish!

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