This class was inducted into Honors College on Friday, March 20, 2009, at 6:30 in the evening in the McGrew Towers. There were 48 students inducted. On May 12, 2012, 27 students will participate in the Capstone Celebration. Do you remember the students who sang “Bind Us Together” with you that evening? Do you have the same major?

Honors College 2012 Graduates

Kelli Barnes  Sheldon Lawrence  Chanelle Roberts
Lyndsey Brightful  Simone Lawrence  Robert Solomon
Kendyl Crawley-Crawford  Sydnee Mack  Castel Sweet
Zachary DeHart  Timothy McCall Jr.  Eyden Thomas
Monte Flowers  Rasheed Merrell  Kayla Williams
Tishera Foxworth  Leah Mitchell
Diandra Gordon  Kyshira Moffett
Tiera Harris  Jessica Moore
Briana Johnson  Stanley Nickarz
Kamilah Land  Jessica Osborne
Christina Lane  Jamillah Pate

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Capstone Presentations

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Zachary DeHart
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Monte Flowers
Early Childhood Development and the way Children Learn

Tishera Foxworth
Peer Victimization in Adolescents

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I go to an HBCU!... Wait! Why is this a HBCU?”

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Christina Lane
Secret Societies: An Analysis of the Accuracy of the Depiction of Secret Societies in Film

Sheldon Lawrence
Unity: The New Negro Movement

Simone Lawrence
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Sydnee Mack
Blacks on the Green

Timothy McCall Jr.
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Rasheed Merrell

Leah Mitchell
Black Girls Rock

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Mental Illness in the Black Community: Why is It a stigma to seek treatment

Jessica Osborne
Married to the Military: Not a Lifestyle for Everyone

Jamillah Pate
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Chanelle Roberts
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Robert Solomon
Conspicuous Consumption: Have African Americans Fallen in Love with Materialism

Castel Sweet
The Evolution of the Music Player

Eyden Thomas
The Truth about Student Loans and How to be Proactive About Paying off Your Debt

Kayla Williams
Flip It! The Microwave Approach to Real Estate Investment

Jessica Moore
The Real HU: A cultural Comparison of Hampton and Howard University based on the influence of W.E.B. Du Bois and Booker T. Washington

Stanley Nickarz
The Importance of Illegal Immigration
Kelli Barnes – I’ve really enjoyed my time in Honors College and the staff is absolutely amazing.

Lyndsey Brightful – Very grateful for my Honors College experience

Kendyl Crawford – Great experience! Learned a lot of valuable life skills (manners, grammar, communication skills!)

Monte Flowers – All things considered, Honors College has truly enhanced my tenure at Hampton University. I am better prepared, capable, and convinced that Honors College is a decision I would make to do again and again.

Christina Lane – The program has really allowed me to grow by learning to overcome challenges.

Sheldon Lawrence – I have enjoyed these years as Hampton University Honors College member. It has benefited me in many ways and I feel that I owe much to the individuals who help me make this program possible.

Simone Lawrence – Honors College was worth every bit of extra time and effort. The experiences are ineffable. The benefits were extremely helpful. Dr. Davy’s wisdom will forever be remembered. I couldn’t ask for a better program.

Sydnee Mack – I love the Honors College program. It encourages taking risks and being involved. I also believe that Honors College is what you make it. Some of my peers did not benefit from the program as much as I have and that is truly a shame and in no way a reflection on the quality of the program.

Zachary DeHart – I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure at Hampton University and my tenure in the Honors College. I have learned skills that will stick with me for a lifetime. Hampton will always be my “Home by the Sea.”

Rasheed Merrell – The Honors College program has truly impacted my life. It has helped me to grow as a student and as an individual.

Rashida Gordon – I go to an HNCU… Wait! Why is this a HBCU?

Noel Harrison – I definitely appreciated my Honors College education.

Brian Johnson – Honors College has overall been a great experience, even at the moments where I thought about dropping out. I’m glad I had the opportunity and stuck through the challenge because I have grown a lot and have been exposed to so much more than I would have if I were not a part of Honors College during my undergraduate career.

Kamilah Land – I appreciate everyone that works in the Honors College office because they became a second family at HU. I cherish the services, helpfulness, guidance, and support from Dr. Davy, Prof. Duncan Mrs. Sears and Mrs. McLean

Jamillah Pate – I have greatly enjoyed my Honors College experience. I believe that the education I have received has supplemented my business education to yield me a graduate with a well rounded college education.

Chanelle Roberts – Honors College was a wonderful experience, and I am happy I made the choice to join. The family I will leave HU with is the one I made at our retreat and the life experiences I’ve gained from my time in Honors College are invaluable. Thank you all so much for this opportunity, especially to the staff and directors! I love you all.

Robert Solomon – I enjoyed my time with Honors College and even though there were some difficult and stressful times, I appreciate how it helped to make me a better leader, scholar, and person.

Castel Sweet – Even though I did not see it in the beginning, I now recognize the value of the Honors College program and I am very grateful to be a student.

Jessica Moore – Thank you for the experience! It was challenging but well worth it and made my tenure at Hampton University extremely worthwhile.

Jessica Osborne – The Honors College is a very enriching program and has enhanced my experience at Hampton University. As a result of my participation in the program, I feel better prepared for my future.
From the Director’s Pen

Another year, another class, another milestone along the way. How do we measure progress? In a number of ways. I review the comments on each graduate’s Exit Survey. According to that source, we’re doing all right. Another very important source is the information that our graduates share. Here is an example:

Hi, Dr. Davy!!

You have been on my mind a great deal lately. I ran across an email you sent me entitled, “My 12” that touched me so deeply that I have a modified version of it on my desk at work. I wanted to be sure that I took time out this morning to touch base with you. I pray that you have been in good health and have not broken any bones this year!

I am well and have FINALLY graduated from Hopkins with my PhD in Pharmacology and Molecular Sciences. I graduated in October 2011, but will be returning to Baltimore to participate in graduation ceremonies May 24, 2012. If you would be so kind as to provide me with your mailing address, I would love to send you an invitation. I accepted a post-doctoral research position to do diabetes research and moved to Orlando, FL in December 2011. If you are ever in the area, don’t hesitate to come by. So far, I am enjoying the weather and the experience. Last time we spoke I wanted to pursue a career in patent law. However, after completing an eight month internship in the Technology Transfer Office at Hopkins, it was very clear to me that sitting behind a computer for most of the day was not for me. I’ve recently become interested in a career as a Medical Science Liaison and am in the process of making the necessary connections to facilitate a transition. I’m still single with no kids, but pray that will change now that I am no longer a student and have more free time on my hands. As my mom says, “It will all come in God’s due time.” LOL...I’m praying for the patience to wait daily. LOL!!! Anyway, the family is well and I pray the same is true for yours.

You are definitely in My 12 and am ever grateful for the lessons you instilled in me years ago when I was just starting my journey!! Thank you.

Crystal Woodward ‘2005

Here is mantra of the “My 12” article that Crystal mentioned. I will share it with you.

“May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.”

Yes, all is well!
NOW WHAT DO THE GRADUATES RECEIVE?

After addressing Honors College requirements for at least three or more years, what are the benefits? Most are intangible (how do you measure growth and maturity) but at the Capstone Celebration there are also several tangible honors that only the scholar who completes the Honors College program receives.

First, there is An Encomium of Excellence. Each scholar receives a laminated copy of Honors College Certificate of Graduation which reads “To whomever this document is presented, Greetings: Be it known that…” There is the gold or silver medallion and the orange honor cord that are worn exclusively by Honors College Scholars. Finally, the scholar receives a laminated copy of his/her official transcript that indicates that the Honors College requirements have been completed.

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May 7, 2011

To whomever this document is presented, Greetings:

Be it known that this Honors College Scholar was a participant of the Honors College Program at Hampton University. This means that in addition to fulfilling the prescribed requirements for the University Baccalaureate, the Honors College Scholar also addressed parts of a comprehensive honors program consisting of general education honors courses, honors credit in her major, cross-disciplinary honors seminars, plus six hours of Ethics and Argumentation and Debate or Logic.

At Hampton University, Honors Courses and Seminars differ from regular courses by requiring more analysis, more detailed study of the material, and more interdisciplinary exchange usually in smaller classes. They are taught by selected professors who are committed to giving the students the best possible educational experience. In honors, students are expected to take more responsibility for their education. They complete and defend an Independent Study Capstone Project that is evaluated by a panel of faculty and peers. This Honors College Scholar’s final project was a study of The Journey of HBCU’s: How HBCUs Developed Their Prestige.

This Honors College Scholar has demonstrated effective written and oral communication skills; she is able to analyze and synthesize a broad range of material; she is able to formulate a problem, develop a plan of action, prove or disprove an hypothesis, create an original work, set up a thesis and test it. She has demonstrated a responsibility for her own learning.

Certified by:
Freddye T. Davy, Ed.D.
Director of Honors College

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Graduates’ Future Plans

Kelli Barnes – will be attending Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Lyndsey Brightful – will be attending John Hopkins University and teaching with Teach for America

Kendyl Crawford – will be attending University College of London’s MSC program in Environment, Science and Society

Zachary DeHart – will be attending the University of Kansas to pursue a masters in Chemical Engineering while researching at KU Medical School

Monte Flowers – will be pursuing a joint degree in law and history

Tishera Foxworth – will be attending a graduate program at Villanova University

Diandra Gordon – plans to attend graduate school to obtain a Ph.D. in Behavioral Psychology

Briana Johnson – will be attending Carnegie Mellon University for a master’s in Information Technology

Kamilah Land – will be applying to law school

Christina Lane – will be a Finance and Accounting Associate at Fannie Mae

Sheldon Lawrence – plans to work at Virginia Tech as a Graduate Research Assistant and begin his graduate studies

Simone Lawrence – will be attending NYU Masters Program in Social Psychology

Sydnee Mack – will be attending Wake Forest University School of Law

Timothy McCall - will be a member of the Boston Teacher Residency Cohort 10. As cohort member, he will be starting on his Masters Degree in Secondary Biology and Special Education in July and will be working as a 9th and 10th grade biology teacher, starting in September.

Rasheed Merrell – will be teaching Secondary English in the Miami-Dade region through Teach for America as well as obtaining a master’s degree in Community and Social Change at the University of Miami

Leah Mitchell – will be attending Howard University College of Medicine

Kyshira Moffett – will be attending Hampton University for graduate school

Jessica Moore – will be teaching secondary English in metro Atlanta through Teach for American. She will also pursue a master’s degree at New York University. Jessica plans on publishing her first novel within the next year.

Stanley Nickarz – will be attending Howard University College of Medicine

Jessica Osborne – Plans to attend a 1 year new graduate nurse residency at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO

Jamillah Pate – will be attending DePaul College of Law in the fall.

Chanelle Roberts – will be working as a dental assistant while applying for Dental School

Robert Solomon – will be attending the Howard University’s College of Medicine

Eyden Thomas – will be joining the Teach for America in Houston

Kayla Williams – plans to attend Howard University College of Medicine
Honors College has truly enriched my undergraduate experience at Hampton University. I am truly grateful for Dr. Davy and all of the opportunities I have gained as a result of knowing her. Since I have graduated in December of 2011, I have been working at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Hampton, Virginia in the Intensive Care Unit as a Student Nurse Technician, a Graduate Nurse Technician and now as a Registered Nurse. I now hold an Advanced Cardiac Life Savers certification and am pursuing a Critical Care Registered Nurse certification. Once I build my skills and experience as a bedside ICU nurse, I plan to return to graduate school for a Doctorate in Nursing Practice. Always take full advantage of opportunities available. Maximize the undergraduate experience, it is truly once in a lifetime.

Jessica L. Osborne

Honors College was a challenging experience, but I am glad I took the charge when I had the chance. I appreciate and am grateful for all the exposure to different topics, courses, and opportunities that it has provided. I look forward to coming back years from now and visiting Honors College and interacting with some of the brightest students that Hampton has to offer. Thank you to all the faculty and staff I have interacted with over the years, especially Dr. Davy; I appreciate all your hard work and effort.

Briana Johnson

I wouldn’t change my undergraduate experience for the world. My time at Hampton has sculpted me into a new person who is ready to take on any challenge. Thank you, Dr. Davy and Honors College for preparing me for the next chapter of my life. All undergraduates, fulfill your pre-graduation bucket list before entering the real world and remember that all the sleepless nights will eventually pay off. New graduates, keep pushing forward. Until next time...

Simone Lawrence

My college experience is coming to an end. I have exactly one semester left until I will officially become a Hampton alumnus. I’ve learned an invaluable amount while at Hampton University, both in & out of the classroom. I’ve knocked-out all of my major’s hardest classes & am left with a ton of free time for my final semester. This is bittersweet as I will be able to spend as much time as I can with my college family but, it will even harder when I have to leave them in May. Over the last few years, I have made many friends and lost a few. I’ve learned along the way and found out more than I ever thought I would about myself and the world. I’ve loved & lost, partied & studied, led & followed, and come out of it alive & well. If anything, I can’t wait to see what’s next.

Stanley Nickarz

“I have loved the good times here and I will miss our good times here.”

“Think before you speak, look before you leap, and live your life with purpose. Diligence and perseverance... That is excellence”

Monte C. Flowers

I am extremely grateful for the experiences and challenges Honors College has presented me over the past four years. The friends I made and lessons I learned have and will continue to push me to reach my fullest potential as a student and person.

Robert Solomon

“When posed with failure extraordinary individuals dust themselves off and keep pushing forward. Believe in something GREATER!!”

“The things you do when no one is looking are those which truly define you”

Sheldon Lawrence
Thoughtful Thoughts

To fellow Hamptonians and Honors College family,
I wish to leave you six remarks as I descend from being an undergraduate student:

1. Cherish the people that surround you because you never know when (if ever) you will see them again.
2. Take heed to the advice that is given to you. Many times we as students may be defensive because we feel that people are "against" us. However, know that the majority of the people on Hampton University's campus want us to succeed and be empowered to evoke change.
3. Keep a long-standing rapport with Professor Duncan and Dr. Davy. These two individuals have wisdom beyond belief. They not only care for us but also are always willing to lend a hand, shoulder, tissue, or words of knowledge.
4. Please be careful how you treat people because as Dr. Davy has told me numerous times, "People may forget what you say, but they never forget how you make them feel."
5. Take heed of every opportunity life has to offer. Never become shy and/or afraid to go out for something, for "winners never quit, and quitters never win."
6. Lastly, enjoy life. Life is too short to be consumed with negativity. Thus, my last charge to you is to fix those situations that are not necessarily on best terms.

Upon graduation I will be teaching secondary English in metro Atlanta as a Teach for America corps member, then continuing on to obtain a master's degree in Media, Culture and Communications at New York University. I also look forward to publishing my first novel within the next year.

Jessica Moore

When I joined Honors College in the spring of my freshman year, I knew I wanted a challenge; what I did not anticipate gaining was one of the most influential networks of my college career. The lessons I have learned during my tenure in the Honors College extend far beyond the classroom, many of which were difficult to swallow, but necessary to become the productive, successful citizen I aspire to become. I thank Dr. Davy for her honest wisdom and tough love, Mrs. Sears and Mrs. McLean for their patience, Mr. Duncan for being one of the best mentors I've ever had and my peers for pushing me to go the extra mile through their success. Each of you made my Honors College experience both invaluable and unforgettable.

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