

WORD OF HONOR

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Freddye T. Davy Honors College 2012 Induction

On March 16, 2012, 51 students were inducted into Honors College. The theme for the evening was "A Step Beyond the Ordinary." The guest speaker was Shani T. Godwin.

*Kendall Alexander
Rah-Sha Al-Hassan
Shannon Anderson
Kiera Austin-Reffell
Alia Barnes
Amber Bentley
KeAndra Boyd
Ashley Bozeman
Alexis Bryant
Joshua Burton
Justin Bush
Tia Christian
Jaquise Cofield
John Collier
Sarah Coulter
Frank Cunningham
Maya Daniels
Shackysha Dezonie
Evaadne Eddins
Imani Evans
Quaneisha Fortson
Shanice Graham*

*Jordan Green
Leticha Heflin
Jada Henderson
Zachary Hinton
Tierre Hobson
Mofoluwaso Ibikunle-Salami
Caleb Jackson
Britney Johnson
Whitney Johnson
Zora McFarlane-Blake
Alexis Miller
Demarius Newsome
Jasmine Nix
Barbara Njuguna
Ashley Payne
Justin Preddie
Chrysten Sailor
Marlena Smith
Roger Smith
Crystal Smitherman
Julian Sparks
Chya Staton*

*Nia Vaughn
Kyesha Wadlington
Imaan Watts
Aranyce Whitaker
Toni White
Lawrence Wright
Mykea Young*



**Shani T. Godwin,
Induction Speaker**

Mr. and Miss Honors College

The Honors College Student Association Manual, under Article IV Section 3, states "Mr. and Miss 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 compose a 300 word essay that answers how your selection as Mr./ Miss Honors College will promote the program on and off campus and devise a Vision & Commitment Proposal that includes:

A theme for the 2011-2012 academic year (for example, the theme for Honors Day was: *Honors @ Hampton University: Attitude, Gratitude, Aptitude.*) and create programming suggestions that support your theme i.e., suggestions for

- The fall & spring Root Beer Bash & Ladies Night Out
- Hot Issues Series
- Honors Day
- Du Bois Invitational Conference

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From the Director's Pen



Dr. Freddye Davy. Left, and Leah Mitchell right

Freddye T. Davy Honors College Student Leah Mitchell, one of the two winners of the President's Cup Award.



Serving the Community by Kayla Lee

Taking the time to physically serve your community can be a very rewarding experience. It teaches you how little people care about their environment. This past semester, our service to the community was greeted with locals dropping trash on the floor as they watched us clean and judgment from drivers passing by who clearly assumed that our community service was a sort of punishment. It is a confusing sense of accomplishment, knowing that even good service from a group of students is not received well by the very community we are working to serve. Watching someone drop trash in front of our eyes is the most obvious sign that people have

completely disregarded their community, despite the increased attention for 'going green' and preserving our environment. Ironically, the Monday after our last adopt-a-spot a Hampton University alumnus from the Environmental Protection Agency spoke about a recent waterfront clean up he attended, where he was disappointed to not see more people that looked like him. Participation within the community service committee of the Honors College program is the same. We always had a few members at every adopt-a-spot, but relative to the size of the Honors College program, the numbers were still too low. It is easy to let a Saturday morning clean up slip the attention of a busy student, but giving back to the community will increase a necessary awareness for the importance of a clean environment.

Aside from the negative attention we attracted, as we picked up trash we also received honks and a few thumbs up as a welcoming sign of approval. Between picking up trash and urging members to participate, this whole year has been an extremely humbling experience.

As Mr. and Miss Honors College for the year of 2011-2012, we had a great time working with the executive board and the other members of Honors College. Being an active member within the program is very different than just being a part of an organization, and we enjoyed the impact that we had the chance to have within the program and with our community. Good luck to the next Miss Honors College, and we encourage everyone to get out and serve your community!

Future Plans for the Traveler's Circle by Jessica Moore

This year, the Traveler's Circle committee had a blast traveling to Washington, D.C. to view the Martin Luther King Memorial and support Hampton University's involvement at the Solar Decathlon. The trip was a huge success and allowed students the chance to have fun, support the university, be inspired and learn something new all at the same time. The Traveler's Circle committee chairs are recommending another trip of this nature for next year's Honors College students.

Rather than focus on several mini on-campus events this year, the Traveler's Circle committee decided instead to focus on large-scale events that would literally bring Honors College students away from campus for both educational and social experiences. Unfortunately, the large-scale event planned for the second semester (a ski trip to Wintergreen Ski Resort in Samuel Miller, Va.) was not executed in time. The committee chairs recommend that next year's executive board plan this trip far in advance to ensure that this trip is a success. Events such as the Washington, D.C. day-trip and the ski trip are sure to be both impacting and memorable occasions for Honors College students interested in expanding their horizons beyond the University walls.

W.E.B. Du Bois 16th Annual Conference

by Joselyn McSayles

This year's conference was based on the theme, "Defining My Identity." With over 200 participants from the surrounding areas of Hampton Richmond, Gloucester, Mechanicsville, Salisbury, and Wicomico County students came in ready to learn the importance of education as well as defining one's identity. During the W.E.B. Du Bois Conference, students have the chance to compete in Oratorical, Quiz Bowl, Talent and Essay competition. Thank you to everyone that helped make the conference a great opportunity. See you next year!



2012 Recruitment and Orientation

by Benjamin Turman

The Recruitment and Orientation committee is responsible for the planning and execution of the recruitment of new Honors College members from interviews up to and including induction night. This year the members of the Recruitment and Orientation committee met and planned the activities for the 2012 Orientation Week. It was a planned week worth of evening activities from February 12th through Feb 19th, culminating in an entire weekend consisting of tours, adopt-a spot- visitation, basketball games, attending church services, and talent shows. The members of the recruitment and Orientation committee represented Honors College well by showing up to help with the orientation process. The recruitment and orientation activities culminated with the induction of 51 new members into Honors College on the evening of March 16.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER FROM THE
FREDDYE T. DAVY HONORS COLLEGE
STAFF**



From the Director's Pen

Sometimes it is difficult to get started; I ponder and procrastinate. Writing for this issue is no exception. I simply cannot decide what I will write, so I have pulled out previous copies of The Director's Pen, and I have decided that there are some portions of those columns that I want to repeat.

In one column I wrote about joy. Joy is sitting at the table listening to members of the HC Student Executive Board plan and implement exciting and meaningful programs. Pure joy is receiving a proposal from a group of HC students that perfectly reflects the objectives and the goals of Honors College. Joy is placing the Honors College pin in the lapel or on the dress of students who have publicly vowed to accept the responsibility and challenge of becoming pacesetters, to practice punctuality, prepare conscientiously,

and to participate actively in the program. Real joy is watching the students demonstrate and carry out that vow.

Joy is observing students "seek the world in a grain of sand." This phrase means that there is much to learn even in small, unexpected, common facets of our environment and that our world provides challenges that are both valuable and difficult. The education that the student in Honors College seeks should be what is "higher in higher education." In classes, the learning process should involve not only answering questions but also asking questions, developing an appreciation of and ability to exercise philosophical inquiry, overcoming provincialism, and discarding narrow mindedness. Pure joy is witnessing the result of that learning as the seniors present

their capstones that reflect meaningful research, diverse content, and smooth delivery.

However, along with the joy there is disappointment. There is disappointment when a student has spent three years pursuing the program and then just stops the last semester. There is disappointment when a senior must be denied the honor of wearing the medallion and cord because she waited until April to bring her folder up-to-date only to find that there is a class missing and it's too late to do anything about it.

Thank goodness, there is more joy than disappointment. We all must continue to work to multiply the joy and minimize the disappointment. Best wishes for a restful, safe, productive summer.

Congratulations Seniors



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



CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE
 HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

John Collier
Shackysha Dezonie

Frank Cunningham
Nia Vaughn

CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS SPRING 2012

<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
Lyndsey Brightful	Hampton in Hampton
Kayla Williams	Flip It! The Microwave Approach to Real Estate Investment
Chanelle Roberts	The American-Liberian Tie
Castel Sweet	Evolution of Music Players
Zachary DeHart	Gone Fishing: Exploring the Greatness That Is Recreation Fishing
Eyden Thomas	The Truth about Student Loans and How to be Proactive About Paying off Your Debt
Briana Johnson	Today's Multi-Generational Workplace
Sydnee Mack	Blacks on the Green
Simone Lawrence	Barbies R Us: The Reflection of Body Image in American Culture
Timothy McCall	The Transition from Childhood to Manhood

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Chair - Benjamin Turman

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Recruitment & Orientation – Frank Cunningham & Shackyshia Dezonie

Winners' Circle --- Tangie Smith & Nia Vaughn

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Du Bois Conference – Willie Wilson & Brittany Porter

Travelers' Circle – Kamisha Boyd-Gamble & Kayla Lee

Career & Service – Kelli James & John Collier

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