Denial again. In the months that have followed her transition, I have been reluctant to compose a tribute to our beloved matriarch and my dear friend, Dr. Freddye Davy. By avoiding such a composition, it has been nominally possible to deny the fact that the warmth of her smile as she looked up from grading papers would never again be a tangible experience. Through my reticence, I have found refuge in holding on to the multifarious bevy of her patented, teachable moments that span nearly half my life. It is ironic that in writing about my favorite teacher, I again feel like a student dreading an assignment’s due date. Yet, while noting the impossibility of orchestrating words that could remotely capture the magnitude of our loss, I ask for your forgiveness of my disinclination.

A great majority of those who read this piece will recall Dr. Davy as the Director of Hampton University’s Honors College – indeed a fitting memory, for she is to that role as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is to the Civil Rights Movement. There is another group to whom Dr. Davy is their beloved Aunt Sue – the family sage and endearing reservoir of wisdom, love, and guidance. There is yet another set that sees her as Mom, the most profound embodiment of influence anyone could hold. However, in spite of whichever role Freddye Sue Turner Davy played in your life, she was unilaterally in all her multiplicity of roles, a teacher.

Unfortunately, society mistreats its teachers. It undervalues them. It underpays them. It undervalues them and too frequently, viciously maligns them. Given the too often unflattering depiction of teachers, it seems quite possible that many would shun the opportunity to embrace the role. A teacher should have a base of content knowledge. A good teacher would also have thick skin to endure criticism and a dogged determination to lead people where they may not want to go. An outstanding teacher would persevere with a healthy dose of selflessness and a huge serving of purpose. A truly remarkable teacher is a gift from God. You knew that, right? You knew that on the eighth day, when God created the teacher, Freddye Davy was the prototype for the best. Ok, maybe it was not the eighth day… but Dr. Davy was still the best.

Accepting Dr. Davy’s transition has been more imposing than appropriately paying tribute to her. Having had the blessed fortune of interacting with her nearly everyday for the last two years of life, I can attest to her statements of “being tired.” I witnessed the effect of health matters on her body and her energy in spite of my aversion of acceptance. At this time as I slowly heal through the process of carrying forward her purpose, I have come to understand that my denial is fitting. Even as I accept that I may not get another 11:30 pm phone call with an assignment. My denial of her transition is real because Dr. Davy is not gone – she lives in you, in me, and in us. And she will endure because the outcomes of our life’s work will prove to be the greatest teachable moment of all.
Wealthy Life Seminar
by Caleb Jackson

On Thursday, February 21st, Angel Rich, 2009 Hampton University Alum, visited the Freddye T. Davy Honors College to give a seminar on building wealth. Rich graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Marketing and went on to work for Prudential Financial before eventually becoming the CEO of her own company. This company, WealthyLife, serves to teach people how to make better financial decisions for their future.

That’s exactly what Rich did for the potential inductees of Honors College with this seminar. She highlighted the many financial discrepancies that African Americans tend to succumb to in their lifetimes. “We don’t really have those conversations around the dinner table that other communities do,” she said. She taught students to start thinking about their financial futures ahead of time by outlining their life’s mission and balancing their projected budgets. Rich also gave students advice on building good spending habits once they begin their careers. She informed students that they should take $100 dollars out of each paycheck for business clothing once they become young professionals. Also, according to Rich, they should save 1% of every paycheck on top of whatever amount that goes directly into their retirement plan.

The words of wisdom that Ms. Rich left these honors students will help them to be financially stable for many years after graduation.

Institute for Responsible Citizenship
Article from The Institute for Responsible Citizenship

The Institute for Responsible Citizenship recently announced its Class of 2014. These twelve talented young men will participate in the Institute’s intensive program in Washington, DC during the summers of 2013 and 2014. They will live together on the campus of American University, work at high-level internships in their fields of interest, participate in the Lynde and Harry Bradley Seminar on Constitutional and Economic Principles, and meet some of the nation’s most prominent public and private sector leaders.

Caleb Jackson majors in Broadcast Journalism and serves as a staff writer for the student newspaper at Hampton University. Because of his outstanding high school record, he was named a Hampton Scholar, which carries a four-year scholarship to that institution. He serves as the sophomore class representative to the Scripps Howard School of Journalism’s Executive Board and is also a Senator in the Student Government Association. He is also a member of Hampton’s Freddye T. Davy Honors College. His peers at Hampton elected him Mr. Sophomore, in recognition of his numerous contributions to campus life. He tutors children at the Eva C. Mitchell Childhood Care Center and has joined his fellow Hamptonians in delivering clothing, food, and toys to New York after Hurricane Sandy. His hometown is Dallas, Texas.
Honors College Student Awarded Gilman Scholarship
by Toni White

On November 29, 2012, I, Toni White received an email stating I was allotted the Gilman Scholarship. There were almost 3,000 applicants that applied and only 1,000 were selected. I am truly blessed to be among that thousand. My scholarship is for the amount of 4,500 dollars; I will use this money to help pay for the total cost of the study abroad program. Next semester, I will spend four months in Cyprus and study at the University of Nicosia. My family and I were overcome with joy upon hearing the good news and it is my honor to share the good news with you.

Honors College Student Awarded Gilliam Scholarship

Freddy T. Davy Honors College senior Kayla Lee received one of the nine 2013 Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study awarded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI).

“My introduction to Dr. Fowlks and the HU HHMI program during my freshman year at Hampton University opened the doors to incredible opportunities, stated Lee, who will attend Harvard in the fall. “His mentorship has had an amazing impact in helping me understand scientific research and meeting many other scientists, which was essential in receiving the Gilliam Fellowship.”

Root Beer Bash and Girls Night Out
by Meagan Downing

On Thursday, February 28, 2013 the Freddye T. Davy Honors College hosted its annual "Root Beer Bash and Girls Night Out". This event is designed to allow prospective inductees to connect and learn from current honors college students.

The night began with a panel discussion, featuring five Hampton University alumni. They discussed their college years and shared many of the lessons they learned while at Hampton.
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