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Spring 2026 Inductees

Hampton University's Freddie T. Davy Honors College has reached a defining milestone, inducting a historic cohort of 184 scholars during its Spring 2026 ceremony, the largest cohort in the program's distinguished history. Held on March 24 in the Student Center Ballroom, the event drew more than 500 attendees in a powerful display of achievement, institutional pride, and scholarly promise. The induction signals a continued elevation of academic rigor at Hampton University, as the Freddie T. Davy Honors College expands its community of high-achieving students committed to excellence in research, leadership, and service.

The ceremony featured a keynote address from Hampton University First Lady Mrs. Myra R. Williams '83, whose remarks challenged students to rise boldly into their calling. "You are not here by chance. You are here because your discipline has prepared you for distinction," said Williams. "Let your scholarship be more than an achievement. Let it be purpose in motion." Under the leadership of the Freddie T. Davy Honors College Director Dr. TaKeia Anthony, the program continues to strengthen its reputation as a hub for rigorous academic engagement and transformative student experiences.

"This historic cohort represents more than a number. It reflects a growing culture of excellence across the university," said Dr. Anthony. "Our scholars are not only meeting high academic standards, but they are also redefining them. We are cultivating thinkers, researchers, and leaders who are prepared to shape the future with both intellect and integrity." - Courtesy of [Hampton University](https://www.hampton.edu/).

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Congratulations Spring 2026 Divine 9 and CIO New Members

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Welcome to the Yard!

Honors College Student Spotlight



Kaiya Keyes Joins Savage X Fenty as FP&A Intern While Advancing in Entertainment Industry College Outreach Program

Kaiya Keyes is joining Savage X Fenty as an FP&A Intern this summer in El Segundo, California. This incredible opportunity allows her to combine her interest in finance with the entertainment and fashion industry. Over the past few years, she has worked hard to build her skills through classes and hands-on experience, making this milestone especially meaningful. She has always been fascinated by how businesses make decisions behind the scenes, and FP&A is an area she has been eager to explore. "Getting the chance to do that at a company like Savage X Fenty feels truly surreal," Keyes noted. Keyes is also honored to be part of the Entertainment Industry College Outreach Program's 2026 HBCU in LA cohort. She looks forward to learning from mentors, gaining real industry experience, and connecting with a talented group of students.

Jasmine Word Celebrates Acceptance to Pace Law

Pace Law

Jasmine Word is excited to share that she has been accepted into Pace University's School of Law. This opportunity represents a major step toward her goal of pursuing a career in law, with a focus on making a meaningful impact in areas such as criminal defense, juvenile justice, or family law.



Over the past few years, she has worked diligently to secure internships and gain legal experience while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. Her journey is a testament to the fact that hard work truly pays off.

Keiton Harrison Inspires Young Students in Aviation While Volunteering at Achievable Dream Academy's Family STEM Night



Keiton Harrison had the opportunity to volunteer at Family STEM Night at Achievable Dream Academy in Newport News, VA. During the event, he helped introduce young students to flight by guiding them through basic aircraft control using a small flight simulator. Watching their curiosity turn into excitement as they learned how airplanes fly was incredibly rewarding. He also had the chance to connect with fellow aviators and STEM professionals who share a commitment to expanding access and exposure to these fields.

He would like to extend his sincere thanks to Professor Lewis and Dr. Gooden of the Hampton University Aviation Department for trusting him with the responsibility of representing the program and helping spark an early interest in aviation among the next generation. Experiences like this remind him that aviation is more than flying—it's about inspiring, mentoring, and opening doors for those who may not yet see themselves in this industry. He is grateful to be part of an institution that values community engagement and STEM education.

Campus Leaders Connect: Jamya Lewis Spotlight



Jamya Lewis, Editor-in-Chief of the Hamptonian Yearbook, poses with comedian Wanda Sykes at the President's student leaders brunch.

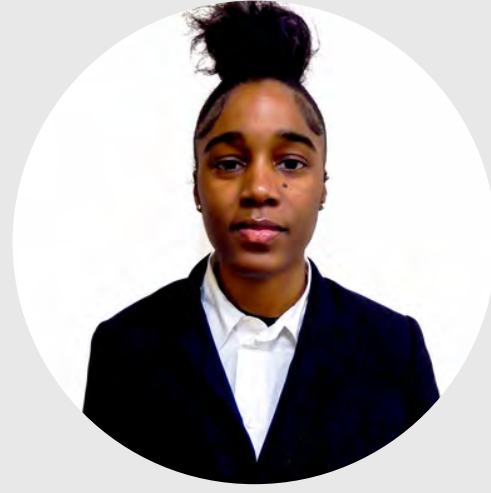
Hampton University President, Lt. General Darrell K. Williams, invited all student leaders to a brunch at his residence to meet alumna Wanda Sykes. Honors Student Jamya Lewis was among the attendee as she serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Hamptonian Yearbook. The brunch was wonderful, with many intriguing conversations. Other notable guests included the presidents of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, Mr. and Ms. Hampton, the SGA President, Vice President, and Representative to the Board of Trustees, amongst others. Lewis hopes that the yearbook will once again become a prominent presence on campus.



March Birthdays



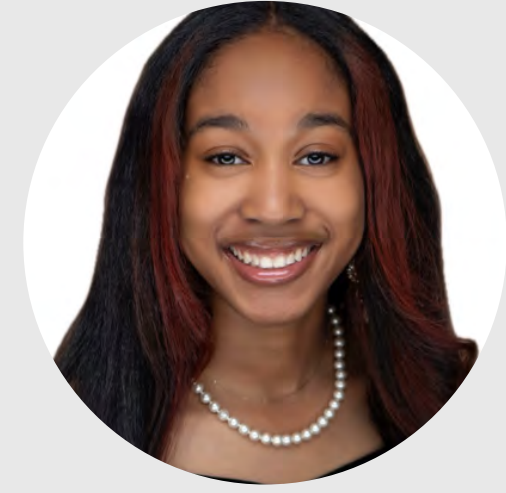
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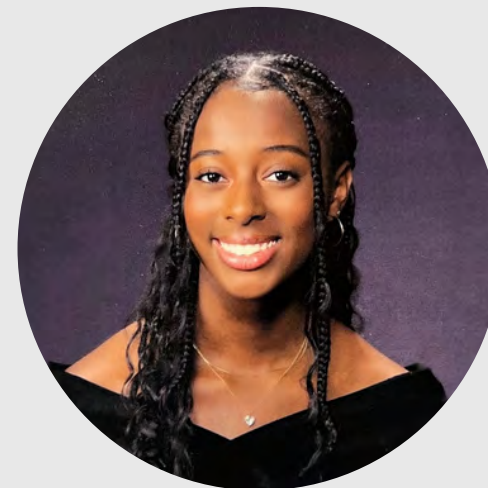
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Sophomore



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Senior



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Sophomore



Saniyah Thomas
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