



# THE DAVY

## The 2025-2026 Executive Board



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### 1 MEET THE DIRECTOR

Dr. Anthony is a 3x HBCU graduate and former college student athlete. She has been a college professor for over a decade and served at HBCUs her entire career. She is the first African American woman to earn a Ph.D. in history from her hometown, Bowling Green, KY. She is an author of two books, happily married to legendary coach Alvin Wyatt, Sr and the "Rich Auntie" to Dominique, Zaahir, and Audrey.



### 2 Introducing Mr. and Ms. Honors College

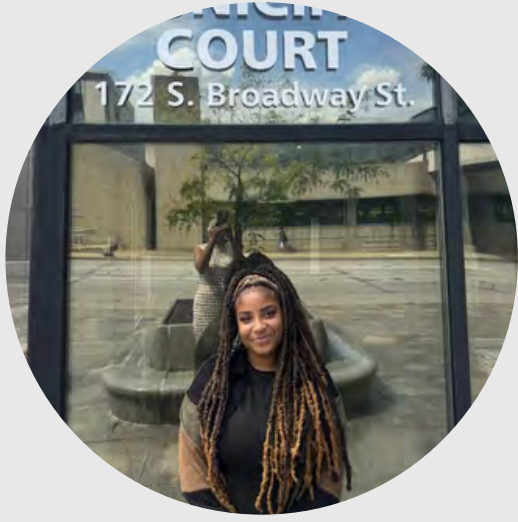
- Joshua Hall (left) is a Second Year Chemical Engineering major from Hartford, Connecticut.
- HoneyRose Smith (right) is a Third Year Journalism major on the Pre-Law track from Oakland, California.



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# Summer Internship Spotlight



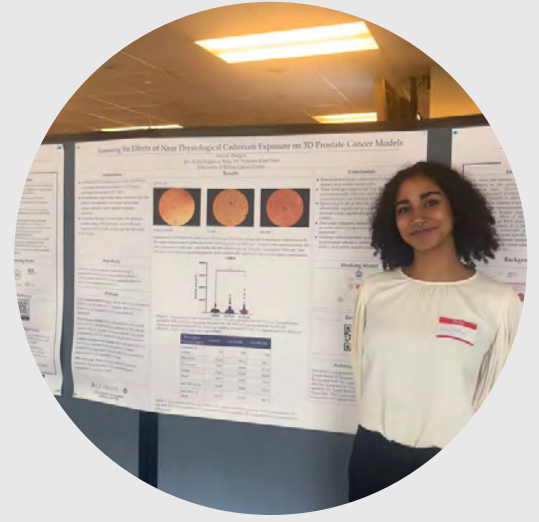
**McKenzie Fitzgerald**  
Sophomore  
Akron Municipal Court



**Courtney Johnson**  
Junior  
Peanuts Worldwide



**Shinia Thompson**  
Junior  
Chubb



**Aniyah Dodgen**  
Junior  
University of Illinois - Chicago



**McKenzie Harmon**  
Sophomore  
Philadelphia Tribune



**Camilla Huntley**  
Sophomore  
LA County Public Defenders Office



**Joshua Hall**  
Sophomore  
Brandeis University

## Scholarships

- **Goldwater:** Undergraduate scholarship seeking S.T.E.M. students planning for careers in research and pursuing a PhD degree. (Applications due 01/30/2026)
- **Gates-Cambridge:** Scholarship to fund graduate study at the University of Cambridge. Prize for people who “do well” and “do good.” Apply in the senior year to receive funding for entry in the academic year 2026-27. Refer to the scholarship website for the latest updates. (Applications are currently open)
- **UDALL:** Undergraduate award for second and third-year students who demonstrate a strong record of support for the environment. Check the scholarship website for updates. (Applications are open)
- **Truman:** A premier scholarship for third-year undergraduates who see themselves as “change agents” and who want to make a difference in public policy. (Applications due 02/03/2026)
- **Boren:** Undergraduate prize funding students of all levels interested in studying “critical and less commonly taught” languages. (Updates available on scholarship website)
- **UNCF/Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship:** A grant-funded pipeline of instructional mentorship and academic activities for “minority” sophomore undergraduates who intend to pursue the PhD degree with the intention of becoming faculty members. For updates, check the program website. (Applications due 01/31/2026)
- **Thurgood Marshall College Fund:** Hampton University is now a TMCF member school. The Thurgood Marshall College Fund offers scholarships for most majors offered at Hampton University. Wave 1 applications close on January 16, 2026, at 11:59 PM. Apply early to maximize your opportunities for funding!

# Induction Ceremony | 9.25.25



The Freddie T. Davy Honors College kicked off Family Weekend with the induction of twenty University Scholars. The ceremony was held in the Cove Conference Room in McGrew Towers on Thursday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. The university's esteemed Executive Vice President and Provost Betty H. Stewart, Ph.D. was the keynote speaker. She spoke of her collegiate S.T.E.M. experience and praised the University Scholars for their exceptional achievements. Moreover, she encouraged the new inductees to maintain the standard of excellence academically and not neglect the social aspects of their collegiate experience. University Scholars are the highest qualified merit scholars.

These first-time freshmen are required to have a 3.5 unweighted GPA, and a minimum of 1000 SAT or a composite score of 22 on the ACT. "Inviting the highest achieving incoming freshmen is vital to the Honors College. They are able to immediately join our community of high achievers and set the tempo for their classmates and others who seek membership in the spring semester," noted Director TaKeia N. Anthony, Ph.D. University Scholars are the only freshmen eligible to receive the distinction of being inducted to the Freddie T. Davy Honors College during their fall semester.

The twenty University Scholars inducted were: James Arthurton; Sarah Baumann; Christian Bell; Riley Bell; Joshua Dancy; Andrew (Clifford) Eacholes; Nailah Echols; Sophia Edwards; Camden Ennis; Kaliyah Fulp; Xavier Heggie; Caden Jenkins; Imani Johnson; Zion Murphy; Lydia Murray; Maryam Muhammad; Nere Atunah-Jay; Elijah Plenty; Lauren Pugh; Kennedy Williams; Joshua Dancy.



**Nyla Howard, Laura James, Provost Stewart, Madisyn Strange**



**University Scholars Inductees**

# Honors Student and Hampton University Poet Laureate Nina Washington Speaks at Hampton's 82nd Opening Convocation



**Hampton, VA • September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 • 10:45 A.M. • Convocation Center**

Hampton University celebrated its 82nd Opening Convocation, an event honoring graduating seniors, with a special performance by Nina Washington, a second-year Strategic Communications major on the Pre-Law track from Chicago, Illinois. She is a member of the Freddye T. Davy Honors College. Washington was selected as the 2025–2026 Hampton University Poet Laureate and performed her original poem, “The Hampton Way.” Nina has been writing poetry for nearly five years. She earned 3rd Runner-Up at the Miss Black Talented Teen USA National Competition as Miss Black Illinois Teen, showing her talents in poetry.

In 2022, she ranked Top 14 nationally in poetry and prose at the National Speech and Debate Competition. Her passion for public speaking began at age twelve. She later founded a non-profit called UNITY, which has reached over 150 children to teach the importance of using their voice and sharing their story. This year, Nina also received the Best Public Speaker Award from the Hampton University Debate and Forensics Team. Through her poetry and leadership, Nina Washington continues to inspire others and represent “The Hampton Way.”

## Financial Literacy Seminar



**Jordan Hart (Treasurer) lead the Financial Literacy Seminar on Tuesday, Sep 30th from 6-7 P.M.**

### 1 SEP 30<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

The Freddye T. Davy Honors College held a Financial Literacy Seminar led by Jordan Hart, the **Honors College Treasurer**. Jordan discussed various ways students can save money while in college, such as budgeting, tracking spending, and using campus resources.

The event helped Honors College members learn how to manage their money wisely and prepare for the future. They learned skills that will benefit them beyond their time at Hampton University, but for budgeting beyond college.

# Honors Retreat

## 1 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Dr. TaKeia Anthony** spoke at the Power of Purpose Retreat, sharing her experiences growing up in Bowling Green, Kentucky and how she faced and overcame racism.

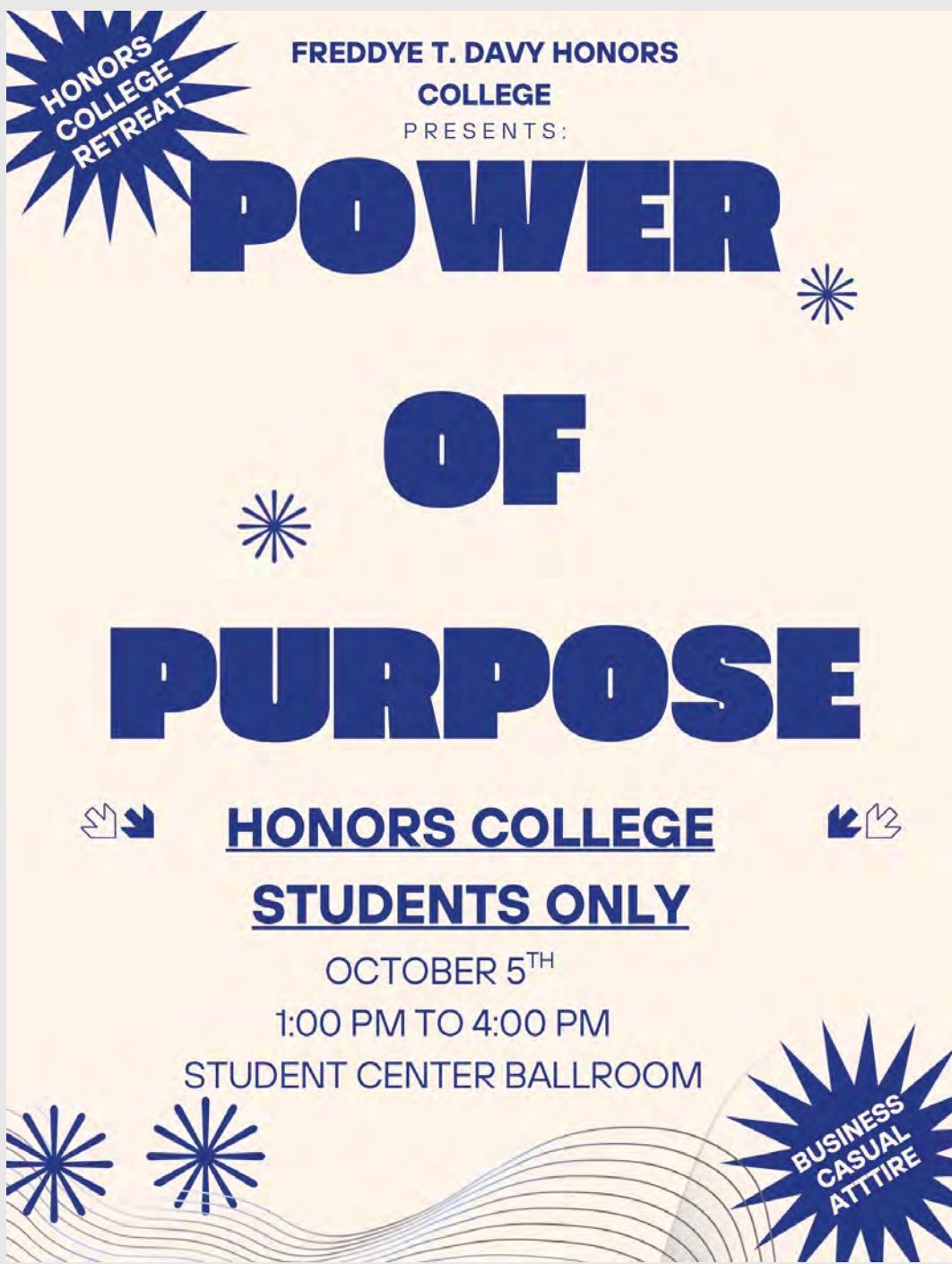
She reflected on her career as an educator and how her family's background in education shaped her sense of purpose. Her talk encouraged students to explore their own goals and find meaning in their journey.

## 2 PANEL

Mrs. Delcenia Hobson, Executive Assistant to the Provost, Mr. and Miss Hampton University, Jordan Holden and Jai Thibodeaux, and Attorney Damien Bevelle spoke at the Power of Purpose Panel about how they each discovered their purpose and continue to grow both personally and professionally.

Each had thoughtful answers about what defines their purpose, and how they continue to learn and grow in their life.

The audience, with over 80 attendees, listened closely as each panelist spoke about their journeys, challenges, and lessons learned.



# Honors Island Retreat

## 3 EVENING

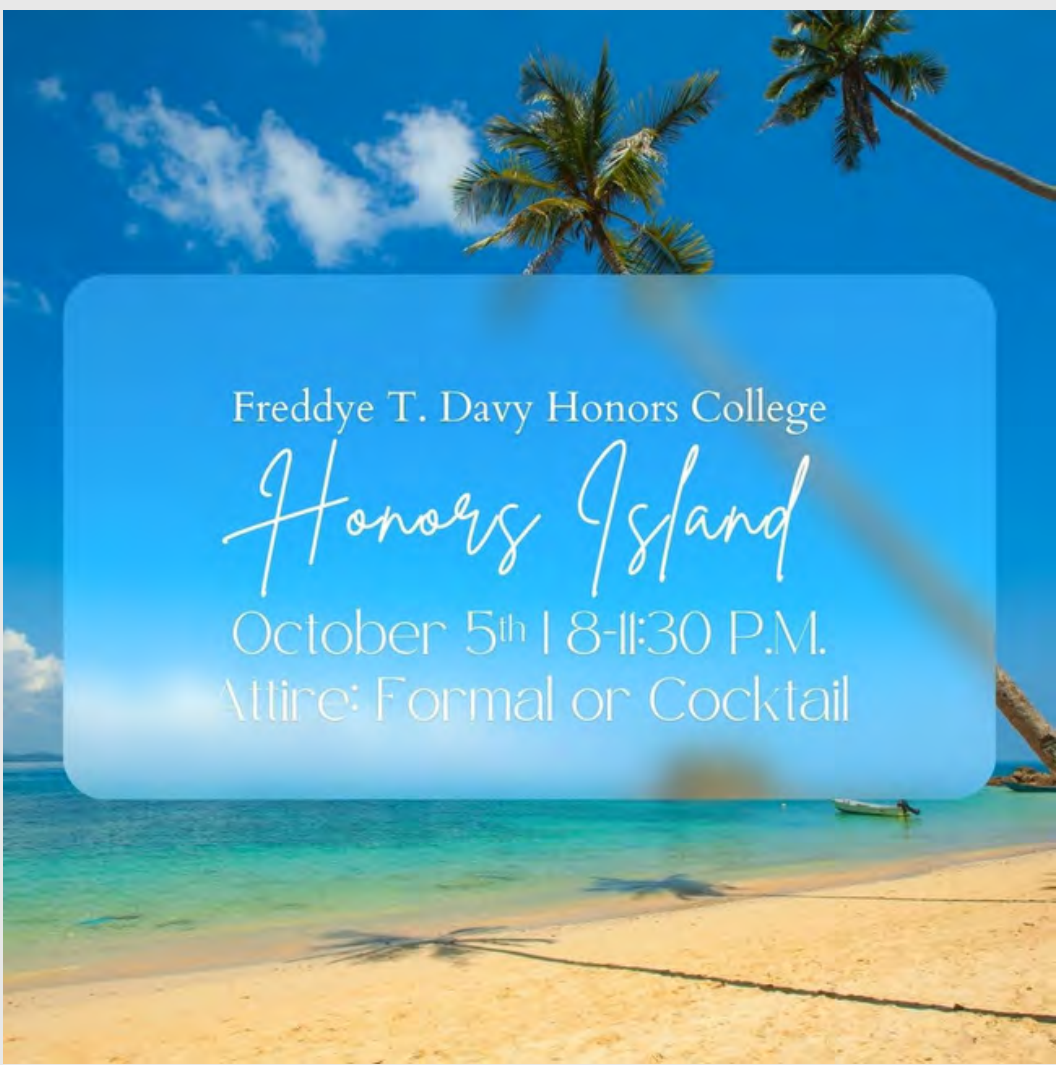
The Honors Island Ball kicked off at 8 p.m. as part of the Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Retreat, bringing students together for a night of celebration. Honors College members enjoyed light refreshments and sandwiches, while dressed in elegant formal and cocktail attire.

The atmosphere was lively and fun, as the DJ kept the crowd moving with R&B hits and line dances that kept attendees on their feet.

Members of the Honors College took photos, shared conversation, and enjoyed the energy of the night.

Members of the Fundraising and Media & Publicity Committees (Isabella Campbell, Donte Wyatt) welcomed guests and took attendance at the door, ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Honors Island perfectly encapsulated the spirit of Honors College – community, joy, and purpose.





# August and September Birthdays



Olivia Johnson



Zoe Duncan



Cheyenne Brown



Christian Bell



Mckenna Gresham



Chelsea Agyei



Amir Johnson



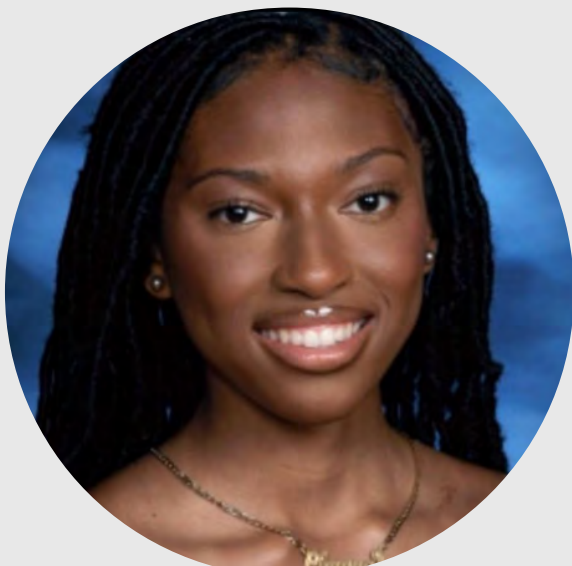
Arianna El-Amin



Camille Johnson



Courtney Johnson



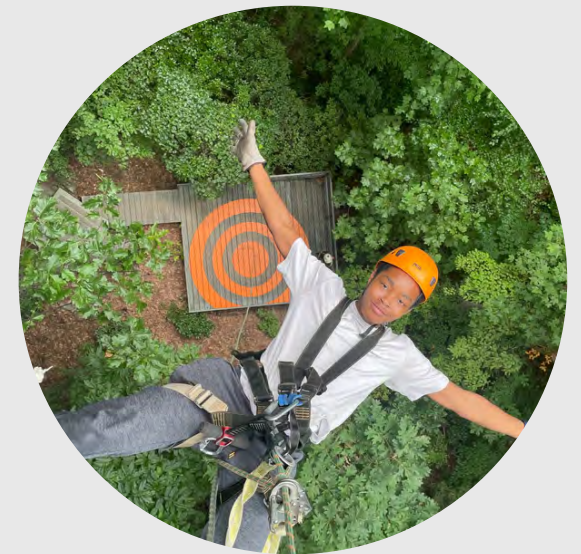
Chynna Ricks



Nailah Echols



Elijah Plenty



Gregory Brown



Imani Johnston-Simpson



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