



DEAN'S CORNER

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Dear Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni,

The **Dean's Corner** shares some of our school's news and happenings with you, our Hampton University family and friends around the world. I welcome receiving news from you about activities in which you or your colleagues are involved in as well. Join me in spreading the good news of our progress in the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications celebrated 20 years in grand style on February 10, 2023. The milestone was marked with a first annual career fair during the day, a luncheon panel discussion on DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) and a networking reception in the evening at the Landing at Hampton Marina hotel. Hundreds of students, former and current faculty and staff celebrated throughout the day, with a strong representation from alumni from both the Department of Mass Media Arts and the Scripps Howard School.

Our namesake partners, the Scripps Howard Fund and the E.W. Scripps Company were our signature sponsors. We were also honored to celebrate with so many notable partners and friends including Judy Clabes, former president and CEO of the Scripps Howard Foundation, Mayor Donnie Tuck, City of Hampton and Congressman Bobby Scott, VA-3, who presented us with a commendation from the House of Representatives. Students were able to network with media professionals, alumni and political figures under the theme "Honoring the Past and Celebrating a Global Future." You can watch highlights from the celebration in this news report done by alumna Leondra Head ('18): <https://www.wtkr.com/news/leondra-head-speaks-media-edi-panel-at-hampton-university>.



Liz Carter, Judy Clabes, Scripps Howard Fund and Dean Wilson



Hampton Mayor Donnie Tuck and Representative Bobby Scott (VA-3)

Alumni Honorees

During the anniversary celebration, Rashida Jones ('02), President of MSNBC received the Achievement of Excellence Award from Dean Wilson. Justin Tinsley ('08) Disney's Andscape/ESPN and Jessi Mitchell ('11) CBS-TV NY were introduced by fourth-year journalism majors O'Shay Jelks and Mikayla Roberts respectively as they were inducted into the Scripps Howard School Hall of Fame.



Career Fair and Luncheon Panel

The 20th anniversary celebration began the morning of February 10 with a career fair at the Scripps Howard School building where students had the opportunity to speak to industry recruiters who served as sponsors. Some companies interviewed students for potential internships and/or full-time positions upon graduation. The companies at the career fair were the E.W. Scripps company, WTKR-TV, WAVY-TV, *The Washington Post*, Gray Television, Virginia Association of Broadcasters (VAB), Bloomberg Industry Group, Ferguson, and the Omnicom Group.



During lunch, students attended a panel discussion led by Jade AbuBakr ('26), a first-year strategic communication major in the school's auditorium. The panelists were: Anita Blanton ('05), former Miss Hampton and Anchor of "Good Day Chicago"; Glenn Jones ('86), Communications Strategist, and Leondra Head ('18), reporter at WTKR-TV. They discussed the state of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the media.

STUDENT NEWS

SHSJC Student Attends White House Briefing for HBCUs



Morgan Norris, a second-year journalism major with a minor in cinema studies from Atlanta, GA, was selected to represent Hampton University and the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communication at the White House on February 23, 2023. Norris was one of 40 HBCU students from across the country who attended a briefing with Vice President Kamala Harris and Keisha Lance Bottoms, Senior Advisor for Public Engagement. The press briefing covered student-led topics such as underfunding, racial inequality, climate change, mental health, and the appreciation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

Read Norris' story here: <https://home.hamptonu.edu/shsjc/2023/02/28/vice-president-kamala-harris-gives-a-message-to-hbcu-students-we-are-requiring-you-to-lead-by-morgan-norris/>

AT&T Dream in Black Future Makers Program Awards SHSJC Students

Fourth-year students Sárah 'Lee' Buckner (journalism) and Amber Anderson (strategic communication) were announced as members of [AT&T's Dream in Black's second](#) Rising Future Makers Class for 2022. This year's class honors twenty-five students, all from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), who are making a positive impact in their communities and on their campuses.

Learn more: [Two Hampton University Students Named to AT&T Dream in Black's Class of 2022 Rising Future Makers – Hampton University Home](#)



SHSJC students interview United Nations Ambassador at NASA

Tyra Ware, third-year journalism major, and Beyonca Banks, first-year journalism major had the opportunity to meet with UN Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield and NASA Langley leaders as the ambassador toured the NASA Langley complex.

View their video report here: <https://youtu.be/WCKT3H1XF4>.



Admitted Students Day



Several students admitted to Hampton University visited the Scripps Howard School open house on Saturday, February 25, 2023, as part of Hampton University's annual Admitted Students Day. Julia A. Wilson, Dean of the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications joined the other deans to give a welcoming speech to the newly admitted students in the HU Convocation Center. Her message explored the world of storytelling through careers in journalism and communications, with highly promising opportunities in the international marketplace. The new students will begin this upcoming fall semester 2023.



RAW TV Now Live



RAW TV is a new student led television talk show on campus, created by third year journalism students Tyra Ware and Raven Worley. If you like hot topics, you will enjoy RAW TV because they discuss everything raw and uncut.

To know more about RAW TV, you can follow them on Instagram at [rawtv.hu](https://www.instagram.com/rawtv.hu) or subscribe to their YouTube channel, RAW Television.

Students Visit Nike Communications in New York



Select strategic communication major students visited the Nike Communications headquarters in New York from March 9 – 10, 2023. Fourth-year students Zoë Beavers, LaRyn Claridy, Aleya Johnson and Nicholas Lewis, and third-year students Samiyah Hall, Ryan Heiskell, Aliyah McClammy, Kassidy McGill, and Riana Ward received hands on instruction from Nike Communications executives on working in the PR industry. They also were able to practice networking and interviewing skills and reviewed case studies of the company's recent public relations campaigns.

The visit was the culmination of a partnership between the Scripps Howard School and Nike Communications where the company provides training sessions for the students that began via Zoom in fall 2022. CEO Nina Kaminer reported to Dean

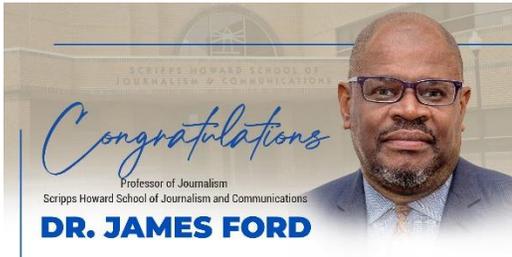
Wilson that the students dressed for success and were very engaged in all the sessions, asking poignant questions. The Nike Communications staff was also invigorated by the student visit and their interaction with the Scrippas.

Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Ithaca National Student Dialogue

Logan Russell (second-year journalism major) and Jade AbuBakr (first-year strategic communication major), will attend the second annual Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Ithaca National Student Dialogue, hosted by the Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy & Administration. This year's student dialogue will be held on March 24 – 26, 2023 on the University of Delaware campus. The theme is "Trust and Truth: Confronting Anti-Intellectualism Through Civil Discourse."

FACULTY

Dr. James Ford Receives the Academic Excellence Award from Hampton University



Dr. James Ford, professor of journalism in the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications, received an Academic Excellence Award from Hampton University. He was presented the award during the 2023 Winter Faculty Institute.

GLOBAL MEDIA CENTER

“Going Global” with a Global Media Center

We are continuing to focus on my vision to establish a global partnership to build a Global Media Center that prepares students for international competition for jobs and careers throughout the world. We have identified key countries and their embassies in the U.S. for potential partnerships, and as a first step during this first phase, we have met virtually with top administrators from Central University, a private university in Accra, Ghana. We have discussed student and faculty exchange programs with the goal of launching a maiden program in fall 2023. We plan to travel to Ghana in spring 2023. While there, we will make a formal presentation to school officials and students to begin recruiting students to study at Hampton.

Join This Conversation & Share SHSJC News

Please join me in sharing our news with your online communities, alumni, friends and families. I look forward to hearing from you with additional “news we can use” to share the progress and happenings in the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications – our beloved [Home by the Sea](#). Please send any news tips we can consider for inclusion to the SHSJCDeansCorner@hamptonu.edu or call the Dean’s Office at 757.727.5405.

Stay Informed! Go Pirates.

Dean Wilson