

BIO
Lieutenant General (LTG) Darrell K. Williams, United States Army (retired)
President of Hampton University

President Williams joined Hampton University in July 2022 from Leidos, a Fortune 250 information technology company where he served as vice president for Defense Group Logistics and subsequently as vice president and managing director of the \$9 Billion global United Kingdom (U.K.) Ministry of Defense Logistics Commodities and Services Transformation (LCST) contract

Upon his graduation from Hampton Institute (University) and commissioning as a Distinguished Military Graduate into the U.S. Army in 1983, LTG Williams served throughout the Continental U.S., Europe, the Pacific, and the Middle East. In August 2020, LTG Williams culminated in his distinguished military career as director of the Department of Defense's (DOD) Logistics Agency (DLA), where he led a global workforce of over 26,000 professionals.

Since returning to his alma mater as President the university has experienced a remarkable 44% increase in undergraduate enrollment and a 46% overall surge. His leadership is defined by a strong focus on academic excellence, innovation, and the enhancement of the university's information technology infrastructure.

Beyond Hampton, President Williams serves on numerous academic and economic development boards and is a life member of several distinguished organizations, reflecting his unwavering commitment to service. His many accolades include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, and recognition as one of the "50 Most Important African Americans in Technology" by the Journal of Black Innovation. He was recently featured in two prominent magazines, "US Black Engineer & Information Technology" and "COI Views" for his leadership and innovation approach to higher education.

President Williams holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Hampton Institute (University); a Master of Science degree in business administration from the Pennsylvania State University, State College; a Master of Military Arts and Science degree from the Army Combined and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, District of Columbia as a distinguished graduate.

President Williams is married to First Lady Myra Richardson Williams, a career educator and a 1983 graduate of Hampton Institute (University). Together, they have two adult children, Jocelyn Williams Cooper and Colin E. Williams, Esquire. Jocelyn is married to Mr. Gerron E. Cooper. President Williams and the First Lady are also the proud grandparents of their grandson, Micah.