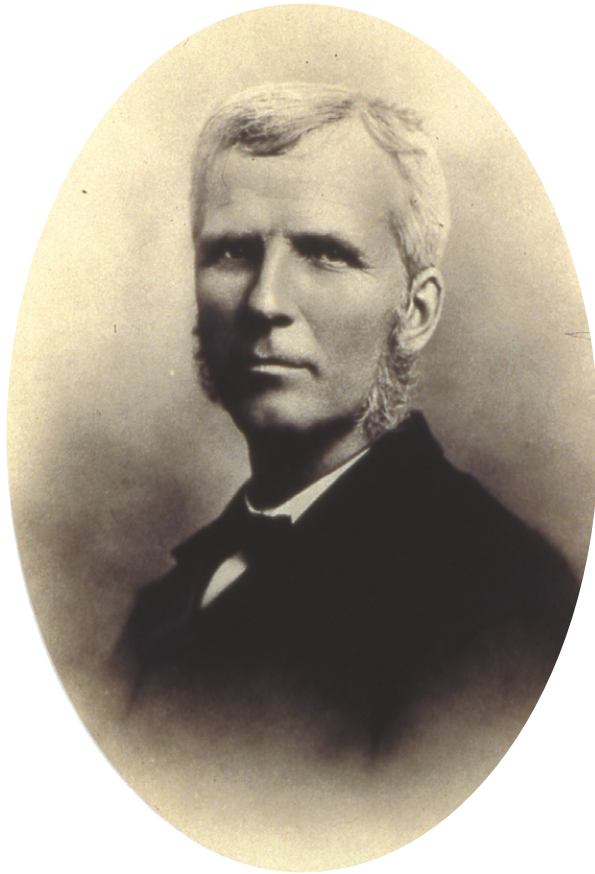


The 132nd
ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY
of
HAMPTON UNIVERSITY



ROBERT C. OGDEN AUDITORIUM
Sunday, January 26, 2025
11:30 a.m.



General Samuel Chapman Armstrong
1839-1893

GENERAL SAMUEL CHAPMAN ARMSTRONG
FOUNDER
HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

In 1866, Brigadier General Samuel Chapman Armstrong was appointed Superintendent of the Freeman's Bureau of the Ninth District of Virginia. Drawing upon his personal experiences as the son of missionaries in Hawaii, he secured funds from the American Missionary Association to establish a school on the Wood Farm, also referred to as "Little Scotland." On April 1, 1868, General Armstrong opened Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

With energy and eloquence, he traveled across the country, raising money, recruiting teachers, and hiring experienced architects to assist in his mission to construct impressive buildings on the campus. Ten years later, he expanded his mission and opened the Institute's doors to Native American students which inspired the establishment of Native American schools throughout the nation.

General Armstrong died on May 11, 1893, but not before seeing his mission complete. Hampton Institute, because of his leadership and vision, would send thousands of teachers out to educate and lead the people.

FOUNDER'S DAY SPEAKER...

GENERAL XAVIER T. BRUNSON
Commander UNC/CFC/USFK



General Xavier T. Brunson is the Commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea, at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea.

As a General Officer, General Brunson has served in numerous staff and command positions in Conventional and Special Operations Forces.

His operational assignments have included service in Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and INHERENT RESOLVE.

General Brunson was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He also earned a Master of Arts in Human Resource Development from Webster University and a Master of Science in National Security Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

General Brunson's notable civic awards include Omega Psi Phi's Brother Dr. Julian Haywood Gamma Epsilon Founder's Leadership Award and the United States National Park Service's Trailblazer Award from the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument. The following honors were awarded by U.S. Army Regimental Associations: Honorable Order of Saint Barbara (Field Artillery), Honorable Order of Saint Michael (Aviation), Centurion Order of Saint Maurice (Infantry), Order of Aaron and Hur (Chaplains), Thomas Knowlton Award (Military Intelligence), and Colonel Eli E. Nobleman Award (Civil Affairs).

General Brunson is married to Colonel (retired) Kirsten Brunson and they have two daughters and one son.

132nd Annual
FOUNDER'S DAY

LT. GEN. DARRELL K. WILLIAMS, US ARMY, RET.

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Presiding

PRELUDE	“Grand Choeur”	<i>Mr. Benjamin Garner</i> <i>(by Theodore D)</i>	<i>University Organist</i>
INVOCATION		<i>Rev. Dr. Debra L. Haggins</i> <i>University Chaplain</i> <i>Director of Religious Life</i>	
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Battle Hymn of the Republic”	<i>University Symphonic Choir</i> <i>(arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky)</i>	<i>Mr. Omar J. Dickenson, Director</i> <i>Mr. Benjamin F. Garner</i> <i>University Organist</i>
OPENING REMARKS			<i>University President</i>
RECOGNITION OF QUARTER-CENTURY CLUB INDUCTEES		<i>Dr. Sheilia J. Maye, Member</i> <i>Quarter Century Club</i>	
PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL CITIZENSHIP AWARDS			<i>University President</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Precious Lord”	<i>University Symphonic Choir</i> <i>(arranged by Roland M. Carter)</i>	<i>Mr. Omar J. Dickenson, Director</i>
POEM	“Giant Steps”		<i>Ms. Maya Powell</i> <i>Sophmore English Major</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER			<i>Ms. Naya Johnson</i> <i>Senior Class President</i>
FOUNDER’S DAY ADDRESS		<i>General Xavier T. Brunson</i> <i>Commander UNC/CFC/USFK</i>	
CLOSING REMARKS			<i>University President</i>
ALMA MATER			<i>Audience</i>
BENEDICTION			<i>University Chaplain</i>
POSTLUDE	“Allegro from Trio Sonata in Eb minor”	<i>University Organist</i> <i>(by J.S. Bach)</i>	

2025 QUARTER-CENTURY CLUB INDUCTEES

MR. PETER BURRELL, *Hampton University Police Department*

MR. RAYMOND CULLEN, JR., *Office of Residence Life and Housing*

DR. CHENGAN DU, *Department of Pharmaceutical Science*

DR. SIMONE HEYLIGER, *Department of Pharmaceutical Science*

MS. GAYLA POWELL, *Department of Information Technology*



2024-2025 QUARTER-CENTURY CLUB OFFICERS

MR. NOVELLE DICKENSON, *President*

DR. TIN – TUNG CHEUNG, *First Vice President*

DR. ARUN VERMA, *Second Vice President*

MS. LESSIE HOLLOMOND, *Recording Secretary*

MS. DEBRA HARDEN, *Corresponding Secretary*

MRS. DORETHA SPELLS, *Treasurer*

MRS. EVELYN STEWART, *Financial Secretary*

MS. JEWEL LONG, *Historian*

MRS. LYNN STEWART, *Program Committee Chair*

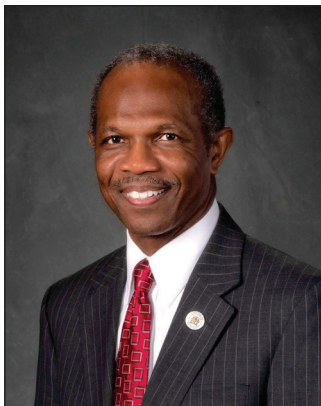
PRESIDENTIAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

In 1979, Hampton University established the Presidential Citizenship Award to recognize individuals who are positive role models for others and who, through their service to their communities, contribute to the values of decency, dignity, and improvement in the quality of life for others.

The 2025 Presidential Citizenship Award recipients are:



MS. GAYLENE C. KANOYTON
Entrepreneur



THE HONORABLE DONNIE R. TUCK
Mayor, City of Hampton, Virginia



THE HONORABLE DON SCOTT
Virginia House Speaker

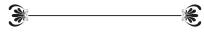


SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. **COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE**
Wreath Placing for General Samuel Chapman Armstrong
(Honor Guard-Army and Navy ROTC)
Hampton University Cemetery
- 10:00 a.m. **QUARTER-CENTURY CLUB BRUNCH**
Student Center Ballroom
(Invitation Only)
- 11:30 a.m. **FOUNDER'S DAY ADDRESS**
Robert C. Ogden Auditorium



COMMITTEE ON CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS
2024-2025



Dr. Karen Turner Ward, Chair

Ms. Joy Jefferson

Dr. Barbara Inman

Dr. Richard Mason

Mr. Randall Hardy

Ms. Shavonne Hines-Foster

Ms. Naya Johnson



The Journey to Hampton
An Excerpt from Up From Slavery

by

Dreydan Brown

Sophomore, Theatre Major

Directed by

Dr. Iris Middleton

ALMA MATER



*O Hampton, a thought sent from Heaven above,
To be a great soul's inspiration;
We sing thee the earnest of broad human love,
The shrine of our heart's adoration.
Thy foundations firm and thy rooftrees outspread,
And thy sacred altar-fires burning,
The sea circling 'round thee, soft skies overhead,
Dear Hampton, the goal of our yearning!*

REFRAIN

*O Hampton, we never can make thee a song
Except as our lives do the singing,
In service that will thy great spirit prolong,
And send it through centuries ringing!*

*Kind mother, we'll treasure the dear happy days
We've spent here in life's preparation,
Yet go with brave hearts upon our chosen ways,
Of service to God and our nation.
Still wearing thy colors, the blue and the white,*

*As pledge that our fond hearts will cherish
A love which for thee ever shines true and bright,
A loyalty that ne'er can perish!*

Words by Sarah Collins Fernandis, 1882
Music by Chauncey Northern, 1924

