

OGRE PHI OGRE II
HAMPTON UNIVERSITY
50th Reunion
Living a Golden Legacy

July 3, 2025

Fellow Classmates:

Our 50th class reunion will be held May 7-10, 2026, at our “Home By The Sea.” We are designated as the Golden Class and will be inducted into Emeritus Status during reunion weekend. Our class slogan for the reunion “Living a Golden Legacy” speaks to living with intention, grace, and the kind of impact that echoes long after we are gone. Our golden legacy is not just about our achievements or wealth. It is about values passed down, kindness, integrity, compassion and lives we touched in quite meaningful ways.

I am really excited about our reunion, but we can only have a successful reunion if we have your participation and meet our financial goal for the reunion.

REUNION WEEKEND

An exciting 50TH reunion weekend is being planned for your enjoyment. The Embassy Suites Hotel (adjacent to the Hampton Coliseum and Hampton Convention Center) will be our reunion headquarters. All rooms reserved for Thursday May 7, 2026 are taken. We have a few reservations for Friday and Saturday nights still available. A full breakfast and the daily Happy Hour are included in the room rate. I will be sending a room reservation code in September to those who have reservations. More information to follow.

We are in the process of finalizing our reunion package. Additional information is forthcoming. We anticipate the reunion package will be in the range of \$250 - \$300. There will be memorabilia items included in the package, but items can be purchased separately along with the Saturday banquet ticket.

All costs for the following activities except Commencement will be included in the reunion package:

Thursday – Saturday: Hospitality suite at the Embassy Suites

Friday: Commencement – Convocation Center - time to be announced.
Ogre Phi Ogre II Living a Golden Legacy reception (dinner style Hors d’oeuvres) beginning at 5:30 PM - Hampton Convention Center - Special guest jazz entertainment (dressy casual)
Campus Touring

Saturday: 10:00am – 12:00pm Golden Class Brunch with the President, sponsored by the University at the main waterfront dining facility (Free for class members, but guests will be charged approx. \$35 directly by the University)
Class Picture with the President
Class meeting (location and time TBD)
12:00pm – 2:00pm General Reunion Cookout for all Alumni and guest

Saturday: 6:00pm – 10:00pm Reunion Gala at the Hampton Convention Center (all classes) – presentation of class giving (formal or business attire)
Class Photo will be taken at the banquet.

Sunday: Pending activity

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CLASS GIVING:

Our class giving goal is \$325,000. Beginning July 1, 2025, through reunion weekend May 2026, you can make payments against your pledges or direct gifts. All contributions regardless of your gift designation will count towards our giving goal. It is important that you make a contribution to Hampton University to help build the University's donor base. To celebrate our 50th reunion, I am asking that you contribute at least \$2,500. Many of you in your pledges have exceeded this challenge and several classmates met my challenge of \$25,000. Thank you all. Please let me know the total amount you expect to contribute even if you expect to make periodic payments. Gifts can be in the form of personal checks, money orders and credit cards. If you use a personal check or money order, please make it payable to Hampton University and mail directly to Hampton University, 100 E. Queen Street, Hampton, VA 23669. Contributions specifically targeted for The Class of 1976 Endowed Scholarship Fund or other areas in the University should include that designation in the memo portion of your check or money order as well as "Class Year -1976." On-line contributions can be made at www.hamptonu.edu and click on "Give"

1. Select an amount shown or click on Other to enter a higher amount
2. After clicking on Other and entering amount
3. Click on Other – this will send you to a page where you can select a specific area of donation or if you scroll down you can select Class of 1976 Endowed Scholarship
4. Click on the box next to the designation, then click Continue
5. At this screen scroll down where you can select to make a one-time payment or click on Make Scheduled Payments. Ignore the pledge section.
6. On the same screen click Alumnus for your Relationship to HU
7. On the same screen click Next and you will be directed to a screen to complete your general information and credit card info.
8. You can repeat your giving throughout the year even if you do not select scheduled payments. We have 11 months.

COMMENCEMENT

Hampton University will hold the Commencement on Friday May 8, 2026, which is a change from the traditional graduation on Mother's Day. Hampton will be providing information once the school year begins in August 2025. For those who desire to participate in commencement, the cost of the regalia will be approximately \$45 (cost not included in the Reunion Package).

CLOSING COMMENTS

Please call your classmates to confirm receipt of this letter and ask them to support our financial goal for the reunion. If you haven't received any recent correspondence from Hampton, please go to <https://oaa.hamptonu.edu/s/1339/21/home.aspx>, scroll down to Quick Links and click on "Update Your Info. You can use this same link to register with the National Hampton Alumni Association – Hover over Get Connected and click on NHAA; Scroll to bottom of page – Quick Links Section and Update Your Information.

The Homecoming game is scheduled for October 25, 2025. We are planning an event for Homecoming and more information is forthcoming. Even if you have responded to a previous survey, please let me know if you are making plans to attend Homecoming.

All the best and there will be several communications forthcoming as plans are firmed up.

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