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WELCOME!

Message from The Director

Greetings from our "Home by the Sea!" At Hampton University, we are a band like no other, at a university like no other. Our goal is to provide you with a well-rounded collegiate band experience that cultivates creativity, leadership, and a sense of family. Within the HU Bands Program, you will be challenged to become the best version of yourself--not just musically, but academically, physically, and emotionally as well. Here at Hampton, we do things differently--our traditions are always evolving, so we allow our members to have a voice within the program, and we build our leaders from the moment they step foot on campus. At Hampton University, we are about growth and innovation, so if you are looking for something unique and different, come check us out as we strive to be: **The Best Band in The Land!**

Dr. Thomas L. Jones, Jr.
Director of University Bands

SET SAIL WITH THE MARCHING PIRATES!

The Hampton University Bands Program consists of The HU Marching Force, Symphonic Winds, Concert Band, Basketball Band, and several small ensembles. These groups provide music for various university functions and provide a high level of musical experiences for its members. The HU Bands Program is housed under the Department of Music and Performing Arts (MAPA), and the School of Liberal Arts and Education (SLAE).

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY'S MARCHING BAND, "THE MARCHING FORCE,"

is a grand example of the positive impact of music on student engagement and success. The Marching Force provides experiences that assist students in their ability to assume responsibility, establish a professional attitude, gain self-confidence, develop a humanistic attitude toward life, become proficient in their area of musical specialization, appreciate diverse cultures, and contribute positively to the world around them.



WE ARE A WORLDWIDE BAND!

The Marching Force (HUMF) is the largest and loudest organization on the campus of Hampton University. In addition to field shows and stands performances at football games, The Marching Force performs in parades, band battles, recruitment tours, and other exhibitions. The schedules are packed and the demands are heavy, but if you have what it takes, you will learn crucial principles of leadership, attention to detail, resiliency, and the importance of family. It is this continued pursuit of excellence that has been recognized the world over. In 2009, the band played for the inaugural parade of President Barack Obama. In 2018, the band saw its first

performance at the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta, GA—followed by another invite to the Honda in 2020. In 2019, our Drumline performed in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA. Also in 2020, the band flew to Rome, Italy, to perform in the New Year's Day Parade and Celebration. Most recently, the band was seen in the 2021 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. In The Hampton University Marching Force, we believe in giving our students the opportunity to travel, see the world, and experience different cultures through music, because it is through music that we are all connected!



The Marching Force in Vatican City/Rome, Italy



DAVID JACKSON, '24
DRUM MAJOR
Architecture Major
Atlanta, GA

"Being a part of the Hampton University band is an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life. It has strengthened my leadership and time management skills while providing me with a family away from home."

Serving as a drum major has allowed me to grow as an individual while leading and serving as a positive role model for others. Outside of this, the band has provided me with exposure as I've traveled to and performed in places such as the 2020 New Year's Day Parade in Rome, Italy and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York."

THE *Smartest* BAND IN THE LAND

3.40

*Average GPA of all
Band Members*

90%

*Incoming Freshmen
receive an Academic
Merit Scholarship*

1150

Average SAT Score

22

Average ACT Score

At Hampton University, academics come first. The majority of our band receives an Academic Merit Scholarship, and all of our students are required to maintain good academic standing in order to participate in the HU Bands Program. In addition, all band members in good standing--regardless of their instrument or position within the band--are eligible to receive a Band Scholarship.

The college experience is like any other, but we stress the importance of maintaining good grades and graduating on time. To that end, various resources—tutoring, study halls, academic advisors—are in place to help ensure your academic success.

In The Marching Force, our priorities are "School, Band, and everything else." For band students, we have developed a strong relationship with the HU Office of Admission in order to secure priority review of applications and Academic Merit Scholarships.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS AT A GLANCE

Winds

- 12 major scales (2 octaves with arpeggios)
- Chromatic scale (2 octaves)
- Prepared piece of your choice showcasing lyrical and technical ability (no marching band repertoire)

Percussion

- 12 major scales two octaves (Mallet)
- Chromatic scale two octaves (Mallet)
- Essential 40 rudiments (called at random)
- Knowledge of hybrid rudiments
- Prepared piece

Auxiliary

- Submit a video showcasing proficiency in dance, flag, or baton twirling styles

Media Team, Managers, Production Team

- Strong sense of responsibility
- Eagerness to work in a fast-paced environment

The HU Bands Program is an inclusive family that represents a diverse array of communities.

All walks of life are welcomed!

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Hampton University is an elite school with an elite price tag. Fortunately, there are many financial aid resources available to fund most or all of your attendance costs, if qualified.

Most Band Scholarships range from **\$2,000** to **\$22,000** per academic year, with a limited number of “full ride” scholarships available to elite applicants (based on availability).



Academic Merit Scholarships range from **\$5,000** to **\$25,000** per academic year (Minimum 1000 SAT or 22 ACT, 3.3 Unweighted GPA).

There are a limited number of “full ride” academic scholarships available as well (Minimum 3.7 GPA and 1350 SAT, 30 ACT).

NOTE: Students who apply using the Test Optional Policy are NOT eligible for merit-based scholarships.

The Legacy Scholarship of **\$1,000** is awarded to students who are direct descendants of Hampton Alumni.

Room Scholarships are **\$7,092** per academic year as of Fall 2023.

The Pell Grant Award is **\$7,395** per academic year as of Fall 2023.



The Marching Force performs for Vice President Kamala Harris

The Character Scholarship of **\$10,000** is available to the first 100 qualified first-time freshman students.

The Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (for Virginia residents attending Hampton University) is **\$12,500** per academic year as of Fall 2023.

Hampton University's cost of attendance is **\$42,798** as of Fall 2023.

ALL HU SCHOLARSHIPS ARE RENEWABLE!



BRASS

The Hampton University brass section is comprised of a talented group of musicians who play a variety of instruments, including the Mellophone, Trumpet, Flugelhorn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium, and Sousaphone. The brass section strives to blend the best of both worlds—quality playing and technical ability, while also doing so at a high intensity and loud volume. At Hampton University, our brass section strives to play with both a high quality and high *quantity* of sound.

“The band has created many opportunities for me to advance my career.”

Ace Evans, '24

Music Education Major
Trumpet, Band President, Student Director
High Point, NC



WOODWINDS

The Hampton University woodwind section consists of the Piccolo, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, and Tenor Saxophone sections. At HU, our woodwinds are just as important as the brass sections and play dedicated parts in arrangements that are both technical and challenging. Playing a woodwind instrument in the HU band requires attention to technical ability, intonation, and power—just as with the brass. Our woodwinds are at the forefront—not an afterthought.

“As my musicianship improved, I became a better person.”

Isaac Mera, '26

Electrical Engineering Major
Tenor Saxophone
Newark, NJ





PERCUSSION



@HAMPTONUDRUMLINE

The Hampton University Drumline, known as “Sticky Situation,” is the heartbeat of the band. Being a member of the Drumline requires a great amount of skill, physical strength, and discipline. If you are up for the challenge, you will enjoy status as a member of one of the most important sections within the band. In addition to performances with the full band, the Drumline also performs at exhibitions and other performances as a standalone unit. Within the Drumline, there are Snare Drums, Cymbals, Sextets, Tenor Drums, Bass Drums, and Auxiliary Percussion.

Drumline Coordinator: Mr. Charmers Redd

“Band taught me discipline!”

Christian Roberts, '27
Music Recording Technology Major
Drumline, Freshman Captain
Upper Marlboro, MD



EBONY FIRE



@THEOFFICIALEBONYFIREOFHU

The Hampton University dance team, known as “Ebony Fire,” is a group of talented and energetic dancers who leave the audience in awe with their impeccable technical routines and captivating aura. They showcase the HBCU dance style while infusing jazz, ballet, and hip-hop techniques. Whether on the field or in the stands, these dancers work tirelessly to provide the crowd with an unforgettable experience.

Placement is by audition and open to women only.
Coach: Ms. Brint Martin

“The life skills I learned in the band have prepared me for the real world.”

Victoria Boyd, '24
Strategic Communications Major
Dancer, Ebony Fire Co-Captain
Jamaica, NY





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SILKY

 @HU_FLAGLINE_SILKY

The Hampton University Flag Corps, or “Silky,” is a group of talented young women who specialize in bringing flare and color to the field through visual effects. They handle silks, hoops, and chains with ease, and provide audiences with breathtaking twirling routines. Their purpose is to interpret the music played by The Marching Force through synchronized work of flags and movement, using different colors and styles of flags to enhance the visual effect of the entire group.

Placement is by audition and open to women only.
Coach: Mrs. Megan Deluce

“I gained a sisterhood for a lifetime.”

Bria Bryant, '26
Sports Management Major
Flag Captain
Charlotte, NC



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SHIMMERING SAPPHIRE ELEGANCE

 @HU_TWIRLERS_SSE

The Hampton University baton twirlers, known as “Shimmering Sapphire Elegance,” compliment the band through highly technical twirling and dancing movements. The routines are at a high level of difficulty and occasionally incorporate multiple batons and fire. Our baton twirlers are among the best in all collegiate bands.

Placement is by audition and open to men and women.
Coach: Ms. Tenisha King Weston

“I developed a new love for twirling.”

Madison Ramsingh, '25
Kinesiology Major
Baton Captain, Feature Twirler
Alexandria, VA





H.I.-D.E.F.

The Marching Force Media Team showcases the instrumentalists, auxiliary, and drum majors to the public with their creative and visually appealing skills. The team, consisting of student professionals, works to amplify the Marching Force brand and develops strategic plans for various platforms. Members are trained in media production, including photography, videography, marketing, social media, and branding. No prior experience is required to join.

Media and Marketing Coordinator: Ms. Renita Leonce

“I unexpectedly came across my sense of purpose.”

Shane Taylor, '24
Cellular and Molecular Biology Major
Media Team Captain
Hyattsville, MD



BLACK DIAMOND

The Hampton University Managers section, also known as “Black Diamond,” is the foundation and backbone of The Marching Force. They facilitate the distribution of uniforms, instruments, and other equipment, and they also help keep the band hydrated on gameday and tend to medical needs. The managers voluntarily dedicate their time to serving the band, and without the managers, the band would not be able to operate in an efficient manner. The managers truly are the driving force behind The Marching Force. Managers require no musical experience, only a strong sense of dedication and responsibility!

Operations and Logistics Coordinator: Mrs. Pattie Bolton Richmond

“I found my family within the band!”

Simone Baldwin, '26
International Studies Major
Manager Captain
Raleigh, NC



PRODUCTION TEAM

The Production Team assists our Auxiliary units with day-to-day maintenance of “the look” of each squad. On game day, the Production Team is responsible for preparing hair and makeup of each Auxiliary member to ensure that they maintain that look throughout the entire performance. Providing a crucial role within the band, the Production Team members must have the experience and talent necessary to make our Auxiliary units look their best.

Please follow these steps to ensure a quick review of your application:

- 1 Apply online at www.hamptonu.edu/apply and pay the \$50 application fee.
- 2 Submit your high school transcript, letter of recommendation, test score report, and personal essay through the online portal.
- 3 Email copies of your high school transcript, letter of recommendation, test score report, and personal essay to hu_bands@hamptonu.edu
- 4 Please submit your contact information via our website www.humarchingforce.com/prospective-students so that we can keep you updated with videos, tutorials, music, and other information to get you prepared for life as a collegiate band student!

The HU Bands Program is proudly supported by the following service organizations:

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IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MARCHING BAND...

At HU, we pride ourselves on providing a wide range of musical ensembles to enrich your experience and build your skill and versatility as a well-rounded musician.

CONCERT BAND / SYMPHONIC WINDS / SYMPHONIC BAND

In the spring semester, our concert ensembles perform a wide variety of literature, all meant to provide a strong musical foundation and build technique. The Concert Band is open to all musicians and plays moderately difficult literature. The Symphonic Winds is by audition only and plays literature at a high level of difficulty. The Symphonic Band is comprised of both groups and meets to play for special occasions, such as Commencement and Opening Convocation.

The Symphonic Winds and the Symphonic Band are directed by:
Mr. Clifford Cox, II - Assistant Director of University Bands

The Concert Band is directed by:
Mr. Alexander Hamilton, II - Assistant Director of University Bands (Percussion)



THE PEP BAND

The HU Pep Band is not your typical basketball band. While this group supports the HU Basketball Team in late fall and early spring, this group also performs shows on the court as well as recruitment performances in traveling exhibitions. The Pep Band adds a drumset to the ensemble.

THE LITTLE BAND

This band is like a jazz band, marching band, and pep band, all rolled into one—except little. While this group performs marching band music, we add a drumset, keyboard, and bass guitar, while also reimagining each song and opening them up for improvised solos.



SPRING DRUMLINE

Members of the drumline will meet in the spring in order to perform at exhibitions and travel for recruitment trips. In addition, Spring Drumline is when new or inexperienced members can “test drive” the section to see if it is a good fit.

THE BRASS BAND

The HU Brass Band plays in the style of New Orleans Second Line jazz, and primarily meets in the summer months. It is the only ensemble that combines current students with alumni band members.

Brass Band Coordinator / Alumni Ambassador / Announcer:
Mr. Justin A. Langley, Sr.





HU Brass Ensemble

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

The mission of the Department of Music and Performing Arts is to maintain a viable and innovative center of learning in the School of Liberal Arts and Education and to meet the current and future needs of Hampton University students. While committed to serving students from diverse cultural backgrounds, the Department of Music and Performing Arts offers programs that develop and enhance skills in musicianship, performance, music technology, professionalism, and artistic demeanor. The major goals of the Department of Music and Performing Arts are to promote the full development of the student.



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Ruth E. Carter, '82

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts
2-Time Oscar Winning Costume Designer
Black Panther, Wakanda Forever



Hampton University Choir

DEGREES OFFERED

- B.A. in Music (Performance)
- B.A. in Music Education (Pre-Certification)
- B.S. in Music (Recording Technology)
- B.S. in Music (Audio Production)
- B.A. in Theatre Arts (Theatre Performance)
- B.A. in Theatre Arts (Technical Theatre)

As a Music and Performing Arts student, you may qualify for additional scholarship funding. For more information, please contact our Department Chair,

Dr. Demarr Woods at demarr.woods@hamptonu.edu





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HAMPTON ARMY RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

The Hampton University Department of Military Science (Army ROTC) provides professional leadership instruction to students who desire to develop and improve management, communication, and team building skills utilizing the U.S. Army Officer Training model. Commander: LTC Jasmine Jallah

ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

AROTC scholarships are available for qualified students who are strongly interested in becoming officers in the United States Army. Students are able to compete for two-, three-, and four-year AROTC Line or Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) scholarships. The scholarship pays full tuition and mandatory fees, while also providing stipends for living expenses and books/supplies.



"Being a part of both The Marching Force and the Army ROTC Pirate Battalion gave me a plethora of options. It allowed me to stay at Hampton and obtain my Bachelor of Arts degree, it kept me financially stable with all the scholarships and stipends from ROTC, it allowed me to travel internationally with the band, and it gave me a job right after graduating."

Jamori Macon-Brown, '23

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Minor in Army Military Leadership
Alto Saxophone

For additional questions regarding scholarships or enrollment, please contact:

Mr. John McDonald

(Hampton University AROTC Enrollment Officer)

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Can I do both ROTC and Band at the same time?

"YES!"

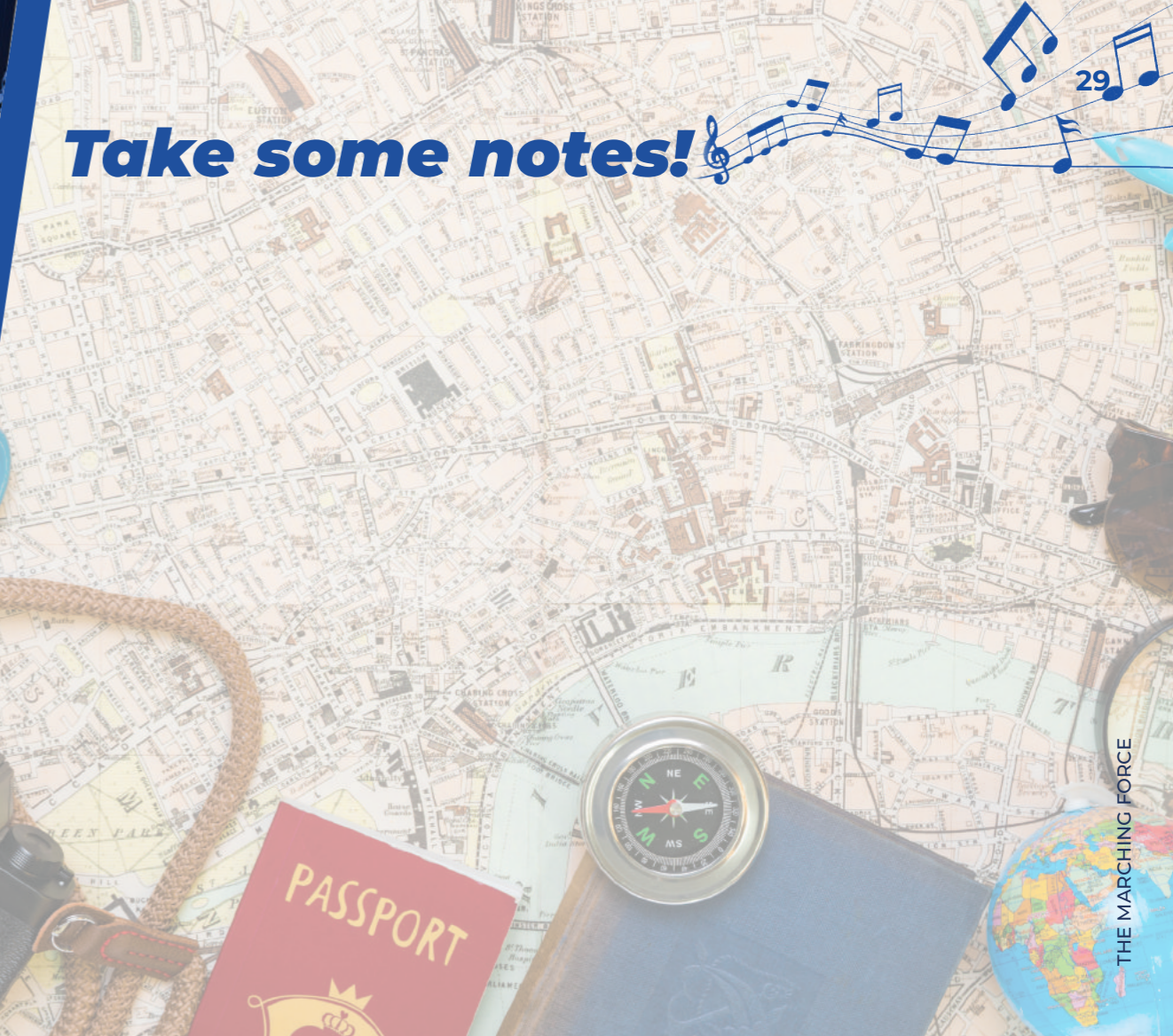
Jada Haskins, '24

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Minor in Army Military Leadership
Baritone Horn





Take some notes!



Interested in joining?

Apply here today:

www.humarchingforce.com/prospective-students

MATE!

Did you miss the boat? The HU Bands Program also offers scholarships to transfer students. Come make your new home at your "Home by the Sea!"

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