



*The Hampton Roads Black Caucus is open to all people interested in helping make our country, and our commonwealth a better place to live for all people.*

# NEWSLETTER

December 10, 2021 2021-4

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## HRBC Past Events:

### BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

The Breakfast of Champions was held at "The Landing at Hampton Marina", 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA on 2 October. The event was well attended.

There were three honorees:

- Councilwoman Tina Vick (Newport News, VA), was honored for her support of the principles of HRBC in her role as a member of the Newport News City Council. Ms. Vick spoke of the role of black women in the community.
- Dr. William R. Harvey (President of Hampton University), was unable to attend in person that day; however, he provided a recording that was played to the assemblage. Dr. Harvey has long been an advocate for education in the black community and he was honored for his sustained activity in pursuit of that goal. Dr. Harvey's letter of gratitude is on page two of this newsletter.
- Tommy Ceria IV (graduate of Norfolk State University, current UVA School of Law student), was honored for his activity in the community and as a student leader at Norfolk State University. Mr. Ceria was visiting from his current role as a student at the University of Virginia Law School. The President of the HRBC also announced the results of the Caucus' endorsement process.

### GUN BUYBACK (Virginia Beach)

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, the Virginia Beach City Council authorized the HRBC to hold a Gun Buyback program. The event was 18 December at The Mount Church in Virginia Beach Parking Lot. At that time the HRBC also offered information on courses in gun safety and handling. The event was very successful with over 30 guns turned in.

Plans are underway to replicate the Buyback next in Norfolk, the date/time/location to be announced soon.

Below is Dr. Harvey's letter of gratitude for the HRBC "Breakfast of Champions" award of honor for his work in promoting awareness of the importance of education and his concrete activity in creating opportunities.



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 7, 2021

Mr. Ronald Taylor  
Via Email: rrtphy@aol.com

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for acknowledging my many years of service to our "Home by the Sea." I am truly grateful for having had such an awesome opportunity to serve this outstanding institution. Since the day I arrived, my goal has been to leave Hampton in a better position than I found it.

Half of my lifetime has been spent serving as President of Hampton University. During that time, I have worked diligently to maintain the institution's stellar reputation while moving it forward. In the midst of these unprecedented times and for the remainder of my tenure, I will continue to uplift Hampton as **THE** Standard of Excellence.

With all good wishes,



William R. Harvey  
President

## **HRBC Upcoming Events:**

**New Web address: [www.hamptonroadsblackcaucus.com](http://www.hamptonroadsblackcaucus.com)**

Gun Buyback in Norfolk -TBA

Let's Talk Podcast presents Andy Baan- 20 Jan at 6pm

## **Community Events of Interest:**

As you become aware of events (speakers, meetings, political events, debates, church gatherings of specific interest, etc. - anything that might be of interest to the black community in Hampton Roads), please provide a short description of the event including time, location, subject, etc. so that we can publish it for HRBC members and those who participate in our communities. Email [communications@hamptonroadsblackcaucus.com](mailto:communications@hamptonroadsblackcaucus.com)

## **The Community Action Team and the HRBC ()**

The HRBC is looking for Community Action Team (CAT) members. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact us by emailing: [CATChair@hamptonroadsblackcaucus.com](mailto:CATChair@hamptonroadsblackcaucus.com)

## **A Commentary:**

The HRBC is a grass roots organization. Established in 2012 with the purpose of increasing the representation of elected officials who advocate and support legislation directed towards enhancing the Black community. To effectively impact the Black community the HRBC supports the following initiatives:

### **Our Four Pillars:**

1. Black –Owned Business Growth – HRBC members support elected officials that support Black owned business growth.
2. Educational Advancement– HRBC members support elected officials that support every student of color receiving a quality education that prepares him or her to be a contributing member of a democracy.
3. Economic Development– HRBC members support elected officials that can assist in driving capital to Black entrepreneurs to start, maintain and grow their businesses.
4. Community Development- HRBC members support elected officials that support building and expanding
  - community development ecosystems that increase structural capacity and leadership skills
  - community development professionals on regenerating underserved Black communities.

## **Some Thoughts . . . .**

**Join HRBC !**

You can support HRBC through membership suitable for your business and personal preference. You can join online (<https://hamptonroadsblackcaucus.com/membership/>), or select your membership level and mail a check made out to “Hampton Roads Black Caucus” to: Hampton Roads Black Caucus

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General Membership – \$50.00 Per Year

Benefits of Membership

Listing in our community directory

Subscription to E-Newsletter

Entry to candidate meet and greet

private receptions

HRBC Lapel Pin

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