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## Hampton receives 2014 All-America City award

**June 15, 2014** - The City of Hampton received the 2014 All-America City Award Sunday evening from the National Civic League.

The award is given annually to communities that demonstrate innovation, inclusiveness and civic engagement. The focus of the award this year was on successful efforts to address underlying conditions that affect the health of a community.

Hampton submitted three projects in its award application:

- The annual “I Value” public input and involvement campaign for the city budgets
- The Mayors Book Club
- Hampton’s high school dropout reduction programs

Hampton was one of 10 recipients chosen from 25 finalists. A delegation from the city was in Denver this past weekend for the final part of the competition, which included a lively and creative presentation for a panel of judges.

The other winners of the All-America City Award were Montgomery, Ala., Chelsea, Mass., San Pablo, Calif., Independence, Ore., Brush!, Colo., Brownsville, Texas, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Eau Claire, Wis.

“These communities are amazing,” said National Civic League President Gloria Rubio-Cortés. “They deserve to be recognized for the great work they are doing to make their communities stronger, healthier and more inclusive. They have found innovative ways of aligning existing programs to achieve greater impact.”

Created in 1949, the All-America City Award is the oldest community recognition program in the nation. Sponsors for the award include Southwest Airline, U.S. Bank, and FirstBank. Hampton previously won All-America City awards in 2002 and 1972.

The National Civic League was founded in 1884 as the National Municipal League, and is devoted to "strengthening democracy by increasing civic capacity in our communities."

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