



## Hampton's Distinguished Citizen Medal

Hampton's distinguished citizen medal is the highest honor that City Council may bestow on an individual, the approximate equivalent of a "key to the city."

Individuals recognized by this award have served Hampton in such an extraordinary way as to distinguish themselves from other individuals or have been recognized with a state, national or international award that brings honor and distinction to the City of Hampton.

The award, which dates back to 1964, is not given annually. It is awarded infrequently for outstanding achievements at the direction of the City Council.

Hampton's Distinguished Citizen Award recipients include:

**Ralph W. Shelman, Dec. 12, 2018**

Founder and executive director of Insight Enterprises and an expert on disability issues, for contributions to the community by providing independent living services to those with disabilities.

**Margot Lee Shetterly, June 13, 2018**

Author of "Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race." The best-selling book and the movie from it drew national attention to a chapter of Hampton's history.

**Dr. William R. Harvey, Feb. 28, 2018**

President of Hampton University for 40 years, who has overseen a period of growth at the former Hampton Institute. The nationally recognized university added educational programs and degrees, cutting-edge research, cancer treatment and research.

**Dois I. Rosser Jr., Jan. 10, 2018**

Founder of ICM, a Hampton-based charity that has helped build 7,000 churches in 86 countries, and former chairman of the POMOCO Auto Group. Also served as board member or trustee for numerous community organizations.

**George Wallace, Sept. 16, 2016**

Served Hampton for 38 years as assistant manager for community services, assistant city manager for strategic planning and economic development, and city manager; and elected to Council serving as vice mayor and mayor.

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**Charlie W. Hill, April 27, 2016**

Co-founder of Hampton Roads Prostate Health Forum and advocate with Minority Men's Health Initiative; served on a variety of boards and non-profits.

**Katherine G. Johnson, April 27, 2016**

NASA mathematician who performed manual calculations for the Mercury and Apollo space programs, including launch windows, orbit trajectories and landings. One of the first African-Americans and women to work in such roles at NASA, she is the subject of the book and movie "Hidden Figures."

**Linda Shifflette, May 27, 2015**

Former Hampton City Schools superintendent who served the school system for more than 40 years. Under her leadership, the school system added career academies at the four high schools, opened two PreK-8 schools, implemented a personal tablet technology program, and had a school named a Blue Ribbon School.

**Robert F. Shuford, Sr., Sept. 24, 2014**

Chairman, President and CEO of Old Point National Bank, based in Hampton but expanded to a regional financial institution, who has also been a community leader in multiple board, fund-raising and volunteer capacities.

**Francena McCorory, Sept. 12, 2012**

Bethel High School and Hampton University graduate who won a Gold Medal in the Women's 4x400 Relay in the 2012 Summer Olympics held in London, England.

**Hardy L. Cash, January 28, 2011**

For over 60 years of service to the City of Hampton

**Gwen Cumming and Will Moffett, January 26, 2011**

Co-Chairmen - 400th Anniversary

**Morton L. Olshan and Richard "Dick" Steinberg, ratified by Council on April 14, 2010**

For years of service to Hampton in connection with Coliseum Mall, Peninsula Town Center, etc.

**Dr. Mary T. Christian, January 14, 2007**

For years of service to the community

**Dr. Turner M. Spencer, July 9, 2006**

For 20 years of service on the City Council, 1986 – 2006

**Andrew D. Greenwell, November 13, 2002**

For efforts in the dedication of the Ruppert L. Sargent Administration building dedication

**Mary E. Johnson, October 28, 2001**

For outstanding Neighborhood Initiatives (restoration of the Little England Chapel, development of the Newtown Learning Center for neighborhood children; one of the first black principal in the City; commitment to her neighborhood; community activist)

**Midge J. Eason, June 1, 1998**

For outstanding support of City initiatives

**James L. Eason, June 1, 1998**

Mayor - July 1, 1982 - May 18, 1998

**Michael L. Smith, March 3, 1997**

Hampton High School Football Coach

**Charles A. Wornom, July 17, 1996**

Mayor and Councilman - July 1, 1967 - June 30, 1996 - 29 years

**Hunter B. Andrews, approved 01/24/96**

Senator, Virginia General Assembly, 1963-1995

**T. Melvin Butler, June 28, 1994**

Vice Mayor and Councilman - 16 years

**Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hunnicutt III, April 13, 1994**

Co-Chairmen USS Hampton Commissioning Committee

**Mr. & Mrs. Harrol A. Brauer Jr., January 22, 1986**

Co-Chairmen - 375th Anniversary

**Ann H. Kilgore, July 9, 1980**

Mayor and Councilwoman - 21 years

**Steve Riddick, October 10, 1976**

Olympic Gold Medalist - Track

**Justice C. Vernon Spratley, October 11, 1967**

Town Attorney for the Town of Phoebus and the Town of Hampton; Judge of the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (Hampton, Phoebus, Elizabeth City County, and Newport News); retired from the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. Served as Town Councilman - elected June 1907 with 35 votes

**L. Eldon James, November 9, 1966**

National Commander of the American Legion

**Charles Flax, Hampton Institute**

Director of the Hampton Crusaders Male Chorus

**John R. "Captain Johnny" Lawson**

Served as Councilmember: May 1, 1945 - June 30, 1952; and July 1, 1955 - June 30, 1961

**Christopher Kraft, 6/23/64**

NASA engineer and manager instrumental in establishing Mission Control operation. The Phoebus native was flight director for all six of the manned Mercury missions.

**Colonel Roy F. Zinzer, September 23, 1964**

First Distinguished Citizen Award to Retiring Commander of Fort Monroe in recognition of meritorious service and outstanding achievement