

Dear Hampton Family,

We began 2020 with great excitement knowing that this year would mark the highly-anticipated return of The Blue & White Scholarship Gala. Unfortunately, 2020 had other plans.

Our excitement has not waned, but the safety and comfort of our guests remain our highest priority.

To ensure our ability to provide an experience that meets the Hampton Standard of Excellence, we have decided to postpone this year's Gala until 2021, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2021.

As you can imagine, this decision was not made lightly, but with the best interest of all involved in mind as COVID-19 is ever-present and ever-changing. Our hope is that our new date will allow us to celebrate in good health, good spirits and with peace of mind.

We thank you immensely for your patience and support over the last few months as we've navigated this unprecedented time, and ask that you mark your calendars NOW for March 2021. **The bright side:** we now have the opportunity to make our event even more of an experience **AND raise even more scholarship funds** for the next generation of Hamptonians. In fact, our committee is already working diligently behind the scenes to make next year's event an even grander affair.

While we hope you all hold on to your tickets in anticipation of next year, we do understand extenuating circumstances may not allow. For those who are interested in ticket and sponsorship refunds, please see our FAQ below. For those who are able to hold tight to their tickets, we will be offering special incentives as a thank you. This generous action will support the chapter in not taking a financial loss from the event.

Again we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this postponement may have caused and look forward to seeing you in 2021! Thank you again for your support!

In the Hampton Spirit,

The Hampton Alumni Executive Committee
The Hampton Blue & White Gala Committee

Hampton Gala Q&A

- **What is the new date?** Saturday, March 27, 2021
- **What if the pandemic isn't over by then?** We will be monitoring the situation closely and regularly in the months and days leading up to our event. If for any reason we are unable to safely hold the event on March 27, we will identify a new date and notify all involved as soon as the situation allows.
- **What precautions are being taken to maintain safety?** We will host the event in accordance with all active guidelines set forth by health officials, including the CDC, at that time.
- **Has the postponement of the Gala affected the Atlanta chapter?** Due to the timing of events, we, as an organization were still responsible for overhead for the event that will not be reimbursed. While in some cases, our investment will be applied to our new date, there were circumstances that did not allow for reimbursement as we were less than two weeks from the event when the pandemic hit.
- **Will the venue change?** No, the Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center is still looking forward to hosting our event!
- **Will any of the other event details change?** As of right now, most of the event details within our control will remain the same, including the celebration of our esteemed honorees and MCs. The good news: It only gets better from here! Our Gala committee is working diligently behind the scenes to add even more fun to the experience.
- **When will tickets go on sale again?** We will announce a new ticket onsale date in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for updates. We'll communicate all updates via email, the Atlanta chapter website and its social media channels.
- **Will ticket prices remain the same?** Current ticket holders will not experience any increases. New ticket buyers, however, MAY see an increase in prices reflective of any increase in event fees and expenses.
- **How can I request a refund?**
 - If you purchased an **individual ticket via Eventbrite**, please email hamptonalumniatl@gmail.com and hamptonblueandwhite@gmail.com to request your refund. In the email, please include your full name and attach your receipt. Please expect to receive a response within 7-10 days.

- If you **purchased your ticket as a part of a table**, please contact your table host regarding your refund.
 - If you **purchased a table as a table host**, please email hamptonblueandwhite@gmail.com. Expect to receive a response within 7 days.
 - If you **purchased an ad or committed to being a sponsor**, please email Andre Sims at simsrealestategroup@gmail.com and copy hamptonblueandwhite@gmail.com. In the subject line, please put: Hampton Gala - Ad/Sponsor Refund.
- **I don't know if I can make it. Is there a deadline for refund requests?** We are asking all refund requests be made by September 30, 2020.
 - **What special incentives can I expect if I don't request a refund?** We'll be announcing perks over the coming weeks for our VIP. But one of the first will be no additional fees as ticket prices increase. Please also keep in mind that by not requesting a refund, you are supporting the fiscal health of the chapter.
 - **If I was an event sponsor, do I qualify for a refund?** Yes, if you'd like to request a refund, please email Andre Sims at simsrealestategroup@gmail.com and copy hamptonblueandwhite@gmail.com. In the subject line, please put: Hampton Gala - Ad/Sponsor Refund. Deadline for refund requests is September 30, 2020.
 - **For all additional questions/concerns/comments:**
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 - Please also copy hamptonblueandwhite@gmail.com on all email communication to ensure your matter is addressed in a timely manner.