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## Hampton's Bethel High School to Hold Mega Reunion 2018 August 24-26

--Class of 1970 - 2002 to meet at the Hampton Roads Convention Center; Activities to take place all week beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>. On August 21 the opening *Success Through Unity: The Bethel High School Story Exhibit* at the Hampton History Museum--

**Hampton, Virginia-** August 24-26, Bethel High School graduates are encouraged to head to Hampton for the Bethel High School Mega Reunion 2018, taking place at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Beginning Monday, August 20, a week of activities are planned for returning graduates, including *Success Through Unity: The Bethel High School Story* at the Hampton History Museum, a brand new exhibit featuring sports memorabilia from Bethel High graduates, including Allen Iverson, Francena McCorory, Mike London, and more. Other highlights including A Stroll Along the Hampton River Walkway at Bull Island Brewery and Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel, and a Midtown Mixer at Peninsula Town Center, and more. Cost is \$125 per person for a three day pass (Ticket price covers events August 24-26, all other activities are free and open to the public).

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In 1968, Bethel High School opened to accommodate overcrowding at Hampton High School and Kecoughtan High School. The school was the first fully integrated school in the City of Hampton.

“Though there were a lot of racial tensions in many schools across the country at the time, the students at Bethel High School managed to overcome these tensions through collective collaboration in both academics and athletics,” said Bethel High Mega Reunion Group President, Michael Harper. “This year we are happy to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bethel High School by once again coming together and painting the City of Hampton Green and Gold.”

### **Bethel High School “Back Together Again” Mega Reunion 2018 (Class of 1970-2002)**

*August 24-26 (Free activities beginning August 20 thru August 23)*

*\$125 per person for a three-day pass (Friday, August 24 – Sunday, August 26)*

#### **Monday, August 20 – Tuesday, August 21**

All Day Access to the “BHMRG Mega Store” at the Peninsula Town Center and the Soft Opening of the *Success Through Unity: The Bethel High School Story* at the Hampton History Museum. (Free). A short walk to Bull Island on the marina for a pint of the signature “Bruin Brew.” The Bethel Mega Store will be open the duration of the week.

#### **Wednesday, August 22**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Official Grand Opening of the *Success Through Unity: The Bethel High School Story* at the Hampton History Museum. Free.

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Hampton History Museum  
120 Old Hampton Lane  
Hampton, VA 23669

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. A Stroll Along the Hampton River Walkway to Bull Island  
Brewery and Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel

Bull Island will offer a special “Bruin Brew” and the Miss Hampton II will be docked for a boarding party, completely open to the public (please, note, the Miss Hampton will stay docked for the duration of the event). We will be hosting our VIP guest at the Crown Plaza Dockside Room located beside Bull Island. Food will be available for purchase at Bull Island Brewery or at Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel.

Don't miss Round 1 of Karaoke

758 Settlers Landing Road  
Hampton, VA 23669

**Thursday, August 23**

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Midtown Mixer featuring Round 2 of Karaoke  
Join us in Town Square at Peninsula Town Center for our Midtown Mixer  
(Don't miss the Bethel High School Mega Reunion Store featuring Bethel High  
Commemorative items)

4410 E Claiborne Square  
Hampton, VA 23666

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**Friday, August 24**

Hospitality Social for VIP and Sponsors

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Meet and Greet at the Hampton Roads Convention Center (Includes Round 3 of Karaoke Finals)

8:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hampton Roads Convention Center

1610 Coliseum Drive

Hampton, VA 23666

**Saturday, August 25**

6:00 p.m. – Midnight Dinner & Dance (Semi-Formal) the karaoke contest winner will be revealed and the VIP winner will be awarded their prize

Hampton Roads Convention Center

1610 Coliseum Drive

Hampton, VA 23666

**Sunday, August 26**

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. BBQ Cookout with Uncle Nick's Premium Meats

Courtyard at Embassy Suites (Outside)

1610 Coliseum Drive

Hampton, VA 23666

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For more information on the 2018 BHS "Back Together Again" Mega Reunion (Class of 1970-2002) including registration, visit <https://bhsmegareunion.com/>.

Proceeds for the 2018 BHS "Back Together Again" Mega Reunion will benefit various Bethel High School student organizations and area youth groups, such as, North Hampton Youth Sports and Deen Ball Sports, Inc.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center, is located in the center of the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center and Riverside IMAX ® Theater, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, Fort Monroe, award-winning Hampton Coliseum, The American Theatre, among others.

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