



Worth Every Penny

THE VALUE OF A
HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE
EDUCATION



“H-SC was worth every penny,
and then some, in the experience
I had and in the impact it made
on my life, my career, and my future.”

JOHN Z. AXSOM, Class of 2005

You are about to make an important decision. You are about to choose a college. After touring campuses, meeting faculty and students, and considering costs, you have a short list of schools and one question: is it worth the cost? At some point during his college search, every man who has attended Hampden-Sydney College has asked himself the very same question. In the end, the answer has been an undeniable yes. Here are some of their stories.



CALVIN J. CHARLES III

Senior

Prince George's County, MD

Major: Economics and Business

Minor: Public Service, Theater

Extracurricular: Delta Kappa Epsilon
fraternity, Circle K International,
Resident Advisor, Swimming

The cost made Hampden-Sydney seem out of reach, but my family and I knew that there were great benefits to attending the College. We worked closely with the financial aid staff, who helped me find options to make H-SC financially feasible.

The staff builds personal relationships with the students they help. To this day, the financial aid officer my family and I originally met with singles me out in a crowd and calls me by my first name.

My college experience has been phenomenal. I have been able to meet students from different walks of life and with different perspectives. The students, the alumni, the faculty and staff, all are part of a family. This school is about building relationships.

My time at H-SC has given me the opportunity to develop my personal and world views by interacting with all sorts of people. I've learned that confidence is key, and it's important to be passionate about your work.

The biggest lesson I'll take with me is that we choose to be great—it is not something we're born with. When I graduate this spring, I'll be ready to take on the world.

Hampden-Sydney gives over \$22.5 million in grants to her students.



SAMUEL G. JOHNSON

Senior

Richmond, VA

Major: Economics

Minor: Public Service

Extracurricular: Student Senate,
Club Soccer, Episcopal Campus
Ministry, Garnet & Grey Society
(Admissions tour guide)

I didn't want to be saddled with debt after graduating from college, so I found myself focusing on schools with a cheaper price tag, even though they didn't offer exactly what I was looking for. H-SC did, so I decided to apply even though the school seemed out of reach financially. I had worked hard in high school, and when I received my financial aid package, I was blown away by the fact that the scholarship honored my academic achievement. That, along with need-based grants, made H-SC

just as accessible as the less expensive schools I had considered.

I have completely changed during my four years here, from a kid who thought he knew everything, to a man who is willing to admit he doesn't. **I have learned that knowledge is not just memorizing facts, but analyzing and discussing ideas.** My grandfather used to say that one should aim to know something about everything; an H-SC education is based on that idea.

H-SC has given me a unique community that I don't think I would have found at any other school. I have been to my professors' homes for dinner, I've joked with the President about his NFL team, and I've made friends who will surely be my brothers for life.

Hampden-Sydney promotes learning at every turn.



MATHIS J. NEDELL

Freshman
Winston-Salem, NC
Major: Government
Minor: Public Service
Extracurricular: Pre-Law Society,
Phi Alpha Delta fraternity,
the Freshman Leadership Program,
College Republicans

When I was a senior in high school, I attended an Open House program. After the tour and activities were over, I went to the cafeteria. When my parents walked in, I said, "This is it." Since that day, I've been in love with this school.

My family had experienced several setbacks when I was looking at colleges, so financial aid was very important. Because I had a great desire to attend H-SC, I wasn't deterred by the cost. I knew it would be worth it.

I was also considering a large, highly selective state university that I liked a lot, but Hampden-Sydney felt more like a family. The brotherhood and Honor Code appealed to me. Here, my professors know my name and are familiar with my work.

I am making connections with members of the faculty who can guide me toward internships that will help me decide on a career path. At a large university, I would have been just a number, in huge classes, with people I would never really know.

Even though I am a freshman, I can already say I'm growing and improving. I'm motivated to think about what I want to do with my life and to start planning for my future.

Look at the value you will get rather than the price you will pay.

JAMES N. FATTORINI

Norfolk, VA

Senior Game Metrics Analyst and
Associate Gameplay Designer—
Business Intelligence Division, ZeniMax
Media/Bethesda Game Studios

Class of 2011

Major: Economics

Minor: Creative Writing



I knew I would have to pay for college myself, so I was looking not only for a school I could afford, but also for an education that was truly worth the expense.

The high caliber education I received at H-SC has enabled me to quickly and organically advance in my career. I find that the skills I developed as a student come in handy on a daily basis in my work. Take communication, for example—a skill that's highly valued at H-SC. My work requires direct contact with influential people. My ability to provide them with meaningful but succinct analysis has been critical to our success.

I have H-SC to thank for putting me on the path that led to my dream job.

L. DARDEN TRENT COPELAND

Junior

Virginia Beach, VA

Major: History

Minor: Rhetoric

Extracurricular: Phi Gamma Delta
fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law
fraternity

H-SC's sticker price was daunting, but the financial aid staff spent a lot of time with my mom and me to identify scholarships—even some that weren't offered by H-SC—to make it affordable.

After seeing the College on a sunny Friday in November during my junior year of high school, I just wanted to be a part of it. I loved the close-knit atmosphere. It's hard to describe; come visit and you'll see.



The level of contact between students and professors is astounding; it creates the perfect environment for learning. I believe the education I'm getting is priceless because it reinforces values along with knowledge. **The ideals I'm striving for, such as honor, integrity, and diligence, will serve me for the rest of my life.**

H-SC prepares men for success in life.

GUILHERME J. GUIMARAES

Sophomore

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil

Major: Chemistry

Extracurricular: Varsity Basketball,
Student Honor Court



Attending an American College was a dream of mine. I fell in love with H-SC when I visited, but I didn't think my family and I could afford the school. I will never forget when I got the call saying I had received a scholarship that would make it possible for me to come to H-SC. I was thrilled.

Hampden-Sydney is known as one of the top colleges in the country for having a strong alumni network. I got to reap the benefits of it last summer, when I got a paid internship working with an alumnus in Georgia. While H-SC's cost may seem high, **a network like that is worth every penny.**

JORDAN T. BECK

Sophomore

Rome, GA

Major: Government & Foreign Affairs

Minor: Rhetoric

Extracurricular: Football, Tiger Athletic Club, Young Republicans, Garnet & Grey Society, Kappa Alpha Order fraternity

When I was in high school, my father lost his job and started a new career. His income was cut by more than half, so financial aid was an important factor in my college search. The financial aid staff was helpful in letting us know that we needed to file the FAFSA, and also in identifying grants and loans that were available to us. Those together were the key in making it possible for me to attend.



Because I am eight hours away from home, I have had to learn to make my own decisions and manage my time.

This newfound independence has definitely made me a better man.

Yet, I know that if I ever need help, there's plenty of support here.

The Alumni Network is an outstanding benefit of H-SC.



ROBERT B. GEORGE

Junior

Allentown, PA

Major: Foreign Affairs

Minor: Rhetoric

Extracurricular: Union Philanthropic

Literary Society (Debate), Pi Kappa

Alpha fraternity, Student Court, Cogito,

writer for *The Hampden-Sydney Tiger*,

Garnet & Grey Society, Army National

Guard

I wanted to be in an academic environment that truly embodied the liberal arts philosophy. **I wanted to be challenged and encouraged to work toward something bigger than myself.** Hampden-Sydney offered me the potential to be a better person, and I could not deny myself the opportunity.

Hampden-Sydney's cost was initially intimidating, but after I received my financial aid package my mother looked at the numbers and said, "We can make this work."

Hampden-Sydney men hold themselves to a very high standard. The Latin inscription on our campus gates means, "Come here as boys, so that you may leave as men." I know I'll be better prepared for my future because of my time here. I've learned how to communicate effectively, how to think critically, and how to manage the responsibilities of adulthood.

Honor and integrity are the marks of the Hampden-Sydney Man.



JOHN Z. AXSOM

Newport News, VA
President and Head Instructor,
Axsom Martial Arts
Class of 2005
Major: Political Science
Minor: James Madison Public Service
Program

H-SC has the amazing ability to bring the world to its students and, at the same time, send its students out into the world. I doubt that I would have achieved some of the honors I received, or had access to some of the programs I participated in if I had attended a larger school.

So, while the numbers were higher than other colleges I was considering, once I sat in on my first class and had a meal

with a professor, I realized that the benefits far outweighed the costs.

It is those intangible gifts that H-SC gives to her students that make it worth the price. It's being invited to your professor's home for pizza and a discussion of *The Confessions of St. Augustine*; it's building a fire in the grill outside your dorm and hanging out with your buddies; it's jumping in a van with your friends after a storm and driving around campus to clean up debris. H-SC's real worth is measured in the small moments you experience as a student, some of which you don't recognize until after you graduate.

Outside scholarships can supplement grants.

JASON A. GUZAUSKAS

Freshman

Danville, VA

Major: History

Minor: French

Extracurricular: Union Philanthropic
Literary Society (Debate)



Back in high school, there was only one college I wanted to attend, and that was Hampden-Sydney. To be honest, I didn't think H-SC was going to work out because of its cost, but the financial aid staff worked with me to find scholarships that made it possible for me to attend.

The way I see it, the money I spend on my H-SC education is an investment in my future. **I'm getting an excellent education that will prepare me for a successful career, while I'm learning how to be a better man.** That kind of experience is priceless.

RYAN T. PEEVEY

Junior

Franklin County, VA

Major: Economics

Minor: Rhetoric

Extracurricular: Varsity Baseball,
Garnet & Grey Society, writer for *The Hampden-Sydney Tiger*

I wanted to attend H-SC from the minute I first visited campus. I loved the environment and the way the students carried themselves; they all seemed like the kind of guy I wanted to become. I also loved the focus the College had on character development and social skills. You can't put a price on an education like that.

Being well-rounded is sometimes underrated, but I think that knowing a



lot about a lot of different topics will lead to great things after I graduate. It's impossible to prepare for future jobs that haven't even been invented yet, but **learning how to work hard, think critically, and communicate effectively will set you up for success in any line of work.**

Choose a college that feels like home.



PETER J. CHIGLINSKY

Washington, D.C.

F.B.I.

Class of 2016

Major: Foreign Affairs

**Minor: Military Leadership and
National Security Studies**

Many of the colleges I liked were simply out of our price range. I felt I had to choose between placing a financial burden on myself and my family to attend a school I liked, or consider other, less ideal, schools that were more affordable. Grants from Hampden-Sydney and the loan I took on made the College's cost manageable for my family. Plus, the loan helped me feel I was doing my part to pay for my education.

The H-SC experience is vastly different from other schools. You'll have freedom

to make your own choices, of course, but you'll be challenged to take responsibility for them. **You'll learn how to lead, how to be a good role model; essentially, you'll learn how to be a man.**

When I enrolled, I was a young boy unsure of what I wanted to do. H-SC showed me where I excelled and put me in professional environments where I learned that I was not just capable of succeeding, but that I was also capable of thriving.

Hampden-Sydney produces men of character, honesty, humility, and integrity. It produces men of wisdom, and of intelligence. These qualities have set me up for success in my chosen profession of national security.

File the FAFSA for need-based aid.

AARON R. DAWLEY

Sophomore

Suffolk, VA

Major: History

Minor: Public Service

Extracurricular: Acousticals,
Catholic Campus Ministries,
Minority Student Union



I wanted to attend a small, private college where I could focus on my education and overall development as a citizen of the world. My decision to attend H-SC was cemented after my family and I talked with members of the financial aid staff and I understood their commitment to helping students find a way to afford an H-SC education.

The scholarship and loans I've received have made it possible for me to achieve my academic goals. **In my two years at H-SC, I've been involved in clubs and extracurricular activities that have inspired me to develop and demonstrate leadership skills that are necessary in the working world.** These skills will help me to be a better man both today, and for the rest of my life.

TILLMON E. COOK

Sophomore

Midland, NC

Major: Undeclared, but interested
in Applied Math

Extracurricular: Club Baseball,
Outsiders Club, Baptist Collegiate
Ministries, Peer Advisor, French Club

Cost was a consideration for me. My parents and I realized, though, that the value I would gain through the education, the character-development, and alumni networking, and many other facets of H-SC, were worth my family's stretching to make it work financially.

I didn't know much about H-SC at first, but I knew guys who went there and were successful after graduating.



I thought to myself, "I want to succeed," so I decided to learn more.

Students and faculty share a strong connection here. I can go to my professors any time with questions about everything from what we're learning in class to life in general. Hampden-Sydney is definitely a good investment.

The Hampden-Sydney brotherhood is priceless.

FINANCIAL AID LINKS AND IMPORTANT DATES

H-SC Financial Aid Web page

www.hsc.edu/Financial-Aid

Academic Scholarships

www.hsc.edu/Financial-Aid/Types-of-Aid

Citizen-Leader Scholarships

(Eagle Scout, President of Student Government, Boys State, Good Man)
www.hsc.edu/Financial-Aid/Types-of-Aid

Tuition and Fees

www.hsc.edu/Business-Office/Tuition-and-Fees

OCTOBER 1

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Available

Applicants who wish to be considered for need-based financial aid (federal grants, College grants and scholarships, loans and work-study awards) should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA; code number 003713). The FAFSA is available on October 1, and should be completed no later than March 1.

FAFSA On-line

Fafsa.ed.gov/

AUGUST 1 through MARCH 1

Application for Admission Available

www.hsc.edu/Admissions/Admission-and-Applications

MAY 1

Confirmation Deposit Due

www.hsc.edu/Admissions/Enrollment-Deposit

MAY 1 through AUGUST 1

Enrollment in the monthly Tuition Payment plan, if desired.

www.hsc.edu/Business-Office/Tuition-and-Fees/Payment-Methods/Monthly-Payment-Plan

JULY 31

Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) application is due for Virginia Residents attending H-SC.

www.hsc.edu/Financial-Aid/Forms-for-Financial-Aid

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