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## **Hampton History Museum Extends 'Success Through Unity: The Bethel High School Story' Through September 3**

**Hampton, Virginia-** Due to popular demand, the special exhibit "Success Through Unity: The Bethel High School Story" has been extended through Labor Day, Monday, September 3 at the Hampton History Museum.

Explore photographs, mementos, uniforms and other items, to tell the story of this illustrious institution.

While other Hampton schools were becoming fully integrated, Bethel High School, opened in 1968, was integrated from its inception. Bethel can be seen as a microcosm of the success of Hampton's desegregation, which was not the result of heavy enforcement

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from above, but rather of people working together. This exhibit highlights some of the faculty and student athletes that emerged from this environment.

Showcased items include Allen Iverson autographed Philadelphia 76ers basketball jersey, Allen Iverson Bethel High School football jerseys, Chris Ellis autographed Buffalo Bills football, Shaun Gayle Super Bowl XX commemorative football, and Francena McCorory's signed Olympic jacket, along with plenty of photos of good times at Bethel and other mementos.

This exhibit is made possible by a “Love Your City” grant and the Downtown Hampton Development Partnership.

Admission to this special exhibit is free. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the Bethel High School Mega Reunion, visit

<https://bhsmegareunion.com/>

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in **Downtown Hampton**. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information call 757-727-1102.

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

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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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