

## Hampton University

**ENHANCING THE JAZZ FEST EXPERIENCE WITH CUSTOM MERCHANDISE** 



Hampton University, known for its rich cultural traditions, sought to elevate its annual Jazz Festival by offering attendees unique, branded merchandise. The goal was to enhance the overall event experience and foster a stronger connection between fans and the university.



## Goal

The university aimed to *provide Jazz* Fest fans with high-quality, logoed merchandise that would serve as both a souvenir and a symbol of their connection to the event.

## Solution

Hampton University partnered with Follett to bring their vision for the Jazz Festival to life. The university provided event logos and a wish list of desired merchandise, after which Follett created mockups tailored to Hampton's needs for the university's review and approval. The customized assortment of merchandise included a variety of short-sleeve T-shirts, baseball hats, clear totes, lapel pins, and handheld mini fans. Once approved, Follett delivered the merchandise promptly, ensuring everything was ready in time for the event.







The diverse range of items ensured there was something for every attendee, enhancing the festival's appeal. These high-performing items offer valuable insights for future assortments, helping to focus on popular products and further enhance the event experience.

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"The Hampton Jazz Festival merchandise played a key role in enhancing the event experience, providing attendees with meaningful, high-quality items that celebrated their connection to the festival. The positive response highlights the impact of offering well-curated event merchandise that resonates with the communities."

**Rhyannon Potter** Regional Manager, Follett

## Impact Highlights

This initiative enhanced the Jazz Festival experience with **thoughtfully designed merchandise**, and reinforced Hampton University's **connection with attendees and the broader community.** The success of this collaboration demonstrated Follett's ability to provide customized, high-quality solutions for special events.

This project highlights Follett's commitment to supporting campus events with innovative, tailored merchandise solutions that leave a lasting impression.