



# OAAA E-WEEKLY

THE OFFICE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS E-NEWSLETTER  
HIGHLIGHTING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OAAA STUDENTS

**“YOUNG, GIFTED & BLACK: 40 YEARS OF PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE QUEST”**

WEEK OF MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS  
HARAMBEE II RECIPIENTS

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“We cannot trample upon the humanity of others without devaluing our own. The Igbo, always practical, put it concretely in their proverb Onye ji onye n’ani ji onwe ya: “He who will hold another down in the mud must stay in the mud to keep him down.”

— Chinua Achebe, *The Education of a British-Protected Child: Essays*

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Ami Shipley is a fourth-year student from Bowie, Maryland, majoring in French, with a minor in Architecture. During her undergraduate time at UVA, she has amassed an impressive set of experiences, including an internship with Marc Mimram

Architecture | Ingenierie, in Paris France, and in the UVA Global Internship program in Rabat, Morocco. At UVA, Ami has volunteered in the Madison House ‘Adopt-a-Grandparent’ program and enjoys activities in the University Salsa and with the Virginia Alpine Ski & Snowboard team. Upon graduation, she hopes to become a junior designer, using her talents in architecture, visualization and 3D design. With her creative spirit, Ami says that she “enjoys not knowing what will come, while at the same time waiting for that beautiful something . . . that indescribable moment that will tint my imagination forever.”

You can nominate an exceptional student (not yourself) to be featured in the Spotlight on Student Achievements. Please send your nominations to Dean Patrice Grimes ([pgrimes@virginia.edu](mailto:pgrimes@virginia.edu)) by Thursday at 12 noon for an upcoming OAAA edition.

## Harambee II

On Sunday, January 22, 2017, the Office of African-American Affairs recognized first-year students who achieved academic honors during the 2016 fall semester at its annual program at Alumni Hall. Mr. Kwame Otu, Assistant Professor of African and African-American Studies, delivered the keynote speech. Representatives from various UVA and national programs met students to discuss academic and summer opportunities. A cake and punch reception immediately followed the program. It was a great event!

## HIGH HONORS

Ali Abdel-Rahman	Natasha Coleman	Christina Johnson	Emmit Pert
Brago Aboagye-Nyame	Timothy Crump	Dove-Anna Johnson	Cassandra Plemons
Kevin Adams	Taelor Davis	Gene Jones	Keiara Price
Temiloluwa Akinola	Laurny Downing	Shamara Jordan	Alyssa Rorie
Katherine Alexander	Maame Esi Eghan	Jason Kramer	Noah Rushin
Tatayana Allen	Julian Elmasry	Alexander Kwakye	Lailah Said
Jonathan Amezquita	Alexah Eure	Kevin Livingstone	Adriece Sharpe
Jacob Asch	Kajsa Foskey	Kyle Lofland	Lindsey Shavers
Deborah Ayres-Brown	TreShauna Gary	Jonathan Mack	Whitney Shaw
Adrienne Barnes	Tionna Gathers-Epps	Ayah Mahdi	Tanaja Stephenson
Alvin Barnes	Mariam Gbadamosi	Morgan McCole	Amber Thaxton
Kristen Barrett	Ashley Giddings	Sefanet Melaku	Ian Tucker
Ciara Blackston	Eva Gobourne	Caroline Mubiru	Valerie Uduji
Henry Blalock	Cameron Greer	Onyekachi Nwaneri	Jenna Warren
Rebekah Boggs	Nina Hankins	Kelechi Nwanevu	Jasmin Washington
Genesis Brockett	Jessica Harris	Timothy Olukanni	Jordan Williams
Kourtney Bugg	Selwyn Hector	Celine Opoku	Sydney Williams
Tariq Carrington	Robert Hicks	Priscilla Opoku-Yeboah	Jocelyn Willoughby
Shannon Cason	Malila Hollis	Rachael Osborne	Christopher Woodfolk
Virginia Chambers	Tiana Hubbard	Amare Osei	
Alaijah Cheeseman	Kiani Hudgens	Erin Paige	
Chloe Cohen	Audrey Huggins	Tiffany Perry	

**Congratulations to the 2017 Stephanie Jean-Charles (SJC) Global Travel Award Recipients:**

**Kaelor Gordon** – Ernst & Young Foundation Award  
**Yolande Pokam Tchuisseu** – Seven Society Award

**Bethany Gordon, Jillian Randolph & Charbene Williams**  
 also received SJC travel awards from supporters of the  
 OAAA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

These students were recognized at Harambee II on Sunday,  
 January 22, 2017 at Alumni Hall.

**QUOTE'S CORNER: Chinua Achebe**



**Chinua Achebe**

Novelist and educator Chinua Achebe was born Albert Chinualumogu Achebe on November 16, 1930, in the Igbo town of Ogidi in eastern Nigeria. He is best known for his 1958 novel: *Things Fall Apart*. The groundbreaking novel centers on the cultural clash between native African culture and the traditional white culture of missionaries and the colonial government in Nigeria. The book has become required reading in many schools across the world. Chinua Achebe died on March 21, 2013, at the age of 82, in Boston, Massachusetts.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**MAY 2017**

Sunday 7th & Wednesday 10th	Reading Days
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Donning of the Kente Ceremony
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st	Final Exercises

**ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES**  
 (varies by school)

Monday, January 30th by 4:00 pm	Law
Friday, April 28th - Drop with a W**	

**ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES**  
 (varies by school)

February 1st - Add	- Architecture - Arts & Sciences - BIS Program - Commerce (1) - Education (2) - Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy - Nursing
February 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Drop without Penalty (course removed from transcript)	
March 15th - Drop with W **	

**HONORS**

Michelle Abban	Marguerite Franklin	Hadassah Muthoka
Ahenfua Aboagye-Nyame	Rachel Franklin	Biruk Negash
Olatunji Afolabi-Brown	Ashley Frederick	Dorysaura Nunez
Abiola Ajibola	Kalyca Gathers	Krystal Owusu
Ngozi Akingbesote	Talayha Gilliam	Sarah Pape
Fatimah Alhassan	LaMaria Glass	Ayesha Pasha
Adriana Allen	Cindy Gnawa	Everett Patterson
Jessica Alston	Janeen Graves	Tierra Peerman
Kevin Bahati	Tori Gray	Sydney Peoples
Alexis Baker	Rachel Griffin	Nadia Power
Elizabeth Bangura	Justin Habert	Lydia Prillaman
Makeda Berhane	Bryce Hall	Haylee Puller
Eunice Boateng	Maya Hankins	Kennedy Radix
Michael Boddie	Kelsey Hannifin	Olivia Rampersaud
Christian Brooks	Kaha Hersi	Joseph Reed
Daries Brooks	Justice Howard	Mira Roark
Jordan Brown	Ilanthe Humphries	JaRhonda Roberts
Amanda Brownlee	Adam Iyob	Justin Robinson
Nicholas Carmichael	Umu Jalloh	Sydney Saunders
Jordan Carter	Kobe Jones	Teonna Sharpe
Harrielle-Beatrix Castelly	Tarin Jones	Lavinia Sims
Ariyan Chapman-Smith	John Kanu	Mya Singleton
Sara Clayton	Hannah Katinas	Taylor Slocumb
De'Vante Cross	Seshi Konu	Nicholas Smith
Tihitina Dagnachew	Brandon Lima	Eden Solomon
Erika Davis	Terrell Lowe	Aaron Taylor
Olivia Descanville	Makonnen Makonnen	Jameicia Thomas
Julien Dhouti	Kelly Martin	Carolyn Topps
Inusah Diallo	Pamela Michel	Myles Turkson
Thierno Diallo	Kai Millner	Giovanna Tyndale
Desiree Dixon	Najla Mills	Taylor Wing
Youssef Errami	Chanel Mitchell	Morgan Wright
Yasmine Figueroa-Hudson	Martin Moro	Janelle Zellars
Yonathan Fisseha	Walta Muruts	

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(varies by school)

February 1st - Add	Engineering
March 1st - Drop without Penalty (course removed from transcript)	
March 15th - Drop with W **	

## HIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY WEEK OF JANUARY 30TH – FEBRUARY 5TH

**February 3, 1956 - Autherine Lucy enrolled as a graduate at the University of Alabama, becoming the first African-American ever admitted to a white public school or university in the state.**



The University Board of Trustees reluctantly allowed her to register and she was barred from all dormitories and dining halls. On the third day of classes, a hostile mob assembled to prevent Lucy from attending classes. The police were called to secure her admission but, that evening, the University suspended her on the grounds that it could not provide a safe environment. Lucy and her attorneys filed suit against the university to have the suspension overturned; however, this suit was not successful and was used as a justification for her permanent expulsion. University officials claimed that Lucy had slandered the university and she should not be a student. The University of Alabama finally overturned her expulsion in 1988, and in 1992, she earned her Master's degree. The university named an endowed scholarship in her honor and unveiled a portrait of her in the student union with the inscription –"her initiative and courage won the right for students of all races to attend the University. She is a member of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority. **For more information please visit: <http://www.biography.com/people/autherine-lucy-21397427>**

**Rosa Parks was born February 4, 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama. She was an African-American Civil Rights activist, joining the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP, where she was elected secretary.**



Parks has been called by the United States Congress "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement." She also co-founded the Rosa L. Parks Scholarship Foundation for college-bound high school seniors, and co-founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development. Her birthday and the day she was arrested have both become Rosa Parks Day, commemorated in both California and Ohio. She died October 24, 2005 at the age of 92. Parks was the first American who was never a U.S. government official, and the second black person to lie in state in the U.S. Capitol. **For more information please visit: <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/rosa-parks>**

## OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES

**OAAA Calculus Tutoring**  
Tuesdays  
**(\*Jan. 31st & Feb. 7th)**  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm New Cabell Hall – 056

**OAAA Peer Statistics Tutoring**  
Wednesdays  
**(\*Feb. 1st & 8th)**  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Bryan 330

**OAAA Calculus Tutoring**  
Fridays  
**(\*Feb. 3rd & 10th)**  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Bryan 310

**\*OAAA Tutoring will be relocated for two weeks.** Tutoring will return to OAAA in the WEB DuBois Conference Room on Tuesday, February 14th at the normal times.

**Statistics 2120 @ McIntire**  
Tuesdays  
5:00 PM – 7:00 pm  
Rouse Robertson 410 Food!

Contact Jessica Thornton ([jat9xe@virginia.edu](mailto:jat9xe@virginia.edu)) for more information.



**Black Friday**  
FRIDAYS  
1:30 pm  
LPJ Cultural Center  
Come join us for food & fellowship!

### RTB 4.0 Study & Tutoring Sessions-Spring Semester

Sundays through Thursdays

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

LBJ Black Cultural Center (study with Peer Advisors) &  
WEB DuBois Conference Room (small group tutoring):

**Sunday** – Chemistry (peer)

**Monday** – Open

**Tuesday** – Calculus (OAAA grad tutor)

**Thursday** – Biology (peer)

For details, see Raising-the-Bar Coordinator: Soyini Nibbs (skn2eh). **RTB 4.0 – It's Not Just for First Years' Anymore!**

### 2017 Community MLK Celebration: "Silence as Betrayal."

Monday, January 16th – Tuesday, January 31st

For more events and information visit: <http://mlk.virginia.edu/events>

### "#Words & Images Matter: Whose Words? Which Images?"

Monday, January 30th

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Harrison Small Special Collections Library Auditorium

Join moderator Coy Barefoot and panelists: communications law expert Blake Morant, dean of the George Washington School of Law and a double 'Hoo; national political correspondent and former Fulbright Fellow, Terrell Starr; UVA Department of Anthropology professor George Mentore; and UVA Media Studies professor Aniko Bodroghkozy as they explore answers to these questions.

## UPCOMING EVENT AT THE UNIVERSITY

### Information Sessions for University Guide Service

Monday, Jan. 30th @ 6:00 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 31st @ 6:00 pm, & Wednesday, Feb. 1st @ 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Clark 108

What is the University Guide Service? How do I join? What are the responsibilities as a member? All of these questions and more will be covered, so make sure to attend! **TRIAL TOUR SIGN UPS:**  
Wednesday, February 1st @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Pavilion 8 on the lawn; Thursday, Feb 2nd, from 7:30-8:30 in Pavilion 8 on the lawn

### 2017 UVA Job & Internship Fair

Tuesday, January 31st & Wednesday, February 1st

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Newcomb 170

The 2017 UVA Job & Internship Fair will include the Spring Engineering, Science, & Technology Fair and Spring Job & Internship Fair. Meet with hundreds of recruiters that have full-time job and internship opportunities! Learn more at <http://www.career.virginia.edu/uvaif>.

### Career Fair Prep

Newcomb 170

Office Hours: Monday – Friday from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

February, 1983 - August Wilson's *Fences*, starring James Earl Jones opens at Chicago's Goodman Theatre.



*Fences* (1986), Wilson's masterpiece about an aging baseball player and his tumultuous relationship with his athlete son, marked the first Wilson play produced by the Goodman. Following its Chicago run, the show moved to Broadway where it won Tony Awards for Best Play, and for stars James Earl Jones and Mary Alice. Wilson also received the first of his two Pulitzer Prizes for the stirring work. In 2016, this award-winning play was adapted for the big screen and received Oscar nominations, including best picture, best actor (Denzel Washington) and best actress (Viola Davis)

The UVA Career Center is available to prepare students for the fair through career preparation programs, individual appointments, and during general office hours from. Career advising during open office hours is available in 15 minute sessions - no appointment necessary. This is a perfect opportunity for resume reviews, practicing your elevator pitch, job and internship search guidance, and more! **Visit: [How to Navigate a Career Fair](#) page for additional tips.**

#### Pre-Health 2017 Application Meetings

Bryant Hall @ Scott Stadium

For more information visit: Pre-Health Events at [www.career.virginia.edu/pre-health](http://www.career.virginia.edu/pre-health)

<b>Monday, 1/23</b>	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Physical Therapy</b>
	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Dentistry
<b>Tuesday, 1/24</b>	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Physician Assistant
	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Pharmacy
<b>Wednesday, 1/25</b>	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Optometry
<b>Monday, 1/30</b>	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Medicine
<b>Wednesday, 2/1</b>	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Medicine
	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Veterinary Medicine

#### Scholarship and Fellowship Series -- Spring 2017

Mondays (Starting January 23rd – March 6th)

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)

There are awards for students at all stages (undergraduate, graduate, professional) – and even alumni. It is never too early to start learning about these opportunities. Special Events are also listed.

#### Fulbright for the Eager (or Well-Prepared)

Monday, January 30th

A year abroad to research, study, or teach English - this is specifically geared toward third year, graduate, or alums, who are eager and ready to work on applications for fall 2017. The session will cover the general information about all Fulbright US Student Awards, while also diving into strategies for getting started. Website: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org>

#### An Introductory Workshop

Monday, February 6th

Don't know what national scholarships & fellowships are? Wondering what the point of pursuing any of them might be? Unsure of how you could be competitive? Come enjoy a chance to envision yourself as an applicant for these incredible opportunities. This workshop is most appropriate for first and second years or older students who have yet to be exposed to national scholarships & fellowships at the University of Virginia.

#### Asia Awards (Luce, Schwarzman, Yenching Academy)

Monday, February 13th

These three awards offer fully-funded experiences in Asia for study or job placement. Come learn what they are, what it takes, and how the University of Virginia can support you. Interested but not sure if you are qualified, come find out for sure.

#### UK Awards (Ex. Churchill, Gates, Marshall, Mitchell, & Rhodes)

Monday, February 20th

A number of excellent graduate school opportunities in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Come learn what they are, what it takes, and how the University of Virginia can support you. Interested but not sure if you are qualified, come find out for sure.

#### Awards for STEM Students

Monday, February 27th

There are just as many – if not more – opportunities for STEM students. This session will explore some awards specifically geared toward STEM students and a number of awards that many exclude from consideration but shouldn't!

#### \*NO SESSION\* (Spring Break)\*

Monday, March 6th

#### 2017 UVA Job & Internship Fair

Tuesday, January 31st & Wednesday, February 1st

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Newcomb Hall

**Recruiters want to see ALL UVA majors and years! This is the perfect opportunity for any student who does not have a job or internship solidified for 2017, or may want to practice networking and job-seeking skills. Business (casual) attire and current hard-copies of resumes are recommended.**

#### 2017 MLK COMMunity Dialogue: "How much does FREE Speech in the Workplace COST?"

Wednesday, February 1st

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

RRH 123 / Dinner Dialogue

Business professionals will discuss knowing when, where and how to speak up, speak out and break the silence. Facilitated by Professor Sherri Moore, Lecturer in Commerce, Kerrie Aman Carfagno, Assistant Professor of Communication, James S. Larkins, Vice President, Bank of America Merrill

## OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

### Orientation Leader Applications

Application Deadline: Monday, January 30th at 4:00 pm

Orientation Leaders serve as guides for new students, who are making the transition from their previous environment to the diverse academic, intellectual and social culture of the University. In addition to your application, you need to have one reference submit the Orientation Leader Recommendation Form by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 31st. For more information please visit: <http://www.virginia.edu/orientation/summer-orientation/apply-to-be-an-orientation-leader/>

### Summer Research - Early Identification Program (SR-EIP) with the Leadership Alliance

Application Deadline: February 1st

SR-EIP is a fully paid summer internship that provides undergraduates with training and mentoring in the principles underlying the conduct of research and prepares them to pursue competitive applications to PhD or MD-PhD programs. Website- <http://www.theleadershipalliance.org/programs/summer-research>

### 2017-18 Student Member of the Board of Visitors: Application Open

Application Deadline is Wednesday, February 8th @ 11:59 pm

The Student Member serves a one-year term as a sounding board for the Board of Visitors regarding issues that affect students at the University, and must actively assess and predict the general student reaction to the Board's decisions. Undergraduate candidates must be full-time students in their last year of stud; graduate candidates must be in at least their second year of study or have completed their undergraduate studies at UVA. More information and the application can be found on the VPSA website: <http://vpsa.virginia.edu/student-member>

### Eben Tisdale Public Policy Fellowship

Application Deadline: February 8th

Opportunity for undergraduates to intern in Washington, D.C. at the intersection of technology and public policy. The Tisdale Fellowship offers a full \$8,695 scholarship for students to attend the Institute on Business and Government Affairs (IBGA) plus a \$1,000 stipend. Fellows will intern with a leading technology corporation working on public policy, earn 6 academic credits and live in furnished housing in downtown Washington, DC. For more information please visit: <http://tfas.org/programs/tisdale-fellowship/>

### James Madison Graduate Fellowships

Application Deadline: March 1st at 5:00 p.m. CST

This scholarship is named after President James Madison is awarded to students who are or who plan to be teachers of American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary level. The award is to fund a master's degree (MA, MAT, or MEd) that will improve the student's understanding of American history and the Constitution in particular. For more information, please visit: <http://www.jamesmadison.gov/>

### The Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers (IRT) Summer 2017 Workshop

Spring Webinars! [RSVP](#) for a webinar!

Wednesday, March 1st from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST & 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST

Friday, March 3rd from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST & 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST

This opportunity is perfect for students considering graduate school to explore a career option in the humanities or social sciences. Summer study includes examining traditional and cutting-edge theory and cultural criticism in the disciplines of education, the humanities, and social science. Classes are designed to introduce students to the philosophical rigors associated with the kinds of texts one encounters in graduate study. For more information visit: <https://irt.andover.edu/>

### Adventures in Veterinary Medicine (AVM) Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

College Session 3: Monday, June 5th – Friday, June 9th & Monday, June 12th – Friday, June 16th

AVM, an exciting and intensive program where participants can explore the wide variety of careers available within veterinary medicine and discover first-hand what it is like to attend veterinary school. AVM is a great way to gain a deeper understanding of the profession and allows them to experience life as a veterinary student and explore opportunities within the field. Full details, including eligibility, tuition, and the online application, can be found on our [website](#).

### Hoos in the Office: Volunteer in the Admissions Office

Hoos in the Office, under the Virginia Ambassadors, allows current students to volunteer in Peabody Hall, connecting them with prospective students and parents. Duties include checking in students and parents in the morning and answering student-life questions in the afternoons. This is a very relaxed and fun commitment that has rewarding results. Email [gwm5xe@virginia.edu](mailto:gwm5xe@virginia.edu) to learn more.

### Bunche Summer Institute at Duke University (NC)

For those interested in Political Sciences, visit Website- <https://sites.duke.edu/bunche/>

### National Science Foundation (NSF)

NSF provides research opportunities for students are sites across the country in all STEM fields and the Social Sciences. Visit the website- [https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu\\_search.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp)

### Association of American Medical Colleges - Summer Undergraduate Research Programs (SURP)

AAMC is dedicated to transforming health care through innovative medical education, cutting-edge patient care, and groundbreaking medical research. Medical Schools' summer 2017 programs include research opportunities and introduction to clinical settings in the medical field. For more information, visit the website- [https://www.aamc.org/members/great/61052/great\\_summerlinks.html](https://www.aamc.org/members/great/61052/great_summerlinks.html)

**Center for Undergraduate Excellence (CUE) Programs**

For an up-to-date list of spring 2017 activities and programs, visit: <http://www.virginia.edu/cue/> or contact Andrus Ashoo ([aga3j@virginia.edu](mailto:aga3j@virginia.edu))