

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, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“One day our descendants will think it incredible that we paid so much attention to things like the amount of melanin in our skin or the shape of our eyes or our gender instead of the unique identities of each of us as complex human beings.”

—Franklin Thomas

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Lindsey Shavers is a First-Year from Richmond, Virginia, studying computer science and entrepreneurship on a pre-dentistry track. She is an Echols Scholar, UAA Scholar, Buick Achievers Scholar and one of 40 national Taco Bell 2016 Live Mas video contest winners. Prior to

coming to UVA, Lindsey served as the Mid-Atlantic Region Teen President of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and was a member of the Jack and Jill of America Foundation Board of Trustees. She is a 2016 graduate of the UVA's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership and was named by The Root magazine in 2015 as one of America's 25 Young Futurists. On Grounds, Lindsey participates in HackCville's "Hack Track" program and is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers, Jack and Jill Collegiate, and Works in Progress, where she is actively pursuing an entrepreneurial project alongside other student entrepreneurs. Lindsey also serves as an Echols Ambassador and is a member of the UVA Office of Admissions Outreach Team's Student Admissions Committee and the UAA Graduation Planning Committee. Over spring break, Lindsey plans to participate in a PULSE at UVA retreat sponsored by Sustained Dialogue. Outside of school, Lindsey enjoys exploring new places, spending time with friends and family, volunteering with the U.S. National Park Service, and working with Code VA, a non-profit that helps expand access to computer science education. One of the highlights of her first year at UVA was studying abroad in Saint Kitts and Nevis during the 2017 J-Term.

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 (pggrimes@virginia.edu) by Thursday at 12 noon for an upcoming OAAA edition.

University of Virginia

Office of African-American Affairs
BLACK
2017

HISTORY
MONTH

“THRIVING STILL: THE CRISIS OF BLACK EDUCATION”

- 1/21 Black Gospel Explosion
| 3 pm | 105 Lankford Avenue
- 2/6 “Black History in our Current Context”
| Gary Flowers | Maury Hall Room 115 | 6 pm
- 2/11 BSA presents: Black Ball 2017
| Alumni Hall | 7 pm
- 2/13 Open Black Presidents Council Meeting with
President Teresa Sullivan
Multicultural Student Center | 6:30 pm
- 2/15 BMI presents: MOONLIGHT
| Multicultural Student Center | 6pm
- 2/17 Join BCW at PVCC for Community viewing of
| HIDDEN FIGURES | 5:30 pm
- 2/20 BMI Lunch Forum: Reflections on
| I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO | LPJ | 12 noon
- 2/20 Make It Stick: Thriving Under Pressure
| J. Andy Thomson, MD | South Meeting Room
| 7pm
- 2/21 “Working Though Microaggressions”
| Open Lecture | Nicole Fischer, PhD |
| Ruffler Hall Room 137 | 3:30 pm
- 2/22 BSA Presents: Annual Black History Bowl
| Kaleidoscope Room | 6 pm
- 2/25 BCW Presents: Black Women’s Retreat
| Multicultural Student Center | 10 - 2 pm |
- 2/25 Paul Robeson Players Present:
The Miseducation: A 24 Hour Play Project
| Runk Green Room | 8 pm
- 2/27 BMI Bookclub: The Fire This Time | LPJ | 12 noon



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QUOTE'S CORNER: Franklin A. Thomas



Franklin A. Thomas

Franklin A. Thomas is an activist, philanthropist and was the first African-American president of the Ford Foundation, which is the trust endowed by automobile manufacturer Henry Ford.

The organization currently is the second-largest philanthropic foundation in the U.S., distributing funds for initiatives relating to democracy, poverty and cultural and intellectual achievement. In 1996, Thomas retired from the Ford Foundation and has served on the boards of directors for major companies including Citicorp and PepsiCo. He was chairman of the September 11th Fund and is a consultant of the TFF Study Group, a nonprofit organization assisting development in South Africa. **For more information visit: <http://biography.jrank.org/pages/2487/Thomas-Franklin.html>**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 2017	
Sunday 7 th & Wednesday 10 th	Reading Days
Friday, 19 th	Donning of the Kente Ceremony
Saturday 20 th & Sunday 21 st	Final Exercises

ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES (varies by school)	
Friday, April 28 th – Drop with a W**	Law

ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES (varies by school)	
March 15 th – Drop with W **	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Architecture - Arts & Sciences - BIS Program - Commerce (1) - Education (2) - Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy - Nursing

OAAA Calculus Tutoring Tuesdays 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm OAAA in the WEB DuBois Conference Room	OAAA Calculus Tutoring Fridays 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm OAAA in the WEB DuBois Conference Room
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Statistics 2120 @ McIntire
 Tuesdays • 5:00 PM – 7:00 pm • Rouse Robertson 118 - Food!
 Contact Jessica Thornton (jat9xe@virginia.edu) for more information

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):
Monday – Open
Tuesday – Calculus (OAAA grad tutor)
Wednesday – Open
Thursday – Biology (peer)
 For details, see Raising-the-Bar Coordinator: Soyini Nibbs (skn2eh).
RTB 4.0 – It's Not Just for First Years' Anymore!



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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Scholarship and Fellowship Series -- Spring 2017
 Mondays (through 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. Other events are:

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 to receive one, and how the University of Virginia can support you in your application process. Not sure if you are qualified? Come find out for sure.

UK Awards (Ex. Churchill, Gates, Marshall, Mitchell, & Rhodes) - Monday, February 20th
 There are 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.

Awards for STEM Students - Monday, February 27th
 There are just as many – if not more – opportunities for STEM students for competitive awards. This session will explore some awards specifically geared toward STEM students as well as others.

***NO SESSION* (Spring Break)* - Monday, March 6th**

Mellon Indigenous Arts Initiative Internship Grant Funds – Information Session
 Wednesday, February 15th
 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 Multicultural Student Center; Lower Level, Newcomb Hall
 Interested in applying to museum or archive internships this summer? Meet with the program coordinator to learn more about museum internship opportunities and how to apply for funding. No museum experience is required. This grant encourages study in the Indigenous arts and the increase in access to curatorial experience for students from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in museum careers. Applications are open to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors in all fields of study who are in good academic standing (GPA 3.0 or higher). Grant amount is \$3,500. Your transcript and resume should be uploaded using the online application form. Recommendations must be turned in online.

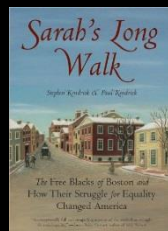
Black Women and the Carceral State, Then and Now: A Conversation between Talitha L. LeFlouria and Mary Ellen Curtin presented by: Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies
 Thursday, February 23rd
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 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
 Join historians Talitha L. LeFlouria and Mary Ellen Curtin as they discuss Professor LeFlouria's multi-award-winning book, *Chained in Silence: Black Women and Convict Labor in the New South*, and its contemporary implications. A book signing will follow.

ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES
(varies by school)

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

„THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13TH – 19TH

February 15, 1848 - Sarah Roberts was barred from attending an all-White common school in Boston. Her father, Benjamin Roberts, filed the first U.S. school desegregation suit on her behalf.



Sarah Roberts, a five-year-old African-American girl, was enrolled in the Abiel Smith School, an underfunded all-Black common school, far from her home in Boston, Massachusetts. Her father, Benjamin F. Roberts, attempted to enroll her at closer, Whites-only schools. After Sarah was denied admission on the basis of her race, and was physically removed from one school, her father sought a legal solution. Eventually, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts heard the case, in which Sarah was listed as the Plaintiff, and the City of Boston as the Defendant. Not all African-Americans supported Roberts; many believed in "separate but equal" schooling and questioned the kind of education their children would receive from a white teacher. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled in favor of the City of Boston, finding no constitutional basis for the suit. The case was later cited by the US Supreme Court in Plessy v. Ferguson, which established the "separate but equal" standard. The 2004 book, *Sarah's Long Walk: The Free Blacks of Boston and How Their Struggle for Equality Changed America*, co-authored by Stephen and Paul Kendrick, explores this case, along with its social and political context. **For more information visit: <https://www.amazon.com/Sarahs-Long-Walk-Struggle-Equality/dp/0807050199>**



February 15, 1915 - Claudia Jones -- feminist, Black Nationalist, political activist, community leader, journalist, and Communist – was born in the West Indies.

She is remembered in the United Kingdom as 'the mother of Notting Hill Carnival.' In 1958, Jones also founded the West Indian Gazette, the first black newspaper in Britain. She died on December 24, 1964, at the age of 49. **For more information: <http://www.blackpast.org/aah/jones-claudia-1915-1964>**

Symposium: The True Impact of Bias on Health & Wellness in America

Wednesday, March 15th – Thursday, March 16th
Newcomb Hall

This two-day symposium is designed to host authentic and thoughtful dialogue on the impact of unconscious bias on the health and wellness of all individuals, populations, and communities. Nationally-known experts and members of our local community will gather to share their knowledge/experience, and guide town hall sessions to develop solutions. Participants will be asked to reflect on their own experiences and build approaches to mitigate the impact of bias on health. Register [HERE](#). Sponsored by the Office of Continuing Medical Education of the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

UVA's First Global Black Girlhood Conference - Undergraduate Portion

Saturday, March 18th

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Harrison Institute and Small Special Collections Library

The Global History of Black Girlhood Conference brings forth the narrative of the past and present Black female through a unique form of memorialization and celebration. Attendees will discuss the history of Black girlhood through the lenses of violence, slavery, emancipation, migration, age, beauty culture, performance studies, technology, literature, and a number of disciplines. The convocation of diverse expertise, cultures, and accomplishments will contribute to the enhancement of the University's race relations and inclusive nature. Visit for more information: <https://globalhistoryofblackgirlhood.org>
Contact: Heba Abdelhameid, Diana Wilson, Email: GBGCUVA@gmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: February 13th

Apply for research awards of add-on graduate support. If you are a student enrolled at a Virginia Space Grant university, pursuing a STEM field of graduate study (Masters or Doctoral level) with aerospace relevance, this could be for you! Max award: \$5,000. For more information on scholarships/fellowships, contact VSGC at (757) 766-5210 or by email at vsgc@odu.edu. Letters of recommendation must be received by February 20th. Applicants will be notified early April.

Double Hoo Research Grant

Applications Deadline: Monday, February 13th

UVA graduate students are currently seeking undergraduate students to collaborate on Double Hoo research proposals. The program is intended to encourage collaborative interaction between the undergraduate and graduate communities throughout the University. You can see their project descriptions here: <http://www.virginia.edu/cue/doublehoo/projects.html>, and contact them if you are interested in working on one of these projects. Applications must be submitted jointly by undergraduate-graduate student pairs. The undergraduate may be a first or second-year student at the time of application. Third- year applicants are limited to transfer students. **For more information go to our website: <http://www.virginia.edu/cue/doublehoo.html>**

2017-18 Undergraduate STEM Research Scholarship Program

Applications Deadline: Monday, February 13th

The VSGC Undergraduate STEM Research Scholarship Program provides awards of up to \$8,500 to rising juniors and seniors who are enrolled full-time. Eligible programs of study are in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM); your faculty-mentored research project must have NASA or aerospace relevance. For more information visit: <http://www.vsgc.odu.edu/sf/undergrad/>

12th Annual ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference

Application Deadline: Wednesday, February 15th by 12:00 NOON

Students in all majors are encouraged to apply to represent the University of Virginia at the annual Atlantic Coast Conference undergraduate research experience. The Center for Undergraduate Excellence will schedule 10 minute presentations with each applicant for the week of February 20th or 27th and then select six students to attend the conference. For more information on the conference please see: <https://sites.duke.edu/accmom2017/>. To be considered to represent U.Va. at the conference, please complete an application here: <http://goo.gl/forms/d79mvgvP2Z>. AND e-mail the following materials in one PDF document to Edith Conti (eob4x@virginia.edu) at the Center for Undergraduate Excellence.

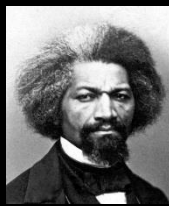
Research Technician Position (Laboratory and Research Technician 1)

Applications Deadline: Wednesday, February 15th

Expected Start Date: Saturday, April 1st

Students will work in UVA's Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics (in the laboratory of Francine Garrett-Bakelman, M.D., Ph.D) to help establish/manage and perform experiments i studying epigenetic mechanisms of disease in cancer. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply for position **posting number 0620190** at jobs.virginia.edu/ (University Staff category). Required application documents are: cover letter, resume/curriculum vitae, and contact information for professional references.

February 16, 1874 - Frederick Douglass was elected president of Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company, commonly known as The Freedmen's Bank.



The bank was incorporated on March 3, 1865 by the United States Congress, along with the Freedmen's Bureau, to aid the freedmen in their transition from slavery to freedom. At its peak, the bank operated 37 branches in seventeen states and the District of Columbia, making it one of the first multi-state banks in the nation. By 1870, nearly all the local branches were run by African-Americans. Economic instability brought upon by the Panic of 1873, coupled with the bank's rapid expansion, proved disastrous. Hoping to revive the bank, Frederick Douglass donated tens of thousands of dollars of his own money to shore up the declining institution. Although Douglass pleaded for Congress to intervene, on June 29, 1874, the bank was officially closed. **For more information:** <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Freedmens-Bank>



February 16, 1951 - New York City Council passes bill prohibiting racial discrimination against African-Americans in city-assisted housing projects.

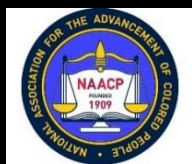
The bill was directed mainly at the Stuyvesant Town housing project, which was a public-private partnership project owned by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the City of New York." **For more information visit:** <http://staging.newyorknatives.com/on-this-day-in-nycs-history-city-council-prohibited-discrimination-in-public-housing/>

Feb. 18, 1865 - Confederate Rebels abandoned Charleston during the Civil War. The first Union troops to enter the city included two companies of the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.



The infantry was nicknamed the 'Swamp Angels,' and had extensive service in the Union Army during the American Civil War. The regiment was one of the first official African-American units in the United States. A monument, constructed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens on the Boston Common, is part of the Boston Black Heritage Trail. **For more information:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/54th_Massachusetts_Infantry_Regiment

February 19, 1923 - The NAACP achieved a major legal victory in the Moore vs. Dempsey decision, in which the U.S. Supreme Court guaranteed due process of law to Blacks in state courts.



The case involved twelve black farmers in Arkansas, who were sentenced to death for allegedly killing five white men during the Elaine, Arkansas riot of 1919. Walter White of the NAACP declared that the trial – with the presence of angry mobs – was a lynching that wore the mask of law. White traveled to Arkansas posing as a newspaper reporter, interviewed the governor and traveled to the county. After he publicized his findings, the NAACP hired local white and black lawyers to appeal the death sentences. Although the sentences of six of the defendants were upheld on appeal, six others were sent back for retrial. The attorneys for the defendants argued that the presence of the mob outside the court during the trial made it impossible for the defendants to have a fair trial. The case was sent back to the lower courts and Arkansas courts finally freed all 12 men. **For more information:** http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/stories_events_moore.html

2017 Beckman Scholarships

Applications Due Friday, February 24th

The goal of these scholarships is to promote a professional level of scientific achievement during the undergraduate years by pairing students with proven mentors, providing financial support, and sponsoring travel to national scientific meetings. Each year the 1-3 awardees will receive up to \$21,000 in scholarship, travel, and other funding. Their mentors will receive an additional \$5,000 each to be used in direct support of their scholar (including travel with them). Also, scholars must work with one of 15 approved faculty mentors. Please visit the [Beckman Scholars @ UVA web site](#) to learn more and to find application instructions. Contact: Beckman.Scholars@virginia.edu

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

Applications Deadline: Late February/Early March

AVM 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 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](#).

James Madison Graduate Fellowships

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

This scholarship is named after President James Madison and 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 in general, 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 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST & 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST

Friday, March 3rd 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/>

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation

Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 14th by 12:00 NOON

The ASF will award up to \$10,000 to a qualifying UVA undergraduate student majoring in natural or applied science, engineering or mathematics with intentions to pursue research or advance their field upon completion of their final degrees. Students must be nominated by a UVA faculty member, be a U.S. citizen, and have completed two years, or be in their second year of full time study at UVA. Students intending to pursue a practice in professional medicine are not eligible for the scholarship. **For more information** http://people.virginia.edu/~kt4n/Astronaut_Scholarship/Astronaut_Scholarship.html. You can mail nomination to P.O. Box 400746, or as an email attachment to kt4n@virginia.edu

Black Alumni Weekend Student Volunteers

Deadline to Sign Up: Friday, March 17th

The 2017 Black Alumni Weekend Planning Committee needs dedicated and motivated student volunteers to help make this year's reunion a success! Volunteers have the opportunity to network with hundreds of Black Alumni, enjoy free food, receive a free t-shirt and gain entrance to the weekend's events. **BAW 2017 will be held Friday, April 7th – Sunday, April 9th. To apply go to:** <http://alumni.virginia.edu/reunions/black-alumni-weekend/baw-2017-student-volunteer-sign/>

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 to learn more.

Bunche Summer Institute at Duke University (NC)

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

Becoming A Research Partner Special Education Teacher Development at the Curry School of Education

Students engaged in special education study will get preparation for how to prepare teachers to work with students with disabilities. Undergraduate students will have the opportunity to assist with survey administration and analysis, recruit participants for in depth case studies, develop interview questions and protocols, and transcribe and code interview data. Training & support will be provided for each aspect of this project. If interested, contact Hannah Matthews at hmm8ep@virginia.edu

National Science Foundation (NSF)

The National Science Foundation funds research and education in most fields of science and engineering. It does this through grants, and cooperative agreements to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, businesses, informal science organizations and other research organizations throughout the United States. For more information about funding opportunities visit: https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?sel_orq=NSF&status=1&ord=date&org=NSF&page=1

UNLEASH – Research Assistants

Professor Shigehiro Oishi, Department of Psychology, is looking for undergraduate research assistants who are interested in topics such as happiness, culture, and social ecology. Assistants typically run experiments, code data, gather data on the web, and attend bi-weekly research meetings. Please visit Professor Oishi's lab page: <http://people.virginia.edu/~so5x/lab.htm>. For more information, visit: <https://med.virginia.edu/faculty/unleash-undergraduate-research-program/> If you are interested, please contact Hyewon Choi (Ph.D. student in social psychology) at hyewonchoi3@gmail.com.

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. The AAMC 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

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 (aga3i@virginia.edu)