



# 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, APRIL 10, 2017

OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“I didn’t learn to be quiet when I had an opinion. The reason they knew who I was is because I told them.”*  
- Ursula M. Burns, Fortune 500 Business Executive

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR DESTINATIONS



Leila Kouame of Leesburg, Virginia, is a fourth year student majoring in Computer Science / Engineering. After graduation, she will join Goldman Sachs as a technology analyst. Congratulations!



Fourth year Richmond native Sydney Shavers is a Commerce major and will complete her M.S. in Accounting Program in the McIntire School of Commerce in 2018. This summer, she will return to PwC in McLean, Virginia, for a tax accounting internship. Best of luck to you!



Sarah Nerette hails from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and has studied Civil Engineering with a concentration in water and environmental resources. She will attend graduate school to pursue an M.S. degree in sustainability management. Way to Go!

For the rest of the semester, graduating students will be featured in the *Spotlight on Student Achievements*. Please send your destination information to Deanna Carter <https://goo.gl/forms/yKdDCkTMCslsWUMw1> by Thursdays at 12 noon for an upcoming OAAA E-Weekly edition.

### OAAA Calculus Tutoring

This Week: Tuesday ONLY 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
& by appointment  
in the WEB DuBois Conference Room

### Statistics 2120 Support @ McIntire

Tuesdays • 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm • Rouse Robertson 118  
Food!  
Contact Jessica Thornton ([jat9xe@virginia.edu](mailto:jat9xe@virginia.edu)) for more information

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

Sundays through Thursdays  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
LPJ Black Cultural Center (study with Peer Advisors)  
&  
WEB DuBois Conference Room (small group tutoring):  
**Monday** – Open  
**Tuesday** – Calculus (OAAA grad tutor)  
**Wednesday** – Biology (peer)  
**Thursday** – Open  
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  
Join us for food & fellowship!

### Scholarship: OAAA/PAA Chapter of Northern Virginia / Maryland / District of Columbia Application Deadline is extended to April 28, 2017

The OAAA/Parent Advisory Association of No. VA/MD/DC will recognize a student who has been active in University and OAAA life and demonstrated a volunteer commitment to UVA or the Charlottesville community. At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Eligible applicants must be a second, third or fourth year student, have a minimum 2.5 GPA and complete the on-line application at <http://oaaa.virginia.edu/node/451>  
For more information about the OAAA/PAAA, visit <http://www.virginia.edu/oaaa>

### EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY & IN THE COMMUNITY ( & check the Engage@ UVA site for new events)

#### Girl Up Spring Fundraising Event

Tuesday, April 11th  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
1515 Studio on the Corner

Join a UN Foundation campaign that advocates awareness and funds for programs for adolescent girls in developing countries on education, health, and a life free from violence. The spring fundraising event is the *Girl Up Spelling Bee*, where professors will participate and help raise funds for the National Spelling Bee in Uganda. Come and have ice cream and other sweets as you watch your professors compete for a prize! To learn more, contact project and fundraising co-chairs Melissa Friedhoff [mafond@virginia.edu](mailto:mafond@virginia.edu) and Maliha Jahangiri [mj3zm@virginia.edu](mailto:mj3zm@virginia.edu) (404-834-4015) Registration for both professors and students is donation only (venmo: @UVAGirlUp).

#### Apply to live on the Range – Information Sessions

Wednesday, April 12th  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
7 West Range

The Range Community is the representative body for all graduate students who live on the Range in the historic Academical Village at UVA. The graduate students living on the Range are as diverse as the subjects they study, and they represent some of the University’s most talented graduate students. To learn more, visit our website at <http://www.student.virginia.edu/range/> or join us for an open house.

## QUOTE'S CORNER



**Ursula M. Burns**

Ursula M. Burns (born September 20, 1958) serves as Chairwoman (since May 2010) of Xerox and was the CEO of the company from July 2009 to December 2016. As

such, she was the first black-American woman CEO to head a Fortune 500 company. She is also the first woman to succeed another woman as head of a Fortune 500 company, having succeeded Anne Mulcahy as CEO of Xerox. In 2014, *Forbes* rated her as the 22nd most powerful woman in the world. For more information visit: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ursula-Burns>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### MAY 2017

Tuesday 2nd	Courses end
Wednesday 3rd, Sunday 7th & Wednesday 10th	Reading Days
Friday 19th @ 6:00 pm	Donning of the Kente Ceremony Old Cabell Hall
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st	Final Exercises

### ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWL DEADLINES

(varies by school)

Friday, April 28th – Drop with a W\*\*

Law

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY WEEK OF APRIL 10TH – 16TH



**April 11, 1881 - Spelman College was founded in Atlanta, GA.** Originally named the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary, it was one of the first institutes of higher education for African-American women in the United States. Spelman was the 4th historically black female institution

of higher education to receive its collegiate charter in 1924, and today is ranked consistently among the nation's top liberal arts colleges. **For more information visit:** <http://www.spelman.edu/about-us>



**April 12, 1864 - Fort Pillow (TN) Massacre in which an estimated 300 black soldiers were killed** – Confederates constructed a military installation during the American Civil War at the Fort Pillow site and named it for General Gideon Johnson Pillow (1806-78), a Tennessee native. Fort Pillow overlooked the Mississippi River and was an important part of the Confederate river defense system. Once captured by federal forces, Confederate troops led by General Nathan Bedford Forrest re-captured the site from Union troops. Although most of the Union garrison surrendered, historical accounts state that many black soldiers were massacred, instead of being allowed to be taken as prisoners-of-war. The Fort Pillow site is now a Tennessee state park. **For more information visit:** <https://www.britannica.com/event/Fort-Pillow-Massacre>

### A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to The Tonight Show — How I Learned to Love My Life... through Laughter Performance by comedian Brett Leake

Wednesday, April 12th

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Nau Hall 101

Brett Leake comedian, with muscular dystrophy and comic routine, demonstrates the healing power of humor through jokes and stories. The performance is co-sponsored by the UVA Disability Studies Initiative, the Disability Advocacy and Action Committee, and the UVA Office for Diversity and Equity.

### Reorientation with Dean Mason & Dr. Nicole Fischer

Thursday, April 13th

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

W.E.B Du Bois Conference Room

Join us for a discussion about the transition from being a Fourth year into entering the real world. Reorientation is an interactive and fun discussion group. It's a place to explore your thoughts surrounding graduation, and discuss things like anxieties around leaving friends, getting a job, and feeling unprepared for this new chapter of your life. Come for a wholesome lunch, too -- don't miss it!

### Public Speech: Former U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch

Thursday, April 13th

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Caplin Auditorium – Law School

Loretta Lynch, the first African-American female attorney general in U.S. history, will speak in a public talk to mark the occasion of her receiving the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Law. Known for her impressive career prosecuting cases involving narcotics, violent crimes, public corruption and civil rights, Attorney Lynch is one of three recipients of the University awards given each year on the anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birthday (April 13th).

### Tom-Tom Founders Summit

Thursday, April 13th - Saturday, April 15th (locations & times vary)

The Tom-Tom Founders Summit convenes today's most successful trailblazers. They share their founding stories and offer insight into what it takes to build successful companies & to create global impact. Attend networking opportunities with the nation's top innovators and influencers. This year's confirmed speakers include Dave McClure (500 Startups), Kim Jordan (New Belgium Brewing), Laura Weidman Powers (CODE 2040). Student tickets are \$29; groups of 10 or more are eligible for a special discount rate. For questions, email [student@tomtomfest.com](mailto:student@tomtomfest.com).

### Fences: Theater 101-August Wilson and More – A Four Week Series

Saturday, April 15th @ 11:00 am - Saturday, May 6th @ 1:00 pm

Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 233 4th Street Northwest, Charlottesville, VA

There are four theater classes for youth and adults, taught by members of the Fences cast. Producer Leslie Scott-Jones and director Clinton Johnston will also introduce the class to playwright August Wilson's work, black theater, play analysis and play writing. For details see: <http://jeffschoolheritagecenter.org>

### National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Family Fair

Saturday, April 15th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Johnson Elementary School, 1645 Cherry Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Come & help K-12 students learn about engineering and science-technology-engineering & math (STEM) in a fun way! We'll have community leaders, college admissions officers from different schools, popcorn/cotton candy, free pizza/wings, and more! Contact Kara Mason ([kmm3by](mailto:kmm3by)) to sign up to volunteer. No car? Not to worry --we can coordinate a ride for you.

### Africa Day 2017 : The African Diaspora

Saturday, April 22nd

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Newcomb Ballroom

Join the Organization of African Students (OAS) for a cultural experience filled with fashion, dance, food, art and so much more! "The African Diaspora" will look at Africans outside of the continent, explore contemporary issues and celebrate African culture. Get ready for a great experience. This is an event you don't want to miss. Purchase your ticket at this site: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/africa-day-the-african-diaspora-tickets-33140248375>

## OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

### The Inequality of Our Day" – Photo Contest

Photo Submissions Deadline: Wednesday, April 12th by 11:59 pm

The Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures is hosting, in conjunction with Humanities Week 2017, its first photo contest. All students interested in competing should send a photo (that deals with the theme of inequality) in jpeg format to [ga7pf@virginia.edu](mailto:ga7pf@virginia.edu). The photos will be displayed at a reception on April 21st and a panel of three faculty judges will choose the winners. Interested contestants should fill out a form at <https://goo.gl/forms/Klr01VRbGcxVizW03>. Contestants are required to give a 3-5 minute presentation on their photo at the reception.

### Smithsonian Institution Undergraduate Conservation Internships for Summer 2017

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 14th at 12:00 pm (all materials including letters of reference)

The Smithsonian Institution is pleased to announce conservation internship opportunities for the Summer 2017 10-week session (June 5 – August 11). This program is offered to increase participation of students & groups who are currently underrepresented in the museum field and visual arts organizations. Applicants must register and submit an online application via the [Smithsonian Online Academic Appointment system \(SOLAA\)](https://www.si.edu/academic-appointments).

#### **The Z Society's Gilbert J. Sullivan Internship Scholarship Application**

Application Deadline: Friday, April 14th by 11:37 pm

Each year, UVA students must turn down valuable internship opportunities because of financial constraints. Recognizing the importance of experiential learning and many of their associated high costs, the Z Society has endowed this internship scholarship, named in honor of past UVA Alumni Association Director Gilbert ("Gilly") Sullivan. This Gilbert J. Sullivan Scholarship awards up to \$2,000 to a returning undergraduate student of the University. The scholarship intends to provide an opportunity for students to take a summer internship otherwise unattainable because of financial constraints. Priority will be given to applicants with a demonstrated financial need. **Applications may be emailed to [zsociety3711@gmail.com](mailto:zsociety3711@gmail.com). Please use "Sullivan Award 2017 Application – FirstNameLastName" as the subject line of the email submission.** Decisions will be announced by May 2nd, 2017.

#### **The Richards Center Emerging Scholars Summer Mentoring Program**

Deadline Extended: Wednesday, April 15th

The Summer Mentoring Program exposes rising third and fourth years to doctoral study in the discipline of history. During a free, one-week summer residential program (June 25-June 30, 2017), Penn. State University faculty and staff demystify the graduate school admissions process and educate participants about the academic profession. Travel, housing, and course materials are provided by the university. Penn State's Richards Center, the Dept. of History, and the Dept. of African-American Studies sponsor this program to attract and enroll students from underrepresented populations. For more information, visit: <http://richardscenter.la.psu.edu/programs/undergraduate-mentoring-program>

#### **2017 Sylvia V. Terry Scholarship**

Deadline Application: Friday, May 19th

The Ridley Scholarship Fund has opened applications for the Terry Scholarship, named for legendary OAAA Dean Sylvia Terry. The scholarship recognizes the scholastic and community achievements of Black or African-American students at UVA. The scholarship provides two years of support at \$12,500 annually. Ideal applicants are rising Third Year students with strong grades, leadership activities, and community service. Because of Dean Terry's pivotal role in creating the Peer Advisor Program, preference is given to academically strong candidates with significant experience as mentors. For more information, visit: <http://aig.alumni.virginia.edu/ridley/2017-sylvia-v-terry-scholarship/>

#### **Top 2017 African-American, Minority and Diversity Summer Internship Programs**

Many companies and organizations are already announcing acceptance of applications for their upcoming internship programs. Go to: <http://www.blacknews.com/news/top-2017-african-american-minority-and-diversity-summer-internship-programs/#.WNJzfm8rKUI> to find more information about these intern positions.

#### **The UVA Office of Global Internships Information Sessions**

The office is now accepting applications for internship opportunities for summer 2017 on **Handshake**. Positions are available in a diversity of fields. Locations range from Belgium to India, Morocco to China, and Argentina to Indonesia. Of special note is a new UVA 6-credit internship program in Shanghai for non-Chinese speakers! Application deadlines vary, and additional positions will be posted through March. Join Handshake: UVA's main job posting website, for job and internship postings. <https://app.joinhandshake.com/login>

#### **Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) – 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](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](mailto:aga3i@virginia.edu))