



# 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 24, 2017

OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*You've got to be a thermostat rather than a thermometer. A thermostat shapes the climate of opinion; a thermometer just reflects it.*

- Dr. Cornel West

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



Houston, Texas native Alysse L. Dowdy is a fourth-year student with a dual major in Youth & Social Innovation (Curry) & /American Studies (CLAS), within the Urban Teachers program. Upon graduation, Alysse will begin her Master's degree work in education, while teaching in the Washington, DC area. Congratulations!



Nicole A. Karikari, is a Leesburg, Virginia, resident and a Kinesiology major in the Curry School. After graduation in May, she will take a gap year and work as a dermatology medical assistant before applying to medical school. Best of luck!



Candice Banks is a fourth-year Economics major from Chesapeake, Virginia. In summer 2017, she will further her interest in public health research by collaborating on a clinical research project at Eastern Virginia Medical School and the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, VA. This fall, she will enter UVA's Master of Public Health program, with a concentration in health policy, law, and ethics. Well done!

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://go.ql/forms/yKdDCKTMCslsWUMw1> by Thursdays at 12 noon for an upcoming *OAAA E-Weekly* edition.

#### OAAA Calculus Tutoring

Tuesday 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm &  
Friday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
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 until May 2nd  
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

April 28<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 PM  
LPJ Cultural Center  
Join us for food & fellowship for the  
LAST Black Friday of Spring 2017!

#### Featured Event - Reading Day Refresh: All about Food Justice

Wednesday, May 3rd  
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
OAAA Front Lawn

Join us for a community-wide cookout highlighting our month's effort to consider the impact of food choice on emotional, social, and academic well-being. Lots of options to choose: Red Hub Food Co., Moe's Barbecue, Mel's, Mezzeh, & Roots Kitchen. The UVA Committee on Sustainability, Madison House, Food Justice Network of Charlottesville, and OAAA are proud to present this opportunity to bring our community together as we prepare for final exams.

#### 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>

#### Reorientation

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm |  
W.E.B Du Bois Conference Room

Join Dr. Fischer and Dean Mason in a discussion about the transition from being a Fourth-year into entering the real world. Reorientation is an interactive and fun discussion group to explore your thoughts surrounding graduation, and discuss things like anxieties around leaving friends, getting a job, and feeling unprepared for the new chapter of life that's approaching quickly. There's also a wholesome lunch, so don't miss out!

## QUOTE'S CORNER



Cornel West,  
Ph.D.

Cornel West is a prominent and provocative public intellectual, author, commentator and social activist. In 2016, Harvard University announced that West would return to his alma mater

(from a professorship at Princeton) to hold a joint appointment in the Divinity School and the Department of African and African-American Studies. He has also taught at University and the University of Paris. Dr. West graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in three years, and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy degrees at Princeton U. He has written over 20 books and has edited 13. He also has appeared in over 25 documentary films. For more information visit: <http://www.cornelwest.com/>

## 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

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

WEEK OF APRIL 24TH – 30TH



April 29, 1992 - First day of Los Angeles Riots, sparked by acquittal of four white police officers in the beating of Rodney King, which resulted in at least 50 deaths,

thousands injured and estimates of up to \$1 billion in property damage.

For more information visit: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/riots-erupt-in-los-angeles>

## EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY & IN THE COMMUNITY

( & check the Engage@ UVA site for new weekly events)

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

Monday, April 24th  
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)

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. (<http://www.virginia.edu/cue/scholarships-fellowships-series.html>)

### Juneteenth 2017 at the Jefferson African-American Heritage Center, Charlottesville

Friday June 16th  
6:00 pm (inside)

The observance will be held in the auditorium at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center. Elders will be honored, see youth performances, hear an interactive lecture about the Underground Railroad, and tour the exhibit, *Through Darkness to Light: Seeking Freedom on the Underground Railroad*. Refreshments.

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (outside)

Join the outdoor party featuring live music (Jazz, Hip Hop, Reggae, Soul), a DJ and Line Dances. Come patronize the food Vendors (Caribbean, Soul Food, Vegetarian, Kenyan) The event is free and open to the public!

## OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

### 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://aiq.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/#.WNJzfm8rKU> 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 ([aga3j@virginia.edu](mailto:aga3j@virginia.edu))