**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**

**Harambee II Recipients**

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**

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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) by Thursday at 12 noon for an upcoming OAAA edition.
Congratulations to the 2017 Stephanie Jean-Charles (SJC) Global Travel Award Recipients:

Kaelor Gordo – 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 40th Anniversary Celebration.

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

QUOTE’S CORNER: Chinua Achebe

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.

HONORS

Michelle Abban – Marguerite Franklin
Ahenfua Aboagye-Nyame – Rachel Franklin
Olutunji Afolabi-Brown – Ashley Frederick
Abiola Ajibola – Kalyca Gathers
Ngozi Akingbesote – Talyha Gilliam
Fatimah Alhassan – LaMaria Glass
Adriana Allen – Cindy Gnawa
Jessica Alston – Janeen Graves
Kevin Bahati – Tori Gray
Alexis Baker – Rachel Griffin
Elizabeth Bangura – Justin Habert
Makeda Berhane – Bryce Hall
Michael Boddie – Kelsey Hannifin
Christian Brooks – Kaha Hersi
Daries Brooks – Justice Howard
Jordan Brown – Ianthe Humphries
Amanda Brownlee – Adam Iyob
Nicholas Carmichael – Umu Jalloh
Jordan Carter – Kobe Jones
Harrielle-Beatrix Castelly – Tarin Jones
Ariyan Chapman-Smith – John Kanu
Sara Clayton – Hannah Katinas
De’Vante Cross – Seshi Konu
Tihitina Dagnachew – Brandon Lima
Erika Davis – Terrell Lowe
Olivia Descanvelle – Makonnen Makonnen
Julien Dhouti – Kelly Martin
Inusah Diallo – Pamela Michel
Thierno Diallo – Kai Milner
Desiree Dixon – Najla Mills
Youssef Errami – Chanel Mitchell
Yasmine Figueroa-Hudson – Martin Moro
Yonathan Fisseha – Walta Muruts

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 2017

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

ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWL DEADLINES
(varies by school)

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

ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWL 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 2nd - Drop without Penalty (course removed from transcript)

March 15th - Drop with W **
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 renamed 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-21397127

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/roosa-parks
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 Pulitz er Prizes for the stirring work.

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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 study; 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 Webinar! 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 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/crssprmlp/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

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)