



OAAA E-WEEKLY 2017 J-TERM EDITION

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 9, 2017

OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Where there is no vision, there is no hope."

- George Washington Carver

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Kyndia Riley is a Second year student from Heathsville, Virginia and is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences. As a public speaker and activist, she has traveled and spoken nationally at prestigious law universities -- Yale, Stanford, and Vanderbilt -- to advocate for the rights of women and girls

who are, or have been, incarcerated. She works with criminal justice reform groups to highlight the problems surrounding mass incarceration, societal reintegration and all effects of these issues on the families of those incarcerated. On Grounds, Kyndia is a student worker at OAAA and has been very supportive of transfer students seeking help. After graduation, she plans to teach and mentor younger children who have not had the access to resources for quality care and a good education. In January 2017, Kyndia was featured in a CBS 19 Newsplex (Charlottesville, VA) television story by reporter Jasmin Caldwell. Watch the video about [Kyndia's story](#) here.

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.

The Office of African-American Affairs is on **FACEBOOK!** LIKE US to keep up-to-date.

OAAA E-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER -- SPRING SEMESTER EDITION RESUMES MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017

Harambee II

Sunday, January 22nd at 2:00 pm - Alumni Hall

Join the Office of African-American Affairs in recognizing first-year students who have achieved academic honors during the 2016 fall semester. Mr. Kwame Otu, Assistant Professor of African and African-American Studies, will deliver the keynote speech. Representatives from various University and national programs will be available to meet students to discuss academic and summer opportunities. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow the program. All are invited!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 18, 2017 to ddc6r@virginia.edu

OAAA 2016-2017 Peer Advisor Applications – On Line Now! Application Deadline: Friday, January 27th before 11:59 pm

<https://oaaa.virginia.edu/peer-advisor-program-application>

Each year, all entering Black first-year and transfer students are assigned an upper class "Big Brother" or "Big Sister" student, who serves as a resource throughout the academic year. OAAA Peer Advisors meet with students individually and plan group activities for new students to ease academic and social transitions. The pairings are based on academic and extracurricular interests. For more information, visit the website <http://oaaa.virginia.edu/peer-advisor-mentoring-program> or contact Dean Kimberly Bassett (kcb6j@virginia.edu)

2017 Community MLK Celebration: "Silence as Betrayal."

Monday, January 16th – Tuesday, January 31st

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

Maurice Wallace, "King's Vibrato: Speech, Power, and the Sounds of Blackness"

Tuesday, January 17th

Reception begins: 6:00 pm / Program begins: 6:30 pm

Jefferson School African-American Heritage Center, 233 4th Street NW, Charlottesville

Maurice Wallace, Professor, English Department and Associate Director, African-American & African Studies, Carter G. Woodson Institute at the University of Virginia, will explore the sonic force and densities of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech-making.

OAAA Gospel Concert

Saturday, January 21st

3:30 pm

University Chapel

Participants: Virginia State University Gospel Chorale, Ebony Impact Gospel Choir (Old Dominion University), Longwood University Gospel Choir, and Virginia Wesleyan College Gospel Choir. Presented by the Office of African-American Affairs and the Office of the Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity & Equity.

Annual MLK Community Celebration & Singing

Sunday, January 22nd

5:00 pm

Covenant Church – 1025 Rio Road East, Charlottesville

For over 30 years, the Charlottesville community has come together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the entire community is welcome to attend.

QUOTE'S CORNER: George Washington Carver



George W. Carver

George Washington Carver was an

African-American educator and agricultural researcher who grew up in Missouri. He headed the agricultural department and a research laboratory at

Booker T. Washington's all-black Tuskegee Institute (AL) for nearly 20 years.

His early work, especially on the uses of the peanut, enriched the lives of countless farmers and sharecroppers. His many patents and innovations in farming production and management were useful and a symbol of African-American achievement. He is buried on the campus of Tuskegee University, near Booker T. Washington.

Visit: <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/george-washington-carver> to learn more.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 3rd	J-Term Courses begins
Friday 13th	J-Term Courses end
Wednesday 18th	Spring 2017 Courses begin

MARCH 2017

Saturday 4th – Sunday 12th	Spring recess
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MAY 2017

Tuesday 2nd	Courses end
Wednesday 3rd	Reading Day
Thursday 4th - Friday 12th	Examinations
Sunday 7th & Wednesday 10th	Reading Days
Friday, 19 th	Donning of the Kente Ceremony
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st	Final Exercises

ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES
(varies by school)

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

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(varies by school)

February 1st - Add	- Architecture - Arts & Sciences
February 2 nd - Drop without Penalty (course removed from transcript)	- BIS Program - Commerce (1)

UVA Memorial to Enslaved Laborers Public Forum

Monday, January 23rd
6:00 pm

Jefferson School Africa- American Heritage Center

All are invited to attend a community forum about UVA's memorial to enslaved laborers. Attendees will learn more about how the University of Virginia will produce the memorial, meet the design team, and be asked to offer their own ideas and feedback about the memorial. Presented by the President's Commission on Slavery and the University (PCSU) Community Relations Task Force and the Memorial Design Team. For more information, visit <http://mlk.virginia.edu/MEL-public-forum>

Daniel Beaty: "Emergency"

Tuesday, January 24th
5:00 pm

Newcomb Hall Theater

Award-winning actor, singer, writer, and composer Daniel Beaty presents *Emergency*, an explosive solo tour de force featuring slam poetry, multi-character transformation, and song. Sponsored by the School of Engineering & Applied Science, College of Arts and Sciences, McIntire School of Commerce, School of Nursing, Carter G. Woodson Institute and Office of the Dean of Students.

Film Screening: 13th

Wednesday, January 25th
5:00 pm

Campbell Hall, Room 153

The School of Architecture presents a free screening of *13th*, from award-winning director Ava DuVernay. In this thought-provoking documentary, scholars, activists, and politicians analyze the criminalization of African-Americans and the rise in the US prison system.

Keynote Address: Anita Hill, "Reimagining Equality: Inclusive Communities in Post-Obama America"

Thursday, January 26th
6:30 pm

The Paramount Theater

Anita Hill, University Professor of Social Policy, Law, and Women's Studies at Brandeis University, will be the keynote speaker for the 2017 Community MLK Celebration. Tickets are SOLD OUT; see MLK website for details about other viewing options.

UPCOMING EVENT AT THE UNIVERSITY

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.

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Orphée Noir

In the tradition of Black Newspapers, Orphée Noir has emerged as a necessary voice of the Black community at UVA and beyond. It is particularly important right now! This periodical is shaped by students to represent their experience in a unique and fitting way. The hope is to capture what it means to be Black on Grounds and to consider this meaning within the larger context of Blackness. Read online at: www.orpheenoir.com

OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

United Kingdom Fellows Program 2017

Application Deadline: Monday, January 16th @ 12 Noon

UVA Interviews: TBD between January 23rd – 27th (An interview is not guaranteed)

The UK Fellows Program allows graduating U.Va. students the opportunity to teach and live abroad in a UK boarding school for one year. Fellows participate fully by assisting with classes, sport, and residence life. The best candidates are mature, responsible individuals who are eager to get involved. Teaching experience, formal or informal is helpful but not required. The ability to help coach a sport, even if it's not your greatest strength, is a plus. For more information about how to apply contact: **Andrus Ashoo** at aga3j@virginia.edu and visit: <http://www.virginia.edu/cue/ukfellows.html>

Hoots in the Office: Volunteer in the Admissions Office

Hoots 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

March 15th - Drop with W **	- Education (2) - Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy - Nursing
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March 1st - Drop without Penalty (course removed from transcript)	
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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.

Sophomore (Second Year) Diversity Leaders Internship

Our Sophomore Diversity Leaders Internship program (SDLI) provides a highly select group of Black/African American and/or Hispanic/Latino undergraduate students' first-hand experience with consulting at McKinsey & Company. Candidates who are currently college sophomores at U.S. universities are eligible to apply. Visit: <http://www.mckinsey.com/careers/students/sophomore-diversity-leaders-internship> to learn more.

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

Application Deadline: February 1, 2017

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>

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

Website- <https://irt.andover.edu/>

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.

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 at sites across the country in all STEM fields and the Social Sciences. Visit the website- https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp

Summer Undergraduate Research Programs (SURP)

Association of American Medical Colleges is a not-for-profit association 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)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Black Sci-Fi Collective: Who More Sci-Fi Than Us?

Eight to ten students of color who are interested in Black sci-fi, Afrofuturism, or race and technology, are wanted to work; those who have an interest in the performing, literacy, and/or visual arts should contact Njelle Hamilton (nwh9f@virginia.edu)

UNLEASH – on Grounds

Wondering how to get involved with research on Grounds? UNLEASH is a program that matches UVa undergraduate students with research opportunities sponsored by UVa faculty, hence the title: Undergraduate Novel Learning Experience and Scientific Hands-on or UNLEASH. Visit: <https://med.virginia.edu/faculty/unleash-undergraduate-research-program/> to learn more.

Jefferson School African-American Heritage Center Docents needed – in downtown C'ville

The Heritage Center seeks volunteers to lead group tours of the Jefferson School. Volunteer docents will teach visitors, youth and adults about the Jefferson School, its place in history, and its role in the Charlottesville community today. Anyone with a love of learning is encouraged to apply. If interested, [please click here to fill out an application form](#). If you have questions, please contact Ellen Blackmon or visit: education@jeffschoolheritagecenter.org to learn more.