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 (pgrrimes@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.
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.
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 gwm5x@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](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](http://www.theleadershipalliance.org/programs/summer-research)

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

Website: [https://irt.andover.edu/](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/bunch/](https://sites.duke.edu/bunch/)

**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/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp](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 an 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/](http://www.virginia.edu/cue/) or contact Andrus Ashoo (aga3j@virginia.edu)

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**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 (nwh0f@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/](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@jeffschoolheritagcenter.org](mailto:education@jeffschoolheritagcenter.org) to learn more.