

# 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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

**OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES**

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it.*

-- Marian Anderson

### Calculus Tutoring

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
WEB DuBois Conference Room  
(Small Group Tutoring)

**Black Fridays**  
**Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:30 pm**  
LPJ Cultural Center  
Food + Fellowship

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Yolande Bertille Pokam Tchuisseu** is a Fourth year student from Takoma Park, Maryland, studying cognitive science and neuroscience in the College of Arts & Sciences. She plans to attend medical school after pursuing a Masters of Public Health degree next year.



Yolande is very active in University life as the President of the Student Telemedicine Organization, Facilitator in the First Year Seminar Program, a Peer Advisor & GradSTAR

assistant for the Office of African-American Affairs, and past President of the Gates Millennium Scholars. She is also an Undergraduate Research Grant recipient, a University of Virginia Center for Global Health Scholar awardee and has been recognized for her work in the Minority Health & Health Disparities International Research Training program.

Yolande plans to become a physician for underserved populations. She is preparing for her goal through her public health research experiences in St. Kitts and Nevis (summer 2015) and Nicaragua (summer 2016). In both places, she learned about the importance of disease prevention and health promotion. She is known for her positive attitude and willingness to help others, no matter how small the task.

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](mailto:pgrimes@virginia.edu)) by Thursday by 12 noon for an upcoming OAAA edition

The Office of African-American Affairs is on FACEBOOK! LIKE US to keep up-to-date with events and more info about OAAA!

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for current students to have proof of health insurance with the University. If you do not document coverage, you may be billed for the 2016-2017 premium (\$2613 per year). For details, visit the Student Financial Services website (<http://sfs.virginia.edu>)

### Application is now on line for the GradSTAR:

**Mentoring Program** – Deadline Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> by 5:00 pm

Develop a one-to-one relationship with a UVA faculty or professional staff in 2016-2017  
<http://oaaa.virginia.edu/faculty-mentoring-program-application>

**Personal Branding Seminar Series** – On-line application coming soon!  
All students are encouraged to explore these professional development opportunities. For more information, see the OAAA Program webpage or contact Dean Grimes ([pgrimes@virginia.edu](mailto:pgrimes@virginia.edu))

### RTB 4.0 Study & Tutoring Sessions – Fall Semester

Sundays through Thursdays  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
LBJ Black Cultural Center (study with Peer Advisors) &  
WEB DuBois Conference Room (Small Group Tutoring):

Sunday – Chemistry (peer); Monday – Quiet group study time; Tuesday – Calculus (OAAA Grad Tutor); Wednesday – Statistics (OAAA/McIntire tutor); Thursday – Biology (peer). For details, see Raising the Bar Coordinator: Soyini Nibbs ([skn2eh](mailto:skn2eh))  
RTB 4.0 – It's Not Just for First Years' Anymore!

### Black Male Initiative – First Meeting

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  
W.E.B Dubois, Conference Room

### Black College Women

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  
W.E.B Dubois, Conference Room

*Lunch provided at both meetings!*

## QUOTE'S CORNER: Marian Anderson

**Marian Anderson** (February 27, 1897 – April 8, 1993) was an American contralto and one of the



Marian Anderson

most celebrated singers of the twentieth century. She became an important figure in the struggle for black artists to overcome racial prejudice in the United States. In 1939, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) refused permission for her to sing to an integrated audience in Constitution Hall. In Washington DC. Instead, she performed a concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The incident placed her into the spotlight of the international community. She continued to break barriers for African-American artists, performing at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City on January 7, 1955

More Info VISIT:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marian\\_Anderson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marian_Anderson)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### OCTOBER 2016

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Reading Days

### NOVEMBER 2016

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Family Convocation  
Family Weekend

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving recess

### DECEMBER 2016

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Courses end

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Reading Day

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Examinations

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Reading Days

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Fall degrees conferred

## EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY & IN THE COMMUNITY

### Black Male Initiative Book Club Meeting– First Meeting

Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Newcomb Hall –Board Room- Rm 376

Snacks will be provided!

### Career Exploration Workshops

Wednesdays from September 14, September 21<sup>st</sup>, September 28<sup>th</sup>

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

The Career Center

Learn how your major relates to future career opportunities, what employers want, and how your skills and values influence your career path. Work with a career counselor and other interested students. **Visit:** <http://career.virginia.edu/calendar/070916-1500/career-exploration-workshop-9716-92816> to learn more

### Peace Corps Application Workshop

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Open Grounds

Have you been looking into the Peace Corps and have questions about when to apply, what positions you qualify for, or what should be on your resume? Bring your resume and attend this workshop. Students, faculty, staff and community members are all welcome. A returned Peace Corps volunteer will answer questions and share tips to help you prepare a competitive application. **Visit:** <https://career.virginia.edu/calendar/120916-1200/peace-corps-application-workshop> to learn more.

### Career Fair Simulation

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Bryant Hall at Scott Stadium

Engage with employers in a simulated career fair setting. Alumni and recruiters will be on hand to help you practice your elevator pitch and provide real-time feedback on your approach. In between pitches, career counselors can provide coaching and advice. **Visit:** <https://career.virginia.edu/calendar/120916-1700/career-fair-simulation> to learn more.

### Intro to Investment Banking & Sales/Trading

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

7:00 pm

Kaleidoscope Room – Newcomb Hall

This information session is for students interested in pursuing investment banking summer internships.

**Visit:** <http://career.virginia.edu/financeweek16> to learn more

### Human/Ties: Landscapes of Slavery & Segregation

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Various times & Sites across Grounds and Charlottesville

Attend various presentations and exhibits that examine the challenges of interpreting, preserving, and reclaiming sites related to slavery and segregation. **Visit:** [Event Guide PDF](#) to learn more

### Confronting Race and Memory in Charlottesville

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

The Jefferson School City Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

233 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Charlottesville

Visit the local spaces and objects of Charlottesville, specifically the historic interpretation of enslavement at UVA, and learn about the recent local debates about the Confederate memorial landscape in downtown Charlottesville

### The Memorialization for Enslaved Laborers (MEL) General Meeting

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

7:00 pm

New Cabell 132

Meet and engage with UVa students who advocate for remembrance of those who built the Grounds, and seek ways to build a better University community in 2016.

## ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES

(varies by school)

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Drop with a W\*\*

- Architecture
- Arts & Sciences
- BIS Program
- Commerce \*
- Education
- Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy
- Nursing

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Drop without Penalty

Engineering

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Drop with a W\*\*

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Drop with a W\*\*

Law

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12TH TO SEPTEMBER 19TH

### September 12<sup>th</sup> 1977 - Steven Biko's Death



Steven Bantu Biko born in 1946, was the most influential anti-apartheid leader of the 1970s. Dies of severe head trauma on the stone floor of a prison cell in Pretoria. Six days earlier, he had suffered a major blow to his skull during a police interrogation in Port Elizabeth. Instead of receiving medical attention, he was chained spread-eagled to a window grill for 24 hours. On September 11, he was dumped, naked and shackled, on the floor of a police vehicle and driven 740 miles to Pretoria Central Prison. He died the next day. In announcing his death, South African authorities claimed Biko died after refusing food and water for a week in a hunger strike. **Visit:** <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/steven-biko-dies> to learn more.

### OAAA Peer Advisor Program presents: Capture the Flag and Sand Volleyball

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

6:00 – 8:15pm

Nameless Field

Come to Nameless Field and play Capture the Flag and Sand Volleyball with the Peer Advisors! Snacks will be provided!

### GEM Grad Lab

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Jefferson Scholars Foundation Hall, 112 Clarke Court Charlottesville, VA 22903

A fun event designed to inform and motivate students from underrepresented groups in STEM fields to understand the importance of a graduate degree. Learn how to successfully apply to graduate school and find funding opportunities.

**Visit:** [Gemfellowship.org/gradlab](http://Gemfellowship.org/gradlab) to learn more.

### Monticello: Public Summit

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Thomas Jefferson's Monticello

931 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Charlottesville 22902

The Monticello Summit is the capstone event of Human/Ties, a four-day celebration of the National Endowment for the Humanities 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, organized by NEH and the University of Virginia. All programming is free and open to the public. **For more information and to view a complete schedule of events, visit** [humanties2016.com](http://humanties2016.com).

### Women Against Violence: Rise Up!

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Old Cabell Hall

Attend an A-Capella benefit concert, presented by the Virginia Women's chorus, to raise money for the Women's Center and the Sexual Assault Resource Agency.

### "Who More Sci-Fi Than Us?" Black Sci-Fi Colloquia Interest Meeting

Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

5:00 pm

Minor Hall

Are you a student of color who is interested in black sci-fi, Afrofuturism, or race and technology? Do you have an interest in the performing, literary, and/or visual arts? Come join us for the year long series of meetups where we will think about ways in which people of the African diaspora have engaged with technologies, science, science fiction, and fantasy in the past and present. Students will be encouraged to address the representations of black peoples as technological in their artistic, academic or activist work. **RSVP with 250-word bio and statement of interest to:** [njhamilton@virginia.edu](mailto:njhamilton@virginia.edu)

### NAACP Monthly Membership Meeting

Second Monday of each month

7:00 pm

Jefferson School City Center - Mary Williams Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

## OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

### Center for Undergraduate Excellence - Scholarship and Fellowships Series Fall 2016

Mondays

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)

There are scholarship and research awards for students at all stages (undergraduate, graduate, professional) – even alumni. It's never too early to start learning about these opportunities!

### An Introductory Workshop

Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Don't know what national scholarships & fellowships are? Wondering what the point of pursuing any of them might be? Unsure of how you could be competitive? Come enjoy a chance to envision yourself as an applicant for these incredible opportunities.

### September 13<sup>th</sup> 1936 - Bob Feller strikes out 17 at 17



On September 13, Feller started the first game of a double-header against the Philadelphia A's at League Park in Cleveland. The young pitcher's fastball was effective from the start and he was soon racking up strikes at a pace unseen in the American League since Rube Waddell of the St. Louis Browns struck out 16 batters in 1908. Feller's 17

Strikeouts that day tied Dizzy Dean's modern major league record, set in 1933. Two years later, on the last day of the 1938 season, Feller broke Dean's record when he struck out 18 Detroit Tigers, setting a modern record that would stand for 31 years. (It was finally broken in 1969 by St. Louis Cardinals' pitcher, Steve Carlton. **Visit:** <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/bob-feller-strikes-out-17-at-17> to learn more.

### September 15<sup>th</sup> 1963 - Birmingham Church Bombing



On September 15, 1963, a bomb exploded during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, killing four young girls. With its large African-American congregation, the 16th Street Baptist Church served as a meeting place for civil rights activities. Fifteen sticks of dynamite were planted in the church basement, underneath what turned out to be the girls' restroom. The bomb detonated at 10:19 a.m., killing Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Addie Mae Collins—all 14 years old—and 11-year-old Denise McNair. Spike Lee's film, *Four Little Girls*, depicts this true story.

**Visit:** <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/birmingham-church-bombing> to learn more.

### September 17<sup>th</sup> 1983 - Vanessa Williams becomes first black Miss America



Vanessa Lynn Williams was born on March 18, 1963, and raised by music-teacher parents in suburban New York City. She attended Syracuse University, where she majored in musical theater. After winning the Miss New York title, Williams went to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to participate in the Miss America pageant. On September 17, 1983, Williams made history by becoming the first African-

American woman in the pageant's 63-year history to capture the Miss America title. (For the competition's first 30 years, blacks weren't even allowed to become contestants.) Scandal later erupted, however, when nude photos surfaced of Williams that had reportedly been shot when she worked for a photographer before her pageant days. She was forced to resign her Miss America title in July 1984. The photos later appeared (without Williams' consent) in *Penthouse* magazine. She later pursued a successful career in theatre, film and television. **Visit:** <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/vanessa-williams-becomes-first-black-miss-america> to learn more.

### Rangel International Affairs Program

Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship Program is a U.S. Department of State program administered by Howard University.

**Visit:** <http://www.rangeprogram.org> to learn more.

### Churchill Scholarship

Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Specifically for the STEM students, this scholarship funds a year of research at Cambridge University, where a student also earns a graduate degree. Apply as a fourth year (or within 12 months of graduation). **Visit:** <http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/index.html> to learn more.

### White House Fellows Program

Founded in 1964, the President's Commission on White House Fellowships is the nation's premiere program for leadership and public service. The fellowship offers exceptional Americans first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal government. After a competitive application process, selected individuals spend a year in Washington, DC working as a full-time, paid Fellow to Cabinet Secretaries, senior White House staff, and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sectors. Fellowships are awarded on a strictly non-partisan basis.

**Visit:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/fellows> to learn more.

### Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship

**Deadline:** Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

5:00 pm

The Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship will help fund a proposal to conduct brief work in a foreign country related to the mandate of UNESCO – using education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture, and/or communication and information to build strong ties among nations. To qualify, you must be: A U.S. citizen eligible for foreign travel; at least 18 years old and not older than 25 at the time of application; currently enrolled in an accredited U.S. college or university in the United States.

**Visit:** <http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/programs/143138.htm> to learn more.

### The Jefferson Trust - Now Accepting 2016-17 Grant Applications:

**Application Deadline:** Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Alumni Hall

The Jefferson Trust is pleased to announce that the application for funding for the 2016-17 grant cycle is now available. [Visit our website](#) to find more information on recent Jefferson Trust grants, grant guidelines and FAQ's, and the proposal template. **Special funding available for both student-initiated and globally-oriented grants!** As a result of leadership gifts from Trustees Dan Adler and Larry Sperling, grant proposals from students, as well as proposals that support global initiatives are being solicited. For more information, contact Amy Bonner at 434-243- 9078.

### 2016 STEM Open House @ Penn State University

Thursday – Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Phone: 814-863-1663

Email: [PSUSTEMOpenHouse@psu.edu](mailto:PSUSTEMOpenHouse@psu.edu)  
[gradschool.psu.edu/diversity](http://gradschool.psu.edu/diversity)

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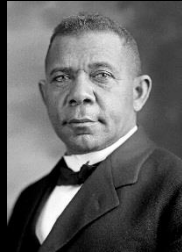
**September 17<sup>th</sup> 1866 - Mary Burnett Talbert was born**



Mary Burnett Talbert (September 17, 1866 – October 15, 1923), an American orator, activist, suffragist and reformer, was born. Called "the best known Colored Woman in the United States," Talbert was among the most prominent African Americans of her time. She used her education and energies to promote anti-lynching and anti-racism work. Talbert also supported women's suffrage and in 1915, she spoke at the "Votes for Women: A Symposium by Leading Thinkers of Colored Women" in Washington, D.C. During her national and international lecture tours, she educated audiences about oppressive conditions in African-American communities and the need for legislation to address these conditions. She was instrumental in gaining a voice for African-American women in international women's organizations. As a founder of the Niagara Movement, Talbert helped to launch organized civil rights activism in America.

**Visit:** <http://blackhistory-101.com/marv-burnett-talbert/> to learn more.

**September 18<sup>th</sup> 1895 - Booker T. Washington on Race Relations**



On September 18, 1895, at the Atlanta Exposition, Booker T. Washington rises to national fame when he delivers what came to be known as his "Atlanta Compromise" speech, in which he advocates for the races to work together while remaining separate socially.

**Visit:**

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/booker-t-washington/videos/booker-t-washington-on-race-relations> to learn more

**IIE UPS Scholarship for Minority Students**

DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

3577 Parkway Lane

Suite 200

Norcross, GA 30092-2833

IIE's scholarship and fellowship program is in place to recognize graduate and undergraduate industrial engineering students for academic excellence and campus leadership. The UPS Scholarship for Minority Students is available to undergraduate students enrolled in any school in the United States and its territories, Canada, and Mexico, where the school's industrial engineering program or equivalent is accredited by an agency or organization recognized by IIE and the student is pursuing a course of study in industrial engineering.

**Visit:** <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=857> to learn more.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**UNLEASH**

Wondering how to get involved with Research on Grounds? UNLEASH is an endeavor to match U.Va undergraduate students with research opportunities sponsored by U.Va 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.

**Volunteer with CPK**

C4K's Design Studio at Frank Ix Building in Downtown Charlottesville

Be a mentor at Computers4Kids. Come join a unique community of young people and adults who create, invent and explore together using the latest technologies! Serve as a role model to our youth members while building your own skills and connecting with like-minded volunteers in our community.

**Visit:** [www.computers4kids.net](http://www.computers4kids.net) to learn more.