



# 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, OCTOBER 3, 2016

OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Power in defense of freedom is greater than power in behalf of tyranny, because the power of a just cause is based on conviction, and leads to resolute and uncompromising action.*

-- **Malcolm X**

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Sigourney Ann Hessic** is a Third year student in the College of Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Foreign Affairs and a minor in African-American Studies. She is from Malverne, New York, and plans to become an international human rights lawyer. She is committed to the eradication of global human trafficking, creating a better future for youth and studying international relations through the lens of law and political institutions.



In summer 2016, Sigourney studied at Oxford, taking comparative politics courses related to the European Union (USA and the UK). At UVa, she is a very active OAAA Peer Advisor and a co-chair of the Pre-Health Committee. Her volunteering in the community has introduced her to different community organizations, including Becker CPA PLLC.

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!

### Calculus Tutoring

**Tuesdays** 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Fridays** – 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### Statistics Tutoring

**Wednesdays** – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

WEB DuBois Conference Room  
(small groups )

**Black Fridays**  
**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm**

LPJ Cultural Center  
Food + Fellowship

**IMPORTANT!** October 17, 2016 is the last day to REGISTER to VOTE in the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election. Applications are at OAAA Front Desk.

**Applications now on line: GradSTAR Personal Branding Seminar Series**

**Deadline has been extended to Wed. October 5<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm**

For details, visit <http://oaaa.virginia.edu/building-your-personal-brand> 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 – SPANISH, starting soon; 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 College Women

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

W.E.B Dubois, Conference Room  
Lunch!

### Black Male Initiative Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Newcomb Hall – Conference Room- Rm 389  
Snacks!

### Black Male Initiative General Body Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2016

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

W.E.B Dubois, Conference Room  
Lunch!

**QUOTE'S CORNER: Malcolm X**

Malcolm X was an African-American minister and human rights activist. To his admirers, he was a courageous advocate for the rights of blacks, who



Malcolm X

challenged America in the harshest terms for its crimes against Blacks. Detractors accused him of preaching racism and violence. A devout minister in the Nation of Islam, he traveled to Africa and the Middle East, and co sacred pilgrimage -- the Hajj. Returning to the USA, he repudiated the Nation of Islam, disavowed racism and founded Muslim Mosque, Inc. and the Organization of Afro-American Unity. He continued to emphasize Pan-Africanism, Black self-determination, and Black self-defense. In February 1965, he was assassinated by three members of the Nation of Islam during a speaking engagement in New York City.

More Info VISIT:

Visit: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malcolm\\_X](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malcolm_X) to learn more.

**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

**OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES**

**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.

Please join us in reading about our experiences. Read online at:

[www.orpheenoir.com](http://www.orpheenoir.com)

More features will be added soon!

**EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY & IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Great Issues: Scientific consensus, policy stalemate—climate change, values, and politics with Willis Jenkins, Deborah Lawrence**

Monday, October 3, 2016

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Miller Center, Charlottesville

This fall's Great Issues program will focus on the political challenges of climate change. The initial event, features UVA faculty members Deborah Lawrence and Willis Jenkins, discussing why the scientific consensus on the issue of climate change has resulted in only limited policy action in the United States. Public seating is first-come-first-serve. Contact [Kate Huber](mailto:khuber@virginia.edu), Miller Center [434-924-7756](tel:434-924-7756) [khuber@virginia.edu](mailto:khuber@virginia.edu) or **Visit:** [www.millercenter.org](http://www.millercenter.org) to learn more.

**Truman Scholarship info session**

Monday, October 3, 2016

4:00 pm

Rotunda Multipurpose Room (SW corner; room 121)

First, Second and Third yest students are invited to learn about the scholarship, application, and UVA nomination process. The award provides \$30,000 toward graduate school and access to a group of incredible leaders. **Visit:** <http://www.virginia.edu/cue/scholarships-fellowships-series.html> to learn more.

**Batten Hour: Susannah Wellford, Founder and President of Running Start**

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

11:30 am

Garrett Hall

Come for a talk on leadership and public service. In 2007, Wellford founded Running Start to inspire young women and girls to political leadership. Running Start furthers the work begun by the Women Under Forty Political Action Committee (WUFPAC). **Lunch provided!**

**2016 Center for Global Health Research Symposium**

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Newcomb Hall Ballroom

Over 50 UVA scholars representing the CLAS, Nursing, Batten, McIntire, SEAS and Medicine will present their work on research projects conducted in Rwanda, Guatemala, South Africa, St. Kitts & Nevis and Uganda. Tyler Spencer, a UVA Alum and the Founder of the Grassroot Project which supports HIV/AIDS prevention programming in urban Washington DC, will be the keynote speaker. **Visit** <https://globalhealth.virginia.edu/2016-center-global-health-research-symposium> to learn more.

**Go for GOAL: Info Session for Transfer Students**

Thursday, October 6, 2016

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Rouss and Robertson Halls room 123

Are you a Second year who transferred to UVA from another college or university? Are you interested in commerce? Learn about the application process from current COMM students who transferred too.

**Finance Internships Night**

Thursday, October 6, 2016

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bryant Hall

Considering a career in finance and trying to find the best fit for you? Hear five finance firms looking for summer 2017 interns and network with

## 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 OCTOBER 3RD TO OCTOBER 9TH

### October 3rd, 1995 - O.J. Simpson was acquitted



At the end of a sensational trial, former football star O.J. Simpson is acquitted of the brutal 1994 double murder of his estranged wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In the epic 252-day trial, Simpson's "dream team" of lawyers employed creative and controversial methods to convince jurors that Simpson's guilt had not been proved "beyond a reasonable doubt," thus surmounting what the prosecution called a "mountain of evidence" implicating him as the murderer.

Visit: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/o-j-simpson-acquitted> to learn more.

alumni and recruiters to learn about their path into finance and learn about firms looking for UVA students. Attire is business casual. Light refreshments will be served in the 4th floor lobby area. **To sign up visit:** <https://app.joinhandshake.com/login>

### Government Careers Conference

Friday, October 7, 2016

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Bryant Hall

Registration for the Government Careers Conference is now full. If you are interested in being added to the wait list, please click the following link and complete the form: <https://career.virginia.edu/government-careers-conference-waitlist-sign>. If a spot opens, you will be emailed directly by and University Career Center staff member.

### Reclaiming Your Roots: East & West African Dance Lessons

Friday, October 7, 2016

7:30 pm

AFC Gym

Would you like to learn more about your and/or others' African heritage through dance? Join Memorialization for Enslaved Laborers (MEL), as we partner with the Organization of African Students (OAS) and the Ethiopian Student Union (ESU), to provide you with the opportunity for an **exclusive and exciting cultural experience**: East and West African dance lessons. **FREE FOOD, not snacks** will be provided!

### James Madison's Montpelier: Journey from Slavery to Freedom Trail

Saturday, October 8, 2016

2:00 pm

11350 Constitution Hwy, Orange, VA

Experience nearly 300 years of African American history. This guided tour begins at the 2 PM at the Visitor Center. Free.

### Hack Health

Monday, October 10, 2016

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Newcomb Ballroom

Learn more about non-clinical healthcare from organizations that are leaders and innovators in the field. The dress attire is Business Casual (Jeans and athletic wear are not allowed. Suits are optional) **Visit:** <https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/27452> to learn more.

### Career Exploration Workshop

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 to Tuesday, November 1, 2016

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Career Center Conference Room, Scott Stadium

Career Counselors help you to explore and tackle questions about your major and/or career path. **Space is limited. Visit:**

<https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/20555> to learn more.

### Rosenwald: Film Screening

Sunday, October 16, 2016

7:00 pm

215 E Main St, Charlottesville, VA

Aviva Kempner's *Rosenwald* is the incredible story of Julius Rosenwald, the son of an immigrant peddler, who rose to become the President of Sears, Roebuck & Company. He joined forces with African-American communities during the Jim Crow era in the South to build schools.

**Visit:** <http://www.theparamount.net/2016/preservation-virginia-presents-rosenwald/> to learn more.

### A Symposium in Memory of Julian Bond

Thursday, October 20, 2016 & Friday, October 21, 2016

The University of Virginia - various sites

This symposium explores the impact of Julian Bond's life, work, and legacy in civil and social justice movements. [Register Here](#)

### Brown University President Christina Paxson and The Leadership Alliance

Friday, November 4, 2016

6:00 pm

The Auditorium National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.

A Conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Brown University President Christina Paxson Transportation: UVA is arranging for a bus to take those interested to the event. For security purposes, all attendees must pre-register to attend and arrive by 5:30pm and bring a photo ID. For more information contact, Dr. Keisha John, [kj6s@eservices.virginia.edu](mailto:kj6s@eservices.virginia.edu). **Visit:** [Click here to RSVP by October 14, 2016 to register](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1937 - Blues singer Bessie Smith, killed in Mississippi car wreck, was laid to rest**



Legendary blues singer Bessie Smith is buried near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 4, 1937. Some 7,000 mourners attended her funeral. Smith had been killed a few days before when the old Packard in which she was driving hit a parked truck near Coahoma, Mississippi.

**Visit:** <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/blues-singer-bessie-smith-killed-in-mississippi-car-wreck-is-buried> **to learn more**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1981 - The president of Egypt was assassinated**



Islamic extremists assassinated Anwar Sadat, the president of Egypt, on the anniversary of the Yom Kippur War. By Takfir Wal-Hajira, the terrorists, all wearing army uniforms, stopped in front of the reviewing stand and fired shots and threw grenades into a crowd of Egyptian government officials. **Visit:** <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-president-of-egypt-is-assassinated> **to learn more.**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 - First Black Woman Wins a Nobel Peace Prize**



Kenyan ecologist Wangari Maathai, 64, was honored by the Nobel committee for standing at the "front of the fight to promote ecologically viable social, economic and cultural development in Kenya and in Africa." She is an outspoken environmentalist, whose tree-planting campaign have slowed deforestation and aid the poor.

**Visit:** [http://www.aaregistry.org/historic\\_events/view/first-black-woman-wins-nobel-peace-prize](http://www.aaregistry.org/historic_events/view/first-black-woman-wins-nobel-peace-prize) **to learn more.**

### 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!

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

### 2016 STEM Open House @ Penn State University (College Park, PA)

Thursday – Sunday, October 13 -16, 2016

Phone: 814-863-1663

Email: [PSUSTEMOpenHouse@psu.edu](mailto:PSUSTEMOpenHouse@psu.edu)

[gradschool.psu.edu/diversity](http://gradschool.psu.edu/diversity)

Begin your STEM career on a solid foundation at Penn State's main campus. The school boasts unmatched research facilities, faculty expertise, and new opportunities await you. Reach your maximum potential! **Visit:** [gradschool.psu.edu/diversity/openhouse](http://gradschool.psu.edu/diversity/openhouse) **to learn more** from the Office of Graduate Educational Equity Programs

### Undergraduate Research Network (URN) Grants

Applications Due: Saturday, October 15, 2016

This grant provides funding to undergraduates for travel, lodging, and meals related to a research conference or workshop. This event may be at another institution, but the grant will only apply to domestic travel. Approximately 2-3 awards of up to \$300 are granted on a competitive basis. Applicants must be a full time undergraduate students at UVa and remain enrolled at the University through the completion of the funded event. Grant awardees will be required to meet with Brian Cullaty, Director of Undergraduate Research Opportunities at the Center for Undergraduate Excellence, and Edith Conti, Office Manager at the Center for Undergraduate Excellence, prior to departure. **Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Funds must be used for events occurring before April 1, 2017.**

### IIE UPS Scholarship for Minority Students

**DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

3577 Parkway Lane

Suite 200

Norcross, GA 30092-2833

IIE's scholarship and fellowship program recognizes graduate and undergraduate industrial engineering students for academic excellence and campus leadership. The UPS Scholarship is available to students enrolled in any school in the United States and its territories, Canada, and Mexico. The school's industrial engineering program or equivalent must be accredited by an agency or organization recognized by IIE. **Visit:** <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?pid=857> to learn more.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1941 – Civil Rights Leader Jesse Jackson was born**



Civil rights leader and two-time Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson rose to prominence working within Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was at the Memphis hotel with Dr. King when he was assassinated. In his 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns, Jackson won 16 state contests and millions of votes, making him the first viable African-American Presidential candidate **Visit:** <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/jesse-jackson> **to learn more**

### **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 – in downtown C'ville**

The Heritage Center seeks volunteers to lead group tours of 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 you are interested in becoming a docent, [please click here to fill out an application form](#). If you have questions, please **contact Ellen Blackmon** or **Visit:** [education@jeffschoolheritagecenter.org](mailto:education@jeffschoolheritagecenter.org) **to learn more.**

### **Office of Admissions: Volunteer for Fall Fling**

Hey Wahoos! Are you interested in helping the Admissions Office recruit diverse groups of students to come to UVa? If so, you should be a volunteer for Fall Fling, the University's open house for prospective African American students. **Fall Fling is on Saturday, October 8th** and we are looking for students to help with check-in/greeting, being lunch buddies with families, walking groups to academic sessions, and overnight hosting. To sign up, please contact [Alexis Richardson](#) for more details!