**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”**

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**WEEK OF MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016**

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Long ago I set my mind to be a free person and not to give in to fear. I always felt that it was my right to defend myself if I could. I have learned over the years that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.*

-- Rosa Parks

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**SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Jahvonta’ Anthony Mason** is a fourth year student in the Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and a Lawn resident this year. This St. Louis MO, student is also majoring in the Global Studies, with an emphasis on Security and Justice. He is very focused on making a positive difference in the criminal justice system and will apply to attend law school after graduation. Jahvonta is also very active in the UVSA community and passionate about expanding opportunities for Black men in historically non-inclusive spheres. He is a Fourth Year Trustee, Co-Chair of the IFC Diversity Outreach Committee, member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity (Virginia Alpha chapter) and board member of the Black male Initiative (LPJ Cultural Center). In Summer 2016, he worked with McKinsey & Company as summer business analyst in the Atlanta GA Office.

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**OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES**

**Meet the OAAA Deans & Staff**

| Tuesday, September 6 |
| Wednesday, September 7 |
| Thursday, September 8 |
| 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm |
| OAAA Main Conference Room |
| #4 Dawson’s Row |

Come to an informal open-house at OAAA to meet the deans, staff, and find out what services are available this year. Refreshments!

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**Black Fridays start**

| Friday, September 2nd |
| 1:30 pm |
| LPJ Cultural Center |
| Food + Fellowship |

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

*Thursday, September 15, 2016* is the deadline for current students to have proof of health insurance with the University. If you do not document your coverage, you may be billed for the require amount to cover your 2016-2017 student health care premium ($2613 per year). For more information, visit the Student Financial Services website ([http://sfs.virginia.edu](http://sfs.virginia.edu))

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**RTB 4.0 Fall Semester Kickoff**

Tuesday, August 30th – It’s About Your UVA Resources – Regina Taylor (Library Services) & Jasmine Jackson (Career Services)

Wednesday, August 31st – It’s About Your Money (Wealth Building) – Wells Fargo Bank Rep & Cheryl Wagner (EntrepreneurshipCup.com)

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

New Site: NAU 211

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**RTB 4.0 Study & Tutoring Sessions**

Start Sunday, September 4th – Nightly Sundays through Thursdays for the fall semester

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)

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**Raising the Bar Coordinator**: Soyini Nibbs (skn2eh)

**RTB 4.0 – It’s Not Just for First Years’ Anymore!**

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**Black Male Initiative – First Meeting**

Monday, September 5th, 2016

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

W.E.B Dubois, Conference Room

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**Black College Women**

Wednesday, September 14th, 2016

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

W.E.B Dubois, Conference Room

Lunch provided at both meetings!

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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 Patrice Grimes (pgrimes@virginia.edu) every Thursday by 12 noon.

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The Office of African-American Affairs is on FACEBOOK! LIKE US to keep up-to-date with events and more info about OAAA!
Rosa Louise McCauley Parks (February 4, 1913 – October 24, 2005) was an African American civil rights activist, whom the United States Congress called “the first lady of civil rights” and “the mother of the Freedom Movement”. On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Parks refused to give up her seat in the colored section of a public transit bus to a white passenger, after the white section was filled. Parks was not the first person to resist bus segregation. Her defiance and the subsequent Montgomery Bus Boycott became important symbols of the modern Civil Rights Movement.


2016 CGH Scholar Welcome Back Party
Wednesday Aug 31, 2016
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Open Grounds, 1400 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903, USA
Welcome Back! Please join faculty, staff and all 2016 CGH Scholars to celebrate the new research season and the academic year!

NSBE General Body Meeting
Wednesday, August 31, 2016
7:00 pm
Thornton E303
Do you like STEM? Are you looking for a black community in STEM? Come to our first general body meeting to see what NSBE is about. Meet the executive board and chat members over some FREE POPEYES! We’ll be having a resource fair, so we’ll have UVA offices there to tell you how they can help you academically and professionally. We hope to see you there.

September 8-14 Finance Week
Connecting with Employers 101
Thursday, September 8th, 2016
Learn about connecting with employers via networking events, information sessions and On-Grounds Interviewing.

Boutique Finance Night
Thursday, September 8th, 2016
Considering a career in finance and trying to find the best fit for you? Join us to hear from top boutique finance firms.

Finance for All Majors
Friday, September 9th, 2016
Interested in finance? Learn how you can translate skills from ANY major into a career in finance!

Finance Bootcamp
Saturday, September 10th, 2016
The Finance Bootcamp is an all-day (8:00 am – 5:00 pm) introduction to basic financial modeling and valuation concepts.

Intro to Investment Banking & Sales/Trading
Wednesday, September 14th, 2016
Information session for students interested in pursuing Investment Banking summer internships.
For more info, visit Http://career.virginia.edu/financeweek16

Opens: Andy Warhol: Icons
Sunday, September 18th, 2016 (all day)
The Fralin Museum of Art
155 Rugby Road
In 2014, The Fralin received several works of art from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. The Fralin presents these pieces within the entire larger series of prints, revealing the diverse range of subjects

Straighten Up And Fly Right
Friday, November 11th, 2016
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Carver Rec. Center and African American Heritage Center
233 4th St. NW, Charlottesville, VA 22903
Commemorating the African American Military Experience
Featuring: Military Historians and Exhibits. Save the date!!!

NAACP Monthly Membership Meeting
Second Monday of each month
7:00 pm
Jefferson School City Center
233 4th Street NW, Charlottesville
Meet in the Mary Williams Center on the first floor adjacent to the Vinegar Hill Cafe
September 1st 1977 – Death of Ethel Waters

Ethel Waters (October 31, 1896 – September 1, 1977) was an American blues, jazz and gospel vocalist and actress. She frequently performed jazz, big band, and pop music, on the Broadway stage and in concerts, although she began her career in the 1920s singing blues. Her best-known recordings include “Dinah,” “Stormy Weather,” “Taking a Chance on Love,” “Heat Wave,” “Supper Time,” “Am I Blue?” and “Cabin in the Sky,” as well as her version of the spiritual “His Eye Is on the Sparrow.” Waters was the second African American to be nominated for an Academy Award in 1962. She is also the first African-American woman to be nominated for an Emmy Award. Recordings of Ethel Waters were inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame, which is a special Grammy award established in 1973 to honor recordings that are at least twenty-five years old, and that have "qualitative or historical significance.

OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

Study Abroad Fair
Wednesday, September 7th, 2016
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Newcomb Ballroom
Learn about the many study abroad opportunities available to UVA students. Meet UVA program faculty directors, representatives from approved outside programs, and returned students. Be a part of the Tradition!

Scholarship and Fellowships Series
Fall 2016

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

Mondays from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)
Special Events are also listed below.

Luce Scholarship
Monday, September 12th, 2016
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: Byrd/Morris Seminar Room (Special Collections 318).
Website: http://www.hluce.org/lsprogram.aspx

An Introductory Workshop
Monday, September 19th, 2016
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Don’t know what national scholarships & fellowships are? Wondering what the point of pursuing any of them might be? Unsure of how you could apply? Come enjoy a chance to envision yourself as an applicant for these incredible opportunities.

Churchill Scholarship
Monday, September 26th, 2016
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
One specifically for the STEM students, and in particular those whom with the capacity and desire to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in STEM fields. The scholarship funds a year of research at Cambridge University, whereby a student also earns a graduate degree. Apply as a fourth year (or within 12 months of graduation).
Website: http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/index.html

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 White House 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
Friday, September 30th, 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. Applications are due September 28, 2015 for winter/spring travel and February 22, 2016 for summer travel. For more information and the application visit: http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/programs/143138.htm
September 2nd 1975 – Joseph W. Hatchett

Appointed

On September 2, 1975, Joseph W. Hatchett was sworn in as the first Black Supreme Court Justice in the South in the twentieth century. In spite of a racial segregation he fulfilled his dream to become a lawyer. In 1956 Florida still lived under the rule of Jim Crow, as a black man, Hatchett was not eligible to enter Florida’s white law schools. He attended the prestigious Howard University law school in Washington. He went on to become a distinguished attorney and in the 1970s, was appointed by Governor Reubin Askew to fill a vacancy on the Florida Supreme Court -- the first black ever to serve there. In 1976, Hatchett achieved yet another first: he became the first African-American elected to statewide office in Florida and the South when voters returned him to the Court. Then in 1979, Hatchett became the first black man appointed to the federal appeals court for the Deep South.

September 3rd 1838 – Frederick Bailey Escape

On September 3, 1838, Frederick Bailey, a 20-year-old slave made a daring escape from his master in Baltimore, and with his newfound freedom came a new name—Frederick Douglass. Douglass disguised himself as a free black sailor. In his pocket was a sailor’s protection pass, which he could present in lieu of the “free papers” as proof he was not enslaved which he borrowed from a free African-American seaman. In spite of him borrowing little resemblance to the physical description on the piece of paper, he arrived safely in New York. When Douglass published his autobiography in 1845, he divulged few details about his escape in order to protect those who abetted him and to keep authorities ignorant of the method he employed to slip the bonds of slavery. It was not until 1881 that he finally detailed his escape. Douglass always looked back on September 3, 1838, as the day when his “free life began,” and for the rest of his life he celebrated the date in place of his unknown birthday.

THE JEFFERSON TRUST

August ’16 Newsletter: Now Accepting 2016-17 Grant Applications: Deadline Friday, September 30th.

The Jefferson Trust is pleased to announce that the application for funding for the 2016-17 grant cycle is now available. Grant proposals will be accepted through September 30, 2016.

Information Sessions: The Jefferson Trust will hold information sessions open to all potential grant applicants on Friday, September 2 at 10:00am and on Wednesday, September 7 at 4:00pm. The sessions will be held at Alumni Hall. A video of a session from 2012 is available on our website.

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

Thursday – Sunday, October 13th -16th, 2016

Phone: 814-863-1663

Email: PSUSTEMOpenHouse@psu.edu

gradschool.psu.edu/diversity

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Office of Graduate Educational Equity Programs

IIE UPS Scholarship for Minority Students

DEADLINE: November 15th, 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. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider’s website, http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=857

CAREER COURSES AT UVA

Taking a career course at UVA is one of many ways to engage with the UVA Career Center and prepare for your future. The 3 courses listed below will be offered this Fall.

LASE 2559 Liberal Arts and the World of Work: Designing Your Life

Tuesdays/Thursdays
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

LASE 2559 is a 3-credit course that enables 2nd and 3rd year U.Va. Arts & Sciences students to connect the skills and competencies unique to a Liberal Arts education with the core proficiencies of prominent professions, and through the introduction of design thinking techniques, to design their future, both at UVA and beyond.

ELA 2559 Liberal Arts and the Health Professions

Mondays
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

ELA 2559 is a 1-credit course that introduces 2nd and 3rd year U.Va. Students to diverse health professions while taking them through a career exploration process. Students explore how insights from various disciplines inform their understanding of healthcare.
ELA 4559 Professional and Strategic Career Development
Wednesdays
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm
ELA 4559 is a 1-credit course for 4th year UVa. Arts & Sciences students. Most experts say that people will change their careers at least 5-7 times over the course of their life. For more information about all the Courses please visit: http://career.virginia.edu/blog/2016/aug/career-courses-uva

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER WITH BREAD & ROSES
Do you have interest or skills in gardening and/or cooking? Bread & Roses is a new community kitchen and garden at Trinity Episcopal Church on Preston Avenue that’s all about access to healthy food: healthy in how we grow it, how we prepare it, and how we share it. We’re partnering with other community organizations to offer classes, host forums and pop-up restaurants, and give people the chance to share skills. We will also be renting out our commercial kitchen an "accelerator kitchen" to local food entrepreneurs. If you’ve got innovative ideas about strengthening fresh food access and education, or if you’d like to learn/share gardening skills, we would love your help. We can also facilitate internships and independent projects. If you have questions or want to get involved, please email Martha at breadandroses@trinityepiscopalville.org

Volunteer with Journey Kids
Sundays
9:00 am - 11:30 am
Western Albemarle High School
(5941 Rockfish Gap Turnpike, Crozet, VA)
Volunteer to help teach, facilitate art/crafts, organize, music, and read stories to children at Life Journey Church on Sundays. Contact Alvina Conti at alvina@lifejourneyva.com for more info.