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 5, 2016

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I always tell my kids if you lay down, people will step over you. But if you keep scrambling, if you keep going, someone will always, always give you a hand. Always. But you got to keep dancing, you got to keep your feet moving.

-- Morgan Freeman

OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES

Meet the OAAA Deans & Staff
Tuesday, September 6th
Wednesday, September 7th
Thursday, September 8th
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
OAAA Main Conference Room
#4 Dawson’s Row
Find out what services are available this year. Refreshments!

Black Fridays
Friday, September 9th
1:30 pm
LPJ Cultural Center
Food + Fellowship

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Alana M. Ama is a Fourth year psychology and studio arts major in the College of Arts & Sciences from Falls Church, VA. She is a Senior Peer Advisor through the Office of African American Affairs, Co-Chair of 2016-2017 Selections Committee, a Third Year Class Council representative & treasurer of the Black Student Research Network. Alana is dedicated to improving the lives of people through her volunteer work at the Charlottesville Crisis Hotline, where she offers intervention support and referrals to callers in need.

Alana has enjoyed being able to challenge herself through classes and opportunities on Grounds. After graduation, she hopes to combine her passion for art with her academic talents in her chosen profession.

Nominate an exceptional student (not yourself) to be featured in the Spotlight on Student Achievements. Send to Dean Patrice Grimes (pgrimes@virginia.edu) by 12 noon on Thursdays.

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

IMPORTANT!

Tuesday, September 6th is the last day to Add a course.
Wednesday, September 7th is the last day Drop a course.

Thursday, September 15th 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)

RTB 4.0 Study & Tutoring Sessions

Sunday through Thursday nights for the fall semester
4:00 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)

Raising the Bar Coordinator: Soyini Nibbs (skn2eh)

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

Black College Women – First Meeting
Wednesday, September 7th, 2016
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
W.E.B DuBois Center, Conference Room

Black Male Initiative – First Meeting
Monday, September 12th, 2016
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
W.E.B DuBois Center, Conference Room

New & transfer students are welcome - Lunch provided at both meetings!

Coming soon: GradSTAR Student on-line applications for the 2016-2017 Mentoring Program & Fall Personal Branding Seminar Series!
**QUOTE’S CORNER: Morgan Freeman**

Morgan Freeman was born on June 1, 1937 and is an American actor, producer and narrator. Freeman won an Academy Award in 2005 for Best Supporting Actor in the movie, Million Dollar Baby, and he has received Oscar nominations for his performances in Street Smart, Driving Miss Daisy, The Shawshank Redemption and Invictus. In 2004, this Golden Globe Award winner formed the Grenada Relief Fund with a group of Hollywood actors to aid people affected by Hurricane Ivan on the island of Grenada. His voice can be heard on countless commercials and he is active in a variety of political causes.

More Info VISIT: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morgan_Freeman

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

**The Undergraduate Research Fair**
Tuesday, September 6th, 2016
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Newcomb Hall Ballroom
Learn about multiple opportunities for research, mentoring, existing projects, and funding! Make connections with researchers looking to mentor undergraduates and learn about exciting programs and grants. **Visit:** globalhealth.virginia.edu to learn more.

**U-Guides Info Sessions**
Monday, September 5th, 2016 at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 7th–2016 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Interested in helping prospective students? Want to learn more about UVA’s history? Try out for the University Guide Service and give tours of UVA! For more information contact tuc4ku@virginia.edu or hjq9hv@virginia.edu

**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 students who have had study abroad experiences.

**Career Exploration Workshop**
Every Wednesday’s from September 7th–September 28th
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
The Career Center – Bryant Hall / Newcomb Hall
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 students who all have the same questions about their professional future. **Visit:** http://career.virginia.edu/calendar/070916 to learn more.

**URN and College Council Present: Grant Workshop**
Wednesday, September 7th
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Open Grounds
Are you looking for funding for your research? Do you have a project that you want to pursue? Come find out what resources are available to you through the Undergraduate Research Network. There will be presentations, a Q & A session, and lots of snacks! **Visit:** http://vpsa.virginia.edu/connections#1 to learn more.

**U-Guides Trial Tour Sign Ups**
Wednesday, September 7th and Thursday, September 8th, 2016
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
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For more information contact:
utu@vpsa.virginia.edu or hjq9hv@virginia.edu to learn more about what it takes to be a University Guide.

**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? Come 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.
**THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY**  
**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4TH TO SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**September 4th 1781 - Black Settlers of California**

Los Angeles, California, founded by forty-four settlers of whom at least twenty-six were descendants of Africans.

**September 5th 1859 - Our Nig by Harriet Wilson was published**

Our Nig by Harriet Wilson, is the first novel published in the U.S. by an African American woman. It was lost for years until re-printed with a critical essay by African-American scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. in 1983.

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**Saturday, September 17th, 2016**

Jefferson School City Center  
233 4th Street NW, Charlottesville  
Meet in the Mary Williams Center on the first floor adjacent to the Vinegar Hill Café to learn more – and engage in – our local community.

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**Intro to Investment Banking & Sales/Trading**  
Wednesday, September 14th, 2016

Information session for students interested in pursuing investment banking summer internships.  
**Visit:** [http://career.virginia.edu/financeweek16](http://career.virginia.edu/financeweek16) to learn more.

**Luce Scholarship Information Session**  
Monday, September 12th, 2016

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Byrd/Morris Seminar Room (Special Collections 318).  
**Visit:** [http://www.hluce.org/lsprogram.aspx](http://www.hluce.org/lsprogram.aspx) to learn more.

**GEM Grad Lab**  
Saturday, September 17th, 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.

**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 Café to learn more – and engage in – our local community.

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**OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES**

**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  
Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121) Special Events are also listed below.

**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 me competitive? 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

Specifically for the STEM students, and those who want 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).  
**Visit:** [http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/index.html](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 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](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/fellows) to learn more.
September 6th 1892 - George "Little Chocolate" Dixon featherweight wins title fight

George "Little Chocolate" Dixon beats Jack Skelly in New Orleans to win the world featherweight title. Although some African-American citizens celebrate for two days, the New Orleans Times-Democrat stated, "It is a mistake to match a Negro and a white man ...to bring the races together on any terms of equality, even in the prize ring."

September 7th 1919 - Louise Bennett-Coverley born

The Hon Louise Bennett-Coverley is regarded as the mother of storytelling in the Caribbean. A Jamaican, Miss Lou, as she was affectionately known, studied at the Royal Academy of the Dramatic Arts with a British Council Scholarship. She had her own BBC Radio program called, Caribbean Carnival. Among her many accolades were the Doctorate of Literature degree from the University of the West Indies, and the Norman Manley Award for Excellence.

September 7th 1957 - Ghana's Independence

On this day, Ghana becomes a free self-governing nation. This is the first country of the British Commonwealth of Nations to be self-governing.

September 9th - An Opera First

The first African-American to perform with an American opera company was Caterina Jarboro. She was featured in a Chicago Opera Company production of Aida, at the New York Hippodrome on July 22, 1933. She also sang the title role of the opera in Milan, Italy, in May, 1930. La Julia Rhea also sang the role of Aida in a major production of the Chicago Opera on December 26, 1937.

September 10th 1847 - John Roy Lynch, U.S. Congressman, was born

John Roy Lynch, served in the 43rd, 44th, and 47th Congresses representing the State of Mississippi as a Republican. He also presided as a temporary chairman over the Republican National Convention of 1884 and was the first African-American to deliver the keynote address.

Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship

Deadline: 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.

Visit: http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/programs/143135.htm to learn more.

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

Deadline: Friday, September 30th, 2016
Alumni Hall

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 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 Sterpling, 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

Begin your STEM career on a solid foundation, with a Penn State education. Unmatched research facilities, faculty expertise, and opportunities await you. Partner with Penn State to reach your maximum potential! Visit: gradschool.psu.edu/diversity/openhouse to learn more.

Office of Graduate Educational Equity Programs. PSU.

IIE- UPS Scholarship for Minority Students

Deadline: Tuesday, November 15th, 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 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. The student should be pursuing a course of study in industrial engineering.


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 UVA Arts & Sciences students to connect the skills and competencies unique to a liberal arts education with the core proficiencies of prominent professions, and to be introduced to design thinking techniques that are useful 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 students to diverse health professions, while exploring the career decision making process. Students will also 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 students in the College of Arts & Sciences. 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 above, 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 and Roses is a new community kitchen and garden at Trinity Episcopal Church on Preston Avenue that’s all about access to healthy food. With other community organizations, Bread & Roses offers classes, hosts forums and pop-up restaurants, and gives people the chance to share skills. B & R also facilitates internships and independent projects. For questions or to get involved, please email Martha at breadandroses@trinityepiscopalcville.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 information.

Volunteer with Computers for Kids (C4K)
C4K's Design Studio - Frank Ix Building - 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 to learn more.