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) 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!
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 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 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.

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 Monticello: Journey from Slavery to Freedom Trail**
Saturday, October 8, 2016
2:00 pm
11330 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 - 3:30 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. Visit: Click here to RSVP by October 14, 2016 to register
October 4th, 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 6th, 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 8th, 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 to learn more.

October 8th, 2016 - Scholarships and Fellowships

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
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 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?id=857 to learn more.
October 8th, 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. 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 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 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!