

# OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

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**December 7, 2020**

## Special Announcement

This is the last fall 2020 semester edition --- have a great holiday break!

OAAA E-Weekly will resume publishing in January 2020.

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Our office will be closed Dec. 21 - Jan. 3 for the University's Winter Break.

If you have any questions please call our main number (434-924-7923), If you cannot reach us via phone please contact Mr. Smith ([jcs9cz@virginia.edu](mailto:jcs9cz@virginia.edu)) or Ms. Comfort ([alc9r@virginia.edu](mailto:alc9r@virginia.edu)) to assist you.

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## UVA COVID-19 PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE PLAN

The University is closely monitoring key metrics and has developed a [COVID-19 dashboard](#) that will be shared and will track key metrics like the rate of infections and our operational readiness to respond to the virus. We stand ready to alter our operations and plans based on these metrics. We are grateful to all members of our community for their diligence in following the guidelines outlined below. A printable copy of the [UVA COVID-19 Prevention, Detection, and Response Plan](#) is available.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 2-11: Exams

Dec. 6 and 9: Reading Days

December (various dates): Spring course registration

Dec. 12, noon: First-year residence halls close

Dec. 12: Winter Break begins for students

Dec. 19-Jan. 3: University academic offices closed

Jan. 4-15: January Term (virtual)

Jan. 14: Spring 2021 term notification of charges

Jan. 16-31: Winter Break continues for students

Late January (various dates TBD): First-year residence halls reopen

Feb. 1: Spring courses begin

Feb. 12: Spring 2021 term charges due

Feb. 17: No classes

March 9 and 29: No classes

March 15: Decision about graduation observances

April 15: No classes

May 6: Spring courses end

May 7-15: Exams

May 9 and 12: Reading Days

May 21-23: Class of 2021 Finals Weekend (tentative)

May 28-30: Class of 2020 Finals Weekend (tentative)

## OAAA Announcements & Services

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OAAA Virtual Office Hours - (will resume January 4, 2021)

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OAAA Tutoring for Spring 2021 – (will resume the first week of February 2021)

Contact: [Dean Thomas](#) for more information

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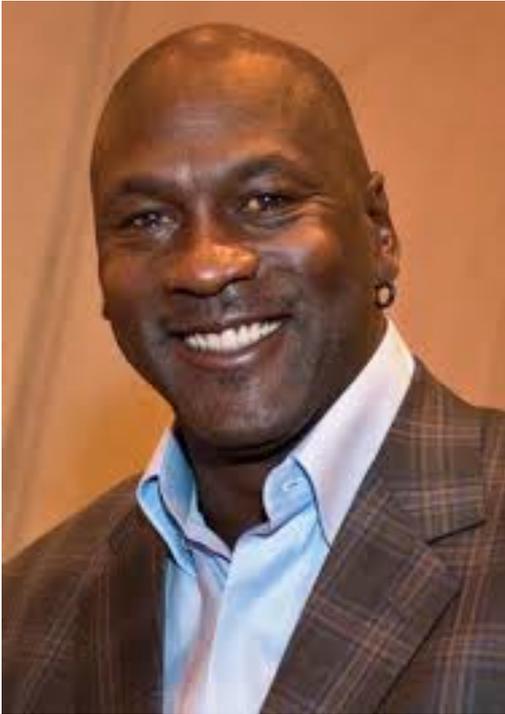
- Black College Women (BCW) Book Club
- Black Male Initiative (BMI)
- Black President's Council (BPC)
- Black College Women (BCW) - In the Company of my Sister

### Quote of the Week

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*"I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." – Michael Jordan*

### Quote's Corner



Michael Jeffrey Jordan was born on February 17, 1963, in Brooklyn, New York. Jordan is a former professional American basketball player, Olympic athlete, businessperson and actor; he's considered one of the best basketball players ever, he dominated the sport from the mid-1980s to the late 1990s. Jordan grew up in Wilmington, North Carolina where he developed a competitive edge at an early age. Jordan grew up with a stable family life. His mother, Delores, was a bank teller who has since written several books. His father, James, was a maintenance worker turned manager at General Electric. He had four siblings: Larry, Deloris, Roslyn and James Jr. Jordan enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981 and became an important asset to UNC. They won the NCAA Division I championship in 1982, with Jordan scoring the final basket needed to defeat Georgetown University. He was also singled out as the NCAA College Player of the Year in 1983 and in 1984. Jordan left college after his junior year to join the NBA in 1984 where he was drafted by the Chicago Bulls, being the third overall pick. During the summer of 1984, Jordan made his first appearance at the Olympic Games as a member of the U.S. Olympic basketball team. The team won the gold at the games that year, which were held in Los Angeles. Jordan later helped the American team bring home the gold medal at the 1992 Olympic Games, held in Barcelona, Spain. Additionally, Jordan signed his first deal with Nike in 1984, and he currently serves on the Nike Inc. board of directors; Nike launched the signature Air Jordan basketball sneakers in 1985. The Air Jordan quickly proved very popular, and it continues to be a bestseller for the apparel maker more than 30 years later. Also, in 1985, Jordan finished his bachelor's degree in geography as he continued to play basketball professionally. Jordan soon proved himself on the court. For his efforts, Jordan received the NBA Rookie of the Year Award and was selected for the All-Star Game. He became the first player since Wilt Chamberlain to score more than 3,000 points in a single season. In 1988, Jordan led the Chicago Bulls to six National Basketball Association championships and earned the NBA's Most Valuable Player Award; he would earn this title four more times in 1991, 1992, 1996 and 1998. With five regular-season MVPs and three All-Star MVPs, Jordan became the most decorated player in the NBA. In addition, for one year, in 1994, Jordan played for a minor league team, the Birmingham Barons, as an outfielder. Jordan also made a big splash in film as the star of the 1996 movie Space Jam. Over the 19 years since beginning his professional basketball career, Jordan retired from the sport three times. He first retired in 1993 and again in 1998, then finally hung up his jersey for good in 2003. In 1998, Jordan launched into the restaurant business as the owner of Michael Jordan's The Steak House N.Y.C. After his second retirement from basketball in 1999, Jordan joined the Washington Wizards in 2000 as a part owner and as president of basketball operations. In the fall of 2001, Jordan relinquished these roles to return to the court once more. He played for the Wizards for two seasons before retiring for good in 2003. Outside of his basketball career, Jordan has been involved in a number of profitable business and commercial ventures. He has signed a number of other endorsements deals with brands including Hanes, Upper Deck, Gatorade, Coca-Cola, McDonald's, Chevrolet and Wheaties. From 2001 through 2014, Jordan hosted an annual charity golf event known as the Michael Jordan Celebrity Invitational, with proceeds benefiting foundations including Make-A-Wish, Cats Care, the James R. Jordan Foundation, Keep Memory Alive and Opportunity Village. In 2006, Jordan bought a share of the Charlotte Hornets and joined the team's executive ranks as its managing member of basketball operations. Following this, in April 2009, he received one of basketball's greatest honors: being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. In 2010, he became the majority owner of the Charlotte Hornets and serves as the team's chairman. In 2016, Jordan was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama. Between his profitable Nike partnership and his ownership of the Charlotte Hornets, Forbes estimated Jordan's net worth to be over \$1 billion in 2018. In 2020,

Jordan's net worth is \$1.6 billion.

## Upcoming Events

UVA Office of African-American Affairs  
Parent Advisory Association (OAAA PAA) Presents

# Family GAME NIGHT

**TITLE DEED PARK PLACE**  
Light Refreshments

**TITLE DEED BOARDWALK**  
FUN \$ 1 MIL  
With Taboo \$  
With Mahjong \$\$  
With Uno \$\$\$  
With RESISTANCE \$\$\$\$  
With OAAA/PAA  
Make new friends  
Come out & Have Fun!

**SAT 12/12/20, 6pm - ???**  
**Virtual via Zoom**  
(Register now for login information)

### OAAA PAA NOVA/DC/MD Chapter Virtual Family Game Night December 12, 2020 at 6:00 PM

The UVA OAAA PAA NOVA/DC/MD Chapter is pleased to announce that it is holding a virtual game night for its families and students this Saturday, December 12, 2020, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM (or later). Games will include bingo, UVA trivia, a scavenger hunt, and more. Please register at the following link for the login information ([December 12th Game Night Registration](#)). Come meet other families and have a little fun with those who are young, old, and young at heart this holiday season! **All OAAA PAA families are welcome to attend!**

December 8, Tuesday  
DISCOVERY WORKSHOP: DIY GIFTS  
Virginia Discovery Museum.

*Deck the halls with handmade holiday decorations, or spread some cheer with a special gift for family and friends. Craft a jolly pine cone gnome, create a colorful paint-poured ornament, build a sparkling snowperson sensory bottle, and construct a snow-free "snowball" launcher perfect for some seasonal STEM exploration and warm indoor play. Online - Virginia Discovery Museum. 3-4pm. Reservations are required. For details, please click this [link](#).*

December 17-20, Thursday-Sunday

2020 HOLIDAY PLAY

Live Arts.

*A totally original and completely zany twist on A Christmas Carol. The 2020 holiday play has replaced MARAT/SADE and the holiday special for December programming at Live Arts.* Live Arts. \$20/household. For details, please click this [link](#). For more info call: 434-977-4177.

December 13-15, December 20-22, December 26-31

A VERY VON TRAPP FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Wintergreen Resort.

*This holiday season join the stars of The Sound of Music as they reunite for an intimate cabaret of epic proportions as Brian Clowdus presents: A Very Von Trapp Family Christmas. Get to know the actors and their own stories as the curtain is pulled back on the sold-out mega hit in this heartwarming tribute to all our favorite things that truly make this the most wonderful time of the year.* Wintergreen Resort. Varies. \$50 and up. Reservations are required. For details, please click this [link](#). For more info call: 434-325-2200.

## Opportunities with Deadlines

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Virginia Space Grant Consortiums' Undergraduate and Graduate STEM Research Scholarships and Fellowships for 2021 - 2022

**Undergrad Research Scholarships: More info and link to online application:**

<http://vsgc.odu.edu/undergraduatescholarships/> [[vsgc.odu.edu](http://vsgc.odu.edu)]

**Graduate Research Fellowships: More info and link to online application:**

<http://vsgc.odu.edu/graduatefellowships/> [[vsgc.odu.edu](http://vsgc.odu.edu)]

Here is a list of the student majors that we funded last year. We awarded 75 students over \$300K.

Deadline to apply is January 29! Letters of reference are due on Feb. 5.

**For more information please contact Joyce Kuberek at 757-766-5210 or [jkuberek@odu.edu](mailto:jkuberek@odu.edu).**

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The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly selective scholarship for the nation's top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges or universities. Each Cooke Scholar has access to generous financial support for two to three years, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to connect with the thriving community of fellow scholars.

Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees – for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Awards vary by individual, based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships they may receive. This highly competitive scholarship includes:

Up to \$40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school.

Ability to pursue any area of study.

Personal advising about selecting a college and navigating financial aid.

Multifaceted advising about how to transition to a four-year college and maximize the student experience.

The application closes on January 6, 2021 at 11:59 pm in your local time zone.

[More information:](#)

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The **UVA Parents Fund** has launched the **Student Enrichment Fund**, which provides grants to current undergraduate students who lack the resources to participate in professional development and academic enrichment experiences, such as studying abroad, taking J-Term classes, or pursuing internships. Read more about it [here](#)

## This Week in Black History



**Did you know that** Lisa Gelobter is a computer scientist who developed the animation used to create GIFs, forever changing the way we text and tweet. Beyond the date of her birth, very little is known about Gelobter's childhood including where she grew up. Her father was Jewish and from Poland and her mother was black and from the Caribbean. She graduated from Brown University in 1991 at the age of 20 with a computer science degree with a concentration in artificial intelligence and machine learning. She then worked on several pioneering internet technologies, including Shockwave, a multimedia platform used for video games, and the online video streaming service Hulu. Gelobter also worked as the Chief Digital Officer for BET Networks. Gelobter is a pioneer in the development of video on the internet including Brightcove, Joost, and The FeedRoom.

In 2015 Gelobter joined the newly-formed U.S. Digital Service at the invitation of President Barack Obama. In that role, she helped to redesign Healthcare.gov, the website used to enroll Americans under the Affordable Care Act that did not function well at its initial rollout. Gelobter improved the site by reducing the number of separate pages and streamlining the application process. She then served as the Chief Digital Service Officer for the Department of Education where she worked on the team that redesigned the College Scorecard, a ratings system that shows graduation rates, post-college earnings, and student debt levels for universities across the country.

In 2016 Gelobter founded and became the Chief Executive Officer of tEQuitable, a company that provides an independent, confidential platform to address issues of bias, harassment, and discrimination in the workplace. Gelobter raised more than \$2 million for the start-up company, becoming one of only 34 Black women to ever raise \$1 million in venture capital. She is a former member of the New York Urban League STEM Advisory Board.