

# OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

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## October 4, 2021

### Special Announcement

#### Sales Leadership Program

The GradSTAR program and the Office of African American Affairs is excited to offer for the second year the Sales Leadership Program sponsored by Paycom. Paycom is a multi-billion dollar software company that employs one of our own! Matt Manley is a regional sales manager at Paycom who graduated from the UVA Engineering School in 2012. Matt will be hosting a four session speaker series in which he will teach fundamental business skills such as: Interviewing, overcoming fear, and professional time management. Sessions are one hour, once a week from October 18 – November 8. Check out this [video](#) to learn more about Matt, Paycom, and this exciting new opportunity! Contact [Dean Thomas](#) for more information. Sales Leadership Program Application please [complete the application here](#) by October 11, 2021.

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6th Annual GradSTAR Etiquette Dinner: Fine Dining for Business  
Friday, October 15 – 6:00 pm-8:30 pm – [RSVP Here](#)

More than choosing the correct fork, fine dining for business is a unique art form. Whether dining with a prospective employer, mentor, or business associate, this workshop teaches the social skills and rules for fine dining that promote success in professional settings. Learn the silent codes and unwritten rules that can make any business meal a success as well as cultural norms for international dining. This event is hosted by Paultette Diaz-Reed, Director of The Intercultural School of Etiquette and sponsored by the Office of African-American Affairs. Attendance is limited to 25 with a waitlist, and the deadline to register is October 11, 2021

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

##### Fall 2021 Academic Calendar

Saturday, October 9 - Tuesday, October 12:  
Reading Days

Friday, October 22 - Sunday, October 24:  
Family Weekend ([Go to Family Weekend](#))

Wednesday, November 24 - Sunday, November 28:  
Thanksgiving recess

# OAAA Announcements & Services

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## OAAA Announcements & Services – Fall 2021

### OAAA/GradSTAR Lunch Series: Tuesdays @ DuBois

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday – 12:00 pm-2:00 pm - W.E.B. DuBois Conference Rm #2 Dawson's Row  
Join Dean Antoinette Thomas for lunch and conversation. **Space is limited. You must [RSVP](#) to reserve your spot.**

### Black Fridays

Every Friday - 1:30 pm - W.E.B. DuBois Conference Rm #2 Dawson's Row  
Come & join us for food & fellowship!

**OAAA Tutoring for Fall 2021 – Contact: [Dean Thomas](#) for more information**  
**OAAA tutors meeting dates & times via In-Person & Zoom**

### OAAA Calculus & Statistics Tutoring with Travis Elliott

Tuesdays – 1:00 pm-3:30 pm – (in person) W.E.B. DuBois Conference Room #2 Dawson's Row  
Thursdays – 2:00 pm-4:30 pm – [Zoom Room](#) Passcode: 082999

### OAAA Chemistry Tutoring with Yvette Gamor

Thursdays - 5:00 pm-7:00 pm – (in person) W.E.B. DuBois Conference Room #2 Dawson's Row  
[Email](#) for Zoom appointments if needed.

### OAAA Biology & Chemistry Tutoring with Kamryn Crowder

Tuesdays – 11:00 am-1:00 pm – (in person) W.E.B. DuBois Conference Room #2 Dawson's Row  
[Email](#) for Zoom appointments if needed

### OAAA Organic Chemistry Tutoring with Heran Tadesse

Mondays – 12:00 pm-2:00 pm – (in person) W.E.B. DuBois Conference Room #2 Dawson's Row  
[Email](#) for Zoom appointments if needed

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Contact: [Dean Mason](#) for more information on:

- **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**
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## Quote of the Week

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***“A country or community which fails to allow its women to choose and develop their individual beings in an atmosphere of freedom thrusts away from itself a large part of the human resources which can give it strength and vitality.” -- Eunice Hunton Carter***

### Haley Turner



Haley is a fourth year student in the School of Education and Human Development from Mechanicsville, VA, majoring in Kinesiology on the Pre-Med track. At UVA, Haley serves as the President of the Daniel Hale Williams (DHW) Pre-Health Honor Society. For the past three years, she has also served as a Small Group Leader for a Christian ministry called Cru. Haley has volunteered mentoring youth at the Westhaven Recreation Center with the Prince & Princess Club. Her future endeavors include attending medical school to specialize in Orthopedic Surgery.

You can nominate someone (not yourself) to be in the Spotlight. Send your nominations to Dean Antoinette Thomas ([art8u@virginia.edu](mailto:art8u@virginia.edu)) every Thursday by 12 noon.

## Quote's Corner



[Eunice Hunton Carter](#) (1899-1970), International peace and women's rights activist, political office seeker, and crime fighter, Eunice Hunton Carter was born July 16, 1899 in Atlanta. Hunton received B.A. and M.A. degrees from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1921. While writing her master's thesis at Smith College, she was introduced to then-Massachusetts Governor Calvin Coolidge, who became her trusted advisor. Following graduation in 1921, Hunton worked as a social worker. She began studying law at Fordham University and in 1934 became the first African American woman to pass the New York State Bar. Hunton entered politics in 1934 when she was nominated by the Republican Party to represent New York's 19th District in the State Assembly. The first African American to gain the Republican nomination for that office. Carter narrowly lost by 1,600 votes. In 1935, Special Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey appointed her his deputy assistant in what was to that point the largest prosecution of organized crime in U.S. history. Carter provided the essential legal strategy in convicting Charles "Lucky" Luciano, the most important Mafia crime boss in New York City by marshalling a massive assault on organized prostitution in New York City. Authorities raided 200 brothels to gain testimony against Luciano which eventually came from three sex workers. Carter served as Assistant District Attorney of New York County for ten years. In 1945, she entered private practice and connected her work with the National Council of Negro Women to international issues. She was also active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People NAACP and the National Urban League, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) and served as legal advisor to the National Council of Negro Women and field representative for the Manhattan Office of Civilian Defense. Eunice Hunton Carter died in New York City on January 25, 1970 at the age of seventy.

## Upcoming Events

### **Mindfulness Meetups**

Mondays (Now - Dec 6) – 7:00-8:00pm & Fridays (Now – Dec 3) -- 10:00 am-11:00 am

We welcome all UVA undergraduate and graduate students to join one of our Mindfulness Meetup groups co-hosted by CSC

and CAPS. Groups meet for one hour each week to learn about and practice mindfulness in a safe and supportive space. Currently, groups meet on Mondays and Fridays. New dates and times available based on student input. Learn more and [register](#)

#### **Virtual Meditation on the Lawn 2021 Fall**

Monday, October 4 – Monday, December 20 (Most Monday mornings) – 7:45 am–8:00 am (EST)

[Virtual Meditation](#) on the Lawn will be led by Leslie Hubbard, CSC's Program Director for Student Engagement and Contemplative Instruction. Learn more & [Register!](#) [Contact Email](#)

#### **BlackOak Presents: A Discussion with Black Climate Storytellers**

Monday, October 4 – 7:00 pm-8:00 pm – [Register](#)

Join us for an exciting and novel conversation with Black leaders in climate media. Our panelists are: Mary Anaise Heglar: Climate Writer & Co-Host of Hot Take, Kendra Pierre-Louis: Climate Reporter at Gimlet Media, Drew Costley: Environmental Inequality, Health and Science Reporter at AP News, Jariel Arvin: Essential Voices Fellow at Vox.com. [For More Information](#). Contact Name: [Wes Gobar](#)

#### **Designing Activities for Awareness & Connection**

Tuesday, October 5 – 1:00 pm-2:30 pm (EST) - New Cabell Hall-Language Commons

For UVA graduate students only: How can taking a contemplative pause enhance your students' engagement with course material and with one another? In this first of two in-depth workshops led by the Contemplative Sciences Center's Karolyn Kinane, instructors explore how to incorporate a contemplative pause in service of desired learning outcomes. [For more information](#) Contact Name: [Kimberly Vo](#)

#### **Virtual Meditation on the Lawn 2021 Fall**

Monday, October 11 – 7:45 am-8:00 am (ET) -- [Register](#):

The 10/11 Virtual Meditation on the Lawn will be led by the Contemplative Sciences Center's Assistant Director of Contemplative Engagement, Carrington Kernodle. Join us most Mondays. Contact Name: [Kimberly Vo](#)

#### **Careers in Community Organizing for Social Justice**

Wednesday, October 13 – 6:00 pm (EST) – [RSVP](#)

DART will hold an online info session to discuss careers in community organizing. All UVA students and alumni welcome, particularly those graduating before August 2022. DART trains professional organizers and community organizations how to work for social, economic and racial justice, including: holding police departments accountable, shutting down the school-to-prison pipeline, reining in predatory lenders, expanding access to primary health and dental care, prioritizing funding for affordable housing and job training, and fighting for immigrants' rights. DART organizations are diverse coalitions that include communities of color, low-to-moderate-income communities and immigrant communities. We strongly encourage people from these backgrounds, as well as fluent Spanish speakers and DACA recipients, to apply. To apply or learn more about DART, [visit](#) or find us on Instagram and Facebook @theDARTcenter. Still have questions? [Contact Moe](#) or (602) 510-4658.

#### **Virtual Meditation on the Lawn 2021 Fall**

Monday, October 18 – 7:45 am-8:00 am (ET) -- [Register](#)

The 10/18 Virtual Meditation on the Lawn will be led by Devin Donovan, UVA's Associate Professor and Associate Director of Writing and Rhetoric Program in the Department of English. Join us most Mondays, Learn more & Contact Name: [Kimberly Vo](#)

#### **University-Wide Majors Fair**

Monday, October 18 – 1:00 pm-4:00 pm – Newcomb Ballroom

Drop by to meet with representatives from more than 40 majors and programs! If you are not sure what you plan to major in, this will be a great place to explore your options. If you already know, then it will be a good time to meet department representatives and make sure you are on track to declare. See at [virginia.edu/majorsfair](http://virginia.edu/majorsfair) for details and the list of participating majors and programs. Hosted by the Georges Student Center. [For more information](#). Contact Name: [Katie Densberger](#)

#### **The Body Positive Team at the Women's Center Presents: Gloria Lucas, founder of Nalgona Positivity Pride**

Tuesday, October 19 – 5:30 pm-7:00 pm – [REGISTER](#)

The Body Positive Team at the Women's Center is excited to announce that we will be bringing Gloria Lucas, founder of [Nalgona Positivity Pride](#) to UVA, virtually to give a talk on Historical Trauma and Eating Disorders. For the past 30 years, eating disorders have been represented as a white, middle-class phenomenon. Due to the lack of representation of people of color and indigenous populations with troubled eating have suffered from high rates of undiagnosed conditions, inaccessible treatment, and culturally insensitive practices. In this presentation, participants will have the ability to evaluate eating disorders through a social justice lens that centers the experiences of people of color and indigenous descent people. Participants will learn about historical trauma, and the legacies of colonialism on self-esteem, body-image, and food

### **Fall 2021 UVA URNTalks Presenters**

Wednesday, October 20 – 11:59 pm (EST)

URNTalks are biweekly student-run research discussion forums organized by the Undergraduate Research Network. These forums are an opportunity for students to talk about their research while also gaining valuable experiences preparing and presenting their work. Research talks from all disciplines are encouraged! Want to be a presenter at one of the upcoming URNTalks meetings, use this link to Sign Up. [For More Information](#). Contact: [Jules Tsanang](#)

### **Flourishing While Black: Yoga & Meditation For Black Students, Breath and Body Work for Brothers**

Mondays – 7:00 pm-8:00 pm (EST) -- [Register](#)

On Zoom or in-person in McLeod Room 2010 Instructor: [Carrington Kernodle](#) [Learn more](#) Contact: [Kimberly Vo](#)

This Contemplative Sciences Center program is designed to provide a variety of accessible, beneficial, and sustainable classes and resources to promote flourishing among the Black student body at the University of Virginia. We recognize that the experiences of Black students are unique from the larger student body and deserve consciously curated programs that appropriately address their needs and facilitate safe spaces for bettering their well-being and collegiate career paths.

### **One-On-One Office Hours Sign-Up**

Tuesdays – 9:00 am-11:30 am EST & Wednesdays – 1:00 pm-3:30 pm EST with [Ryan Sherman, Academic Coordinator](#) / Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9 AM - 12 PM EST with [Jessica Livingston, Direction of Student Affairs](#)

Meet with us to discuss our majors and get specific questions answered about transfer credits, academic requirements, recommended courses and more

### **Peer Financial Counseling Available!**

Tuesday-Thursday – 1:00 pm-5:00 pm – Georges Student Center Room 245

Peer Financial Counseling offers all UVA students one-on-one help from trained peer counselors on a variety of topics including budgeting, student loans, personal credit, basic investing, and more. Our counselors understand the stresses that come with being a college student and want to help you better manage those factors while in school. [Write to us](#) at to schedule an appointment! [For More Information!](#) Contact Name: [Dustin Ciraco](#)

### **Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry Series**

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday – 4:00 pm – Clemons Library Room 204

We will have a workshop to support undergraduate research and creative inquiry. Every first Wednesday is a session entitled, 'Getting Started in research and creative inquiry.' [Schedule:](#) (full schedule to be posted by September)

### **Santosha for Sisters**

Wednesdays – 7:00 pm-8:00pm (ET) -- [Register](#)

On Zoom or in-person in McLeod Room 2010 Instructor: [Carrington Kernodle](#) [Learn more](#) Contact Name: [Kimberly Vo](#)

### **Yoga Book Club: Bhagavad Gita**

Fridays through the fall – 9:00 am-10:00 am (ET)

Join the Contemplative Sciences Center's (CSC) all-level discussion of the Bhagavad Gita, an ancient Indian text covering the underlying philosophy of classical yoga practices. No prior experience with the text is required. You may drop in on any session. Discussions, led by CSC's John Bultman, will be held most Fridays through the fall, 9:00-10:00am (ET). They are free and open to the public. Learn more and register <https://bit.ly/BhagavadFridays>. [for more information](#). Contact Name: [Kimberly Vo](#)

### **Connect with the School of Education and Human Development (EHD) – Zoom and In Person Opportunities!**

EHD offers majors that lead to careers in teaching, public health, speech pathology and audiology, research, education policy and more. Connect with us by [signing up for our mailing list](#) or attend one of the upcoming events.



## Walking Tour Sign Up

Open to current students, prospective students and families – get a tour of our buildings and meet with one of our [EHD Student Ambassadors](#)! [Sign Up Here!](#)

# Opportunities with Deadlines

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## Muslim Institute for Leadership and Empowerment – Apply for the MILE 2021-22 Cohort!

**Application Due: Sunday, October 31 by 11:59 pm**

The application for the MILE 2021 - 2022 cohort is now open! MILE is a semester long program in the spring semester that empowers Muslim students to become socially-aware, engaged and active leaders within the University and beyond! If you're interested in getting involved, [fill out this application form](#). Make sure to come to our interest meetings: 1) 10/7 5-6pm, Multicultural Student Center (MSC) in Newcomb Hall, 2) 10/14 7-8pm Zoom ID: 993 4452 4355 Passcode: MILE2022, and 3) 10/20 8-9pm, Clark 107. If you have any questions, please Contact [Rawan Osman](#). [For More Information](#)

### Associate Community Organizer

**Positions begins: Monday, January 10, Monday, May 9, and Monday, August 8, 2022**

Starting salary \$40,500/year + benefits. Positions open in: Florida: Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Manatee County, Miami, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Tampa; Kansas: Lawrence, Wyandotte County, Johnson County; Kentucky: Lexington; South Carolina: Charleston, Columbia; Virginia: Charlottesville, Richmond; Lead Community Organizer / Executive Director positions begin Fall 2021 in: Florida: Brevard County, Sarasota; Kansas: Wyandotte County. DART organizations are diverse coalitions that include communities of color, low-to-moderate-income communities and immigrant communities. We strongly encourage people from these backgrounds, as well as fluent Spanish speakers and DACA recipients, to apply. To apply or learn more about DART, [visit](#) or find us on Instagram and Facebook @theDARTcenter. Still have questions? [Contact Moe](#) or (602) 510-4658.

### Ridley Scholarship Fund Awards Available to Non-Ridley Students Available

Ridley scholarships that extend beyond current scholars: <https://aig.alumni.virginia.edu/ridley/about/ridley-scholarships/>

### Ravenell “Ricky” Keller III Memorial Fund

**Deadline for Spring 2022: Monday, November 15, 2021**

[The Ravenell \(Ricky\) Keller III Scholarship Award](#) was established to perpetuate the memory of Ravenell “Ricky” Keller. Ricky was a 1985 Honors graduate of the College, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the IMP Society of Leaders, the University Guide Service and the Board of Trustees for the Class of 1985. Upon his passing, it became known that he was also a member of the Seven Society. Ricky participated in the First Years Seminars program and received the First Year Academic Achievement Award, the Afro-American Scholars Award, the Fraternity Leadership Achievement Award, and the John Kenneth Crispell Memorial Award. He participated in the Study Abroad Program, which afforded him the opportunity to study at the London School of Economics. The Keller Scholarship is available to all African-American UVA students who qualify. Students are eligible to receive a one-time grant to supplement a study abroad experience during a semester, summer or J-term.

### National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)

Students have the opportunity to embark on a fully funded wilderness expedition, and leadership training through the NOLS Gateway partnership. Since its founding in 1965, the National Outdoor Leadership School has aimed to provide the environment and training necessary to help participants discover their full leadership potential. Through the NOLS Gateway partnership, the organization has had the opportunity to collaborate with organizations across the country to award full-tuition scholarships to exceptional youth who would otherwise not have access to NOLS expeditions. Each summer, up to 150 youth from up to 50 official partner organizations expand their leadership and wilderness skills at one of NOLS' seven domestic operating locations. Thousands of Gateway Partner Program graduates are now leading others in industries from conservation to software development.

### Ridley-Sabato Capitol Hill Internship Stipend (Not Yet Awarded)

At least one student will be provided with a \$5000 stipend as they pursue experiential learning in the fields of politics, government, and public service. The intent of this stipend is to relieve some of the financial burden associated with the acceptance of a political or governmental internship, and as such, recipients may use it to cover housing, transportation, food and business clothing expenses associated with said internships.

### **Richmond Ridley Clarence Cain Endowed Fund**

The Ridley Club of Richmond, Virginia sponsors a full tuition-and-fees award for an exceptional African-American student from the Richmond, Virginia area. This scholarship has been the result of the collective efforts of Richmond area alumni and businesses, and will provide four years of financial support for one of the Richmond area's best scholars. Richmond area alumni continue to raise funds toward this geographic scholarship – the first of its kind for the Ridley Fund – and encourage others to support this effort.

### **Michael Russell Engineering Scholarship**

In 2007, School of Engineering and Applied Science alum Michael Russell of Atlanta, GA established a scholarship fund for African-Americans pursuing a degree in the School of Engineering and Applied Science at UVA. They are expected to possess the leadership and scholarship qualities that typify all Ridley Scholars.

### **The Gregory Ledford Endowed Fund**

In 2007, McIntire School of Commerce graduate Gregory Ledford established the Gregory Ledford Endowed Scholarship to benefit a rising third year African-American Commerce School student. This scholarship provides full tuition-and-fees for two years for an African-American student who has been admitted to the School of Commerce. Preference is given for students concentrating in Finance. The chosen scholar must have a high grade point average and must demonstrate involvement in University, community or other individual extracurricular pursuits.

### **The Sylvia V. Terry Scholarship**

Named for legendary OAAA Dean Sylvia Terry, the Terry Scholarship recognizes the scholastic and community achievements of Black or African-American students at UVA. The scholarship provides two years of full tuition-and-fees support for the recipient. Ideal applicants are rising Third Year students with strong grades, leadership activities, and community service. Because of Dean Terry's pivotal role in creating the Peer Advisor Program, preference is given to academically strong candidates with significant experience as mentors.

### **The Dr. Derek E. Brown Scholarship**

The Dr. Derek E. Brown Scholarship was created to remember Dr. Brown's dream of helping African-American male students seeking admission to medical or dental school. This award is designed to help qualified male students defray the high cost of applying to medical or dental school. Ridley is currently in the process of restructuring this award to benefit recent UVA graduates.

### **The Paige Pre-Medical Fund**

This scholarship is designed to help pre-med students defray the high cost of applying to medical school. The applicant must be a fourth-year African American student at the University of Virginia who has taken all pre-medical requirements and the MCAT. Applicants must be planning to enter medical school immediately after graduating. One winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship (non-renewable), which they may use to pay for medical school application fees and interview expenses.

### **Annetta Thompson Fund**

Family and friends honored the life of the first full-time administrator for the Walter N. Ridley Scholarship Fund by establishing this fund in 1999. The Annetta Thompson Scholarship is awarded to a deserving 4th-year Ridley scholar who exemplifies Annetta Thompson's commitment to education. Annetta Thompson received her bachelor's degree in education from UVA in 1973. She valued the role of education and the importance of creating opportunities for young people pursuing an education. Annetta's hard work and diligence during her tenure as the fund administrator contributed to the tremendous growth and success of the Ridley Fund.

## **This Week in Black History**





**Did you know? [Yvonne Brathwaite Burke](#) became the first black Congresswomen from California in October 5, 1932** – Apart of her great accomplishments, she was the first African American woman elected to the California Assembly and later in 1972 served as the Vice Chairman at the Democratic National Convention on the platform committee. From Los Angeles, California, she earned her BA in political science in 1953 and shortly after became one of the first black women to be admitted to the University of Southern California's school of law in 1956. Due to discrimination toward African American women in law firms and their refusal to hire her, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke created her own private practice which focused on civil, probate, and real estate law. Despite the obstacles she had to encounter her efforts were not in vain. In 1966 she was elected to the California state of Assembly representing the 63rd district of Los Angeles. She was personally appointed on March 29, 2012, to serve on the Amtrack Board of Directors by President Barack Obama. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke during her exceptional life was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and has a daughter, Autumn Burke. They became the first mother-and-daughter to both serve in the California Assembly.



**Did you know?** [On October 9, 2009, President Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.](#) With this award, he became the third African American in history to win the award after the honorable Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph Bunche. President Obama was awarded for his “extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples.” Because of his efforts, the United States has taken a more serious role dealing with international climate issues the world is facing, as well, strengthening democracy and human rights. The Norwegian Nobel Committee acknowledged President Obama during his presidency as the world’s leading spokesperson for international policies stating during his speech “Furthermore, America cannot insist that others follow the rules of the road if we refuse to follow them ourselves. For when we don’t, our action can appear arbitrary and undercut the legitimacy of future intervention no matter how justified.” Throughout his speech, President Obama continued to express his views on international diplomacy describing his take between war and peace.