

# OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

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**December 7, 2021**

## Special Announcement

**Blue Books are Available in the Office!**  
Stop by the front desk and ask Ms. Carter if you need one!

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**OAAA Trivia Tuesday Answer for Tuesday, November 30**

**14 years**

**OAAA Trivia Tuesday Winners for Tuesday, November 30**

**Holly Battist**

**Shailyn Washington**

**Joy Cuffee**

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The Office of African-American Affairs (OAAA) is on [FACEBOOK!](#)  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Fall 2021 Academic Calendar**

**Tuesday, December 7:**  
Courses end

**Wednesday, December 8:**  
Reading Day

**Thursday, December 9 - Friday, December 17:**  
Examinations ([Go to Exam Schedule](#))

**Sunday, December 12 - Wednesday, December 15:**  
Reading Days

**Friday, December 17:**  
Fall degrees conferred (no ceremony)

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## OAAA Announcements & Services

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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

*"I was worth \$1,800. For one to run away meant a loss of that much money, and anyone who aided me was a thief, worse than a thief, because he was an enemy to the institution of slavery. So the hand of the law, the anger of the people, and the consolidated fear of the south were all in a hot cry after anyone who*

*helped to break down their institutions.” John P. Parker*

## Student Spotlight



### Sabrin Mohammednur

Sabrin is a 4th year student from Bethesda, Maryland double majoring in Public Policy & Leadership through the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Global Development Studies through the College of Arts & Sciences. She is currently a Resident Advisor (RA) for Copeley dorms, co-founder and Vice-President of Black Muslims @ UVA, Activities Coordinator for the Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association and head choreographer for their dance team. She is also a member of The IMP Society. Sabrin has been a student worker at the Office of American Affairs since her second-year and she is an active member of the OAAA Peer Advisor Program. Sabrin is currently doing research for Dr. Brian Williams in the Public Engagement in Governance Looking, Listening, and Learning Laboratory (PEGLLLLAB). After graduation, Sabrin is interested in pursuing a career in international development.

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



[John P. Parker](#) (1827 – January 30, 1900) was an American abolitionist, inventor, iron moulder and industrialist. Parker, helped hundreds of slaves to freedom in the Underground Railroad resistance movement based in Ripley, Ohio for nearly fifteen years. Parker was born in Norfolk, Virginia 1827. He was the son of a slave mother and white father. At the age of eight John was forced to walk to Richmond, where he was sold at the slave market to a physician from Mobile, Alabama. While working at the doctor's house as a domestic servant, John was taught to read and write by the doctor's family, although the law forbade slaves being educated. He asked one of the doctor's patients, a widow, to purchase him. After taking title to him, she allowed him to hire out to earn money, and he purchased his freedom from her for \$1,800 in 1845. In Ripley, Parker joined the resistance movement, known as the Underground Railroad, whose members aided slaves escaping across the river from Kentucky to get further North to freedom; some chose to go to Canada. He guided hundreds of slaves along their way, continuing despite a \$1,000 bounty placed on his head by slaveholders. The federal Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 increased the penalties for such activism. Parker risked his own freedom every time he went to Kentucky to help slaves to escape. During the Civil War, he recruited a few hundred slaves for the Union Army. Parker developed and patented a number of mechanical and industrial inventions, including the John P. Parker tobacco press and harrow (or pulverizer), patented in 1884 and 1885. Parker was one of the few blacks to patent an invention before 1900. His autobiography, a slave narrative, was published in 1996 as *His Promised Land: The Autobiography of*

John P. Parker, Former Slave and Conductor on the Underground Railroad. He married Miranda Boulden in 1848. They had six children together. They censured that all their children were educated. Two generations from slavery, all six went to college and entered the middle class. The John P. Parker House was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1997 by the U.S. Department of the Interior. John P. Parker School, in Cincinnati, Ohio is named after him.

## Upcoming Events

### 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](#)

### 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!](#)

### UVA Mutual Aid Free Store

Donate Today!

UVA Mutual Aid has created a radical community of care at UVA since it's inception in March of 2020. As we implement our broader goals for Mutual Aid at UVA, the next step in our journey is to create a free store with resources. The free store will include clothes, healthcare products and more for all university students and workers. Follow us for updates and to join us in galvanizing change towards an equitable UVA. Please donate and share today! [For more information.](#) Contact Name: [Sarandon Elliott](#)

## Opportunities with Deadlines

### Internship Opportunity for 3rd year students

White Oak Healthcare Finance, a private credit fund is looking for third year summer interns for this summer. If interested, [here](#) is a link to the posting. Contact: [Charlie Ratliff](#)

### 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/>

## This Week in Black History



**Did you know?** December 5, 1955 – On this day in history, the historic [Montgomery bus boycott](#) began and was led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. after being elected as president of the boycott organization. Elected vice-presidents were Asa Philip Randolph and Willard S. Townsend in a mass meeting in the Holt Street Baptist Church. The boycott was a political and social protest fighting against racial segregation. The boycott was officially called four days after Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white passenger. This lasted for over a year ending on December 20, 1956.



**Did you know?** December 10, 1950 – [Ralph Joseph Bunche](#) became the first African American to receive the Nobel Peace Prize on this day in history. Bunch was honored for his efforts toward peace mediation during the first Arab-Israeli war. Born in Detroit, he began working in the U.S. diplomacy field at the State Department and Office of Strategic Services a few years later. After the U.N.'s mediation division chief passed away, Bunche stepped in and took the lead. Bunche received his award in Norway, Oslo.