

# OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

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## September 25, 2017

### Special Announcement

Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register to vote in the VA gubernatorial election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Pick up a voter registration form at the front desk of OAAA or visit <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/index.html> for details.

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

#### Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, September 30 through Tuesday, October 3 – Reading Days (no classes)

Thursday, October 5 - Saturday, October 7 – UVA [Cornerstone Bicentennial Weekend](#)

Tuesday, October 17 - Last Day to Withdraw from a Class (Use SIS)

Friday, November 3 – Sunday, November 5 – [Family Weekend](#)

Monday, November 6 - Friday, December 15 - Students Apply in SIS for May 2018 Graduation

Tuesday, November 14 - Last Day to Withdraw from the University & Return for Spring 2018

Wednesday November 22 – Sunday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Recess

Monday, November 27 - Classes Resume

Tuesday, December 5 - Classes End

Wednesday, December 6 - Reading Day

Thursday, December 7 - Friday, December 15 - Course Examinations

Sunday, December 10 & Wednesday, December 13 - Reading Days

## OAAA Announcements & Services

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### OAAA-GradSTAR: 'Building Your Personal Brand' Fall Seminar Series

[Application now on line](#) – Deadline Friday, September 29 by 5:00 pm

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25 – 6:00 -7:30 pm; Recognition Dinner: Wednesday, November 1  
Open to all classes, this 5-part series is designed to prepare you for upcoming interview, internship & job fair opportunities. **GREAT for 1st years** – and open to all classes. For details, visit [here](#) or contact Dean Grimes ([pgrimes@virginia.edu](mailto:pgrimes@virginia.edu))

### Black Friday - FRIDAYS 1:30 pm

LPJ Cultural Center #2 Dawson's Row

Come join us for food & fellowship!

### “Raising-the-Bar 4.0” Study & Tutoring Sessions- Fall Semester

Monday through Thursday nights

5:00– 8:00 pm LPJ Black Cultural Center (study with OAAA Peer Advisors)

WEB DuBois Conference Room (small group tutoring):

Monday–TBA; Tuesday–Calculus (OAAA grad tutor); Wednesday–TBA; Thursday – Calculus & Quiet Study

For details, see Raising-the-Bar Coordinator: Destini Walker (<mailto:dw2uy@virginia.edu>)

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

### OAAA Calculus Tutoring

Tuesdays 4:00–7:00 pm & Thursdays 4:00–6:00 pm - WEB DuBois Conference Room & and by appointment: Email: [ste3an@virginia.edu](mailto:ste3an@virginia.edu)

### OAAA Statistics Tutoring (through the Black Commerce Student Network-BCSN)

Mondays 5:00-7:00 pm – Rouse Robertson 140. Email: [cwest@virginia.edu](mailto:cwest@virginia.edu)

## Quote of the Week

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**“I consider myself a crayon...I might not be your favorite color, but one day you’re going to need me to complete your picture.” – Lauryn Hill**

## Student Spotlight



Briana Woody is a Third year student from Richmond, Virginia, majoring in Public Policy & Leadership in the Frank Batten School, while also pursuing a minor in Government from the college. She is passionate about learning how to use policy to break the socioeconomic and racial barriers that maintain systems of inequality in the USA. Briana contributes to the UVA and Charlottesville communities in many different ways. She is a Ridley and Echols scholar, the Executive Coordinator of the Sisterly Love Mentoring Program, an Orientation Leader for the Office of African-American Affairs Peer Advisor Program, a member of the Special Events and Leadership & Development Committees for the Black Student Alliance, and a University Guide. She also works as a Programs and Councils Assistant for the Office of the Dean of Students. In summer 2017, Briana interned with the Virginia Department of Health Professions in Henrico, VA. In that role, she engaged with the agency’s legal sector, working alongside lawyers and administrative professionals to uphold standards of healthcare in Virginia. Upon graduating in 2019, she plans to attend law school.

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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 (<mailto:pgrimes@virginia.edu>) every Thursday by 12 noon.

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## Quote's Corner



[Lauryn Noelle Hill](#) (born May 26, 1975) is an American singer, songwriter, rapper, record producer, and actress. She is best known for being a member of the Fugees and for her critically acclaimed solo studio album, *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*, which won numerous awards and broke several sales records. At the 41st Grammy Awards, the record earned her five awards, including Album of the Year and Best New Artist. Raised in South Orange, New Jersey, Hill began singing with her music-oriented family during her childhood. She enjoyed success as an actress at an early age, appearing in a recurring role on the television soap opera *As the World Turns* and starring in the 1993 film, *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*. In the early 2000s, Hill dropped out of the public eye, dissatisfied with the music industry and suffering with the pressures of fame. Hill has six children, five of whom with Rohan Marley, son of reggae music legend Bob Marley.

## Upcoming Events

### Private Spaces Photography Exhibition by Yolonda Cole Jones

NOW through mid-October – 12:00-6:00 pm - Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 233 4th Street, NW, 22903

Yolonda Coles Jones is a local creative professional and self-taught published documentary-style portrait photographer. Her images are characteristically story-telling, in-the-moment, sensitive and soulful. Visit during regular Center hours.

### RAÍCES Week 2017: Somos Suficiente (We Are Enough)

Sunday, September 24 – Saturday, September 30

Please join the AdmiRable [Alpha Rho Chapter of Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority Inc.](#) for a week of fulfilling and pertinent events surrounded around the theme Somos Suficiente (We Are Enough)! We are celebrating our annual RAÍCES Week, which is a week of events held by our sorority nation-wide and dedicated to a specific theme related to who we are as a network of diverse

woman leaders. We'll explore issues facing woman and demonstrate how to aid other for wholeness and happiness. For questions, contact any Hermana or email Leila Villacorta at [SLU.AlphaRho@gmail.com](mailto:SLU.AlphaRho@gmail.com)

### **Truman Scholarship Session**

Monday, September 25 - 4:00 pm - Rotunda Multipurpose Room.

This session is the best way to learn about the award and the process for applying. Are you a dynamic leader? An activist dedicated to positive change? Committed to public service? You should probably be considering the Truman Scholarship, which provides \$30,000 toward graduate school and access to a group of incredible leaders. Come even if you aren't sure about attending graduate school; you apply as a Third year. Website: <http://www.truman.gov/>. **UVa Internal Deadline: November 14, 2017.** [For more information](#)

### **Christopher Freeburg to Present, "Returning to the Slave's Song"**

Tuesday, September 26 - 4:30 pm (Reception to follow) - 110 Minor Hall

Christopher Freeburg (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) Author of Black Aesthetics and the Interior Life (UVA Press, 2017) presents "Returning to the Slave's Song." [For more information](#) [Marlene L. Daut](#)

### **Housing Resource Fair**

Tuesday, September 26 & Wednesday, September 27 - 5:30-7:00 pm - Alumni Hall

Students are encouraged to attend one of the sessions to be better informed about this important decision. You will continue to receive information throughout the fall semester about the on-Grounds housing process for 2018-2019. [For more information.](#)

### **2017 Graduate and Professional School Fair**

Wednesday, September 27 - 12:00-3:00 pm - Newcomb Hall, 3rd Floor

The UVA Graduate & Professional School Fair includes graduate and professional schools from across the world who will be on Grounds to recruit UVA students for their top-notch programs. All UVA students of all majors are encouraged to attend to learn more about program opportunities, details, and requirements. For more information <mailto:Jasmine.Jackson.jj4nf@virginia.edu>

### **Excellence Through Diversity Distinguished Learning Series: Ronald Sullivan. JD.**

Wednesday, September 27 - 6:00 pm - Caplin Pavilion UVA School of Law

UVA Engineering welcomes [Ronald Sullivan as part of the Excellence Through Diversity Distinguished Learning Series](#). Professor Sullivan is a leading theorist in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, trial practice and techniques, legal ethics, and race theory. He is the faculty director of the Harvard Criminal Justice Institute and the Harvard Trial Advocacy Workshop. Sullivan is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College and the Harvard Law School, where he served as President of the Harvard Black Law Students Association, and General Editor of the Harvard Black Letter Law Journal.

May require tickets or registration, check out the [Facebook event page](#) (Ronald Sullivan - Excellence Through Diversity Series) Contact Email: <mailto:tmp2bf@virginia.edu>

### **Project Rise: Reorientation with Dean Mason**

Every 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:45 pm – WEB DuBois Center Conference Room

Reorientation is a social support focused on providing African-American Fourth year students with a space to discuss the stresses and anxieties surrounding graduation and transition from college to “the Real World.” RSVP via email @ [drhoo@virginia.edu](mailto:drhoo@virginia.edu)

### **NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet**

Friday, September 29 – 7:00 pm - Charlottesville Doubletree Hotel, 990 Hilton Heights Road 22901

This annual fundraiser event of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will feature live musical entertainment, a keynote speaker, a silent auction and dinner. Recipients of the Virginia Banks Carrington Award and local scholarship winners will also be featured. [For more information.](#)

### **National Society of Black Engineers: FREE Rotunda Dinner**

Thursday, October 12 - 5:30-7:00 pm - Rotunda Dome Room

Come speak with Black UVA alumni and employers over dinner in the Rotunda Dome Room. Student CIOs Black Commerce Student Network, Black Student Research Network, Daniel Hale Williams Pre-Health Society, and the Undergraduate-Black Law Students Association will be co-sponsoring, and many of their alumni will be present. This is a great chance to meet successful Black professionals and see the intersectionality between engineering, commerce, medicine, law, and research! [RSVP!](#) Kayla Holston

### **Career Day**

Friday, October 13 - 1:00-2:30 pm - Claude Moore Health Science Library

This annual event will expose middle schoolers (7th and 8th) to fields from various professions and graduate circles. For this event, individuals (2 from each program) will bring a presentation item (can be poster, PowerPoint, or art piece, etc.) to give children a better understanding and appreciation of the working field in which they have interest. The ultimate goal: to showcase careers and dare middle school students to dream big. [For more information.](#) [Franck Azobou](#)

## **2017 Fall Job and Internship Fair**

Wednesday, October 25 & Thursday, October 26 - 10:00 am-3:00 pm - Newcomb Hall (Student Center)

Recruiters from over 100 corporations, non-profit organizations, and government agencies come to UVA each year to meet students from all majors seeking full-time employment or internship experience. Don't miss this opportunity to meet employers in person, learn about different organizations and positions, and talk with them about your experiences! There are different recruiters on each day, so check the Career Services website for more details.

## **Fall 2017 Curry Info Sessions**

Thursday, November 2 - 7:00-8:00 pm - Bavaro Hall: Holloway Hall

Wednesday, November 8 - 3:30-4:40 pm\* - Library Data Commons, Ruffner 3rd Floor

Thursday, November 16 - 6:00-7:00 pm - Bavaro Hall: Holloway Hall

Join the Curry Community and multiply your impact! Hear from students, faculty and staff about what you will learn in the classroom, what type of hands on experience you will get and what you will do after graduation. We will also review the application process and important deadlines. Sessions will provide information on Kinesiology, Speech Communication Disorders, Youth & Social Innovation, and Teacher Education. (Sessions marked \* will have a faculty Q&A panel.)

## **Housing Fair for both on-Grounds and off-Grounds**

Friday, November 3 - 11:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. - Newcomb Hall

If you plan to attend Family Weekend in early November, parents and students have an opportunity to talk with staff in the upper class housing areas on Grounds and with representatives from several off-Grounds properties in the area. In addition, the [Housing](#) website offers a range of information and resources about on-Grounds housing for returning undergraduates, with contact information to answer questions.

## Opportunities with Deadlines

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### Sign Up for Dialogue on Race Saturday Study Circles

Sign up Deadline: September 30 - 1:00-4:00 pm – Jefferson School Heritage Center

Be a part of a community initiative to translate dialogue into action. The Study Circles will meet once a month for 3 hours from September through November; reading materials will accompany the curriculum. To sign up, go to the [Facebook event](#) page and please fill out the application, which can be dropped off/mailed to the Office of Human Rights 106 5TH St. NE OR email the application to To learn more about the Dialogue on Race, visit [the website](#), look at the [Facebook event](#) page, or call (434) 970-3023

### Churchill Scholarship

Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 7 by 5:00 pm

This scholarship funds a year of research at Cambridge University, where a student can also earn a graduate degree. Fourth years (or those within 12 months of graduation) are eligible to apply. For details [visit](#).

### Call for Abstracts: Diversifying Scholarship at UVA Conference

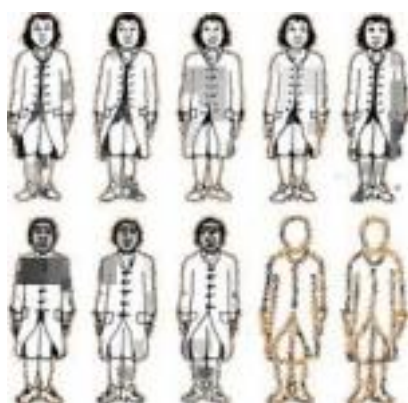
Abstracts are now being accepted for the Diversifying Scholarship at UVA to be held on November 10, 9:00am–5:30 pm. This event will highlight the diverse work being done across Grounds in the arts, social & physical sciences, humanities, education and beyond. The event is free and open to the public. Lunch is provided for all who register in advance. To register, visit <http://www.diversifyingscholarship.virginia.edu/>

### Learning In Action Public Service at UVA

[The Learning in Actions](#) the front door to public service at the University of Virginia, designed to connect students, faculty, and community partners to social entrepreneurship, community engagement, and co-curricular service opportunities. The initiative is a product of a multi-year collaborative process among students, faculty, staff, and community members. It lists events, opportunities, and organizations involved with service and community-based research, as well as resources that direct users to specific programs and offices based on individual interest. Community members and agencies also can post events and opportunities to the website and access all of its resources. Currently, the Community Service Committee of Student Council and Student Affairs Community Engagement are responsible for



## This Week in Black History



**The Three-Fifths Compromise was reached between delegates from southern states and northern states, during the September 1787 United States Constitutional Convention.** The debate was over whether, and if so, how, enslaved people would be counted when determining a state's total population for legislative representation and taxing purposes. The issue was important, as this population number would then be used to determine the number of seats that each state would have in the United States House of Representatives for the next ten years. The compromise was proposed by delegates James Wilson and Roger Sherman and is found in Article 1, Section 2, Paragraph 3, of the United States Constitution, which reads: *"Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons."* The three-fifths ratio originated with a 1783 amendment proposed for the Articles of Confederation.



**On Sept. 28, 1991, trumpeter and composer Miles Davis died of pneumonia, respiratory failure and a stroke at age 65. Davis for years defined "cool."** Born in 1926, in East St. Louis, IL (where his father was a dentist), Davis received his first trumpet at age 13. The young prodigy deeply admired jazz legends Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Billy Eckstine and others. He reportedly was accepted for admission to the prestigious Juilliard School in 1944, in the hopes that he could one day play with his musical idols in New York City. He accomplished that goal within a year of getting to NYC, then dropped out of school. In 1947, the Miles Davis All-Stars debuted on the Savoy record label. Davis developed his craft during the be-bop era of music and also helped define other styles, from cool jazz to jazz-funk. He also discovered jazz greats

Sonny Rollins and Percy Heath. In 1996, he was inducted as a performer into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



**Entrepreneur Jesse B. Blayton Sr. started the first Black-owned radio station, WERD in Atlanta, GA, on Oct. 3, 1949.** When Blayton bought the 1,000-watt radio station, he hired his son Jesse Jr., as station manager. From sunrise to sunset, it featured a mix of musical genres, from gospel to rhythm and blues. "Jockey Jack" Gibson, one of the nation's most famous Black radio announcers, worked at WERD in its early days. The station's success enabled Blayton to buy a second station, KREL, in the Houston radio market. Earlier in his career, he became Georgia's first African-American certified public accountant in 1928. Prior to that, he and a group of African-American businessmen founded the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association, for which he served as president. He also taught at Atlanta University.