

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

October 9, 2017

Special Announcement

Monday, October 16 is the last day to register to vote in the VA gubernational election on Tuesday, November 7. 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

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

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 & quiet study):

Monday–open; Tuesday–Calculus (OAAA grad tutor); Wednesday–open; 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

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

Mondays 5:00-7:00 pm – Rouse Robertson 140. Email: cwest@virginia.edu

Quote of the Week

"The first step of solving any problem is not to hide from it. The first step to any form of action is awareness." - Mellody Hobson

Student Spotlight



Kendall Jordan is a Fourth year from Richmond, Virginia, majoring in Psychology and Spanish. At UVA, he is an OAAA Peer Advisor and is the current president of the Iota Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. With the Alphas, he has led the chapter in mentoring efforts at Clark Elementary School in Charlottesville, and also participated in mentoring high school black males with the Collegiate 100 Society (C100). Kendall has modeled for the CRAVE (Creative, Raw, and Very Edgy) Fashion show, which annually donates proceeds to the Boys' and Girls' Club. After graduation, Kendall would like to start a big non-profit organization to impact youth, because he believes that such organizations (like the YMCA) have made a huge impact on his life through sports, counseling and volunteering.

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) every Thursday by 12 noon.

Quote's Corner



Mellody Hobson, born April 3, 1969 in [Chicago, Illinois](#), is an American financial expert, investment authority, and businesswoman. In 2017, she became the first African-American woman to head The Economic Club of Chicago. Currently, she is the president of Chicago-based Ariel Investments and the Chair of the Board of Directors of DreamWorks Animation. She attended [Princeton University](#), graduating in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton's [Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs](#). In addition, Hobson is a regular contributor on financial issues on CBS This Morning and a spokesperson for the annual Ariel/Schwab Black Investor Survey. Hobson is married to film director and producer George Lucas, and they have one daughter, Everest Hobson Lucas.

Upcoming Events

Private Spaces Photography Exhibition by Yolonda Cole Jones

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 current work on display includes are characteristically story-telling, in-the-moment, sensitive and soulful. Visit during regular JSAAH Center hours.

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

Excellence through Diversity Distinguished Learning Series

Tuesday October 10 – 6:00-7:30 pm - Old Cabell Hall

Dr. Francis Collins, a 1970 UVA alumnus and current director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will speak. Prior to being appointed head of the NIH in 2009, he led the international Human Genome Project.

A Reading by Poet Joshua Bennett

Tuesday October 10 - 7:30 pm - Bryan Hall 229

Bennett is the winner of the 2015 National Poetry Series Prize for The Sobbing School. Sponsored by the Black Student Alliance, the English Department, and the Carter G. Woodson Institute.

Harrison Undergraduate Research Award Information Session

Wednesday, October 11 - 4:00-5:00 pm - Rotunda Room 121

Looking for funding for a research project? The Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards program funds outstanding undergraduate research projects to be carried out this summer and next academic year. Approximately forty awards of up to \$4,000 each will be granted on a competitive basis. Come to this session to learn more about this wonderful opportunity and hear from previous recipients!

Center for Global Health (CGH) Research Advising Center

Every Wednesday, October 11-November 15 – 5:00-7:00 pm - CGH on the UVA Corner

Join these sessions to learn about research opportunities and the incredible partners working with CGH in South Africa, Guatemala, Rwanda, and the USA.

Careers in Community Organizing for Social Justice

Thursday, October 12 – 5:00 pm - Minor Hall 130

Josh Scott, a UVA alum and community organizer with The Direct Action & Research Training (DART) Center, will be on Grounds to discuss careers in community organizing. UVA students and alumni interested in uniting congregations and working for social, economic and racial justice should attend. RSVP at www.thedartcenter.org/UVA Click to find out more about [DART](#) or to apply. Still have questions? Contact Hannah Wittmer at <mailto:hannah@thedartcenter.org> or (202) 841-0353.

National Society of Black Engineers: FREE Rotunda Dinner

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

Come and speak with Black UVA alumni and employers over dinner in the Rotunda Dome Room. Members of Student CIOS including the Black Commerce Student Network, Black Student Research Network, Daniel Hale Williams Pre-Health Society, and the Undergraduate-Black Law Students Association are co-sponsoring this event, 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!](#) To Kayla Holston

Lecture: Democracy in Chains with Nancy MacLean

Thursday, October 12 – 7:00 pm – Clark Hall

Prof. MacLean is the William H. Chafe Professor of History and Public Policy at Duke University and will discuss her new book, *Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America*. Event is co-sponsored by the Departments of History and African-American & African Studies.

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](#)

Jefferson Public Citizens Program Information Sessions

Thursday, October 12 – 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Special Collections library, Byrd Morris Room

Friday, October 13 - 4:00 pm -5:00 pm - Rotunda Room 121

Have an idea for a community-based research project? Come to this session to learn more about the [Jefferson Public Citizens \(JPC\) Program](#) and hear from previous recipients. JPC provides funding for students to design hands-on research projects in collaboration with community partners and faculty mentors.

OAAA Peer Advisor Program Information Sessions

Monday, October 16 - 6:00 pm - New Cabell Hall Rm 232

Tuesday, October 17 - 6:30 pm - New Cabell Hall Rm 232

Monday, October 23 - 6:00 pm - New Cabell Hall Rm 232

Come learn about the award-winning Peer Advisor Program and how you can apply to be a part of this tradition in 2018-2019! For more information, contact OAAA Associate Dean Kimberley Bassett (kcb6j@virginia.edu).

2017 Center for Global Health Research Symposium

Thursday, October 19 - 5:30 pm - Clark Hall

Join us to learn about research funding, talk to faculty mentors, and hear an incredible keynote speaker! Kojo Sarpong is co-founder of the [African Research Academies for Women Inc.](#) which works to expand research and mentorship opportunities to more than 100 young undergraduate women scientists and 500 high school girls in Ghana, Nigeria, and beyond.

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 who are 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 School of Education 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 am & 4:00 pm - 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.

For information on other upcoming events in the Charlottesville community, visit the University and Community Action for Racial Equality (UCARE) Newsletter and Facebook page: <http://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=edd9fe79282e5d0d8a4b6479f&id=cddcfc0f3f>

Opportunities with Deadlines

Call for Abstracts: Diversifying Scholarship at UVA Conference

Friday, November 10 - 9:00 am-5:30 pm - Bavaro Hall

Abstracts are now being accepted for the Diversifying Scholarship at UVA Conference to be held on

Friday, November 10th. 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 [diversifyingscholarship](#)

William & Mary's Law Day on November 4

RSVP by Friday, October 13 to <https://tinyurl.com/blsalawday>

The Black Law Students' Association at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA, invites pre-law students of color to get a glimpse of the study of law, the life of a law student, and the law school admissions process. The weekend will kick off with a social hour on Friday night, and a full Saturday program with the Dean of Admissions, faculty, staff and members of the W & M Black Law Students' Association. Students traveling from afar may stay overnight with a current law student. For questions, email wmlawday@gmail.com

Commemorate the African American Military Experience

Deadline to Submit Application to Present: October 15

Friday, November 10 - 9:30 am-4:00 pm- Jefferson School African American Heritage Center

233 4th Street, NW, Charlottesville, VA

This display of African-American Military Exhibitors and Reenactors will be a special event! For more information, contact: mmaxineholland@gmail.com 434-295-6632 or Frank Walker – 434-962-0784

Minority Health International Research Training

Application Available on Sunday, October 15

The UVA MHIRT program is an NIH funded intensive summer research training and professional development opportunity available to under-represented minority students interested in pursuing careers in the health sciences. The 10-week mentored research assistant program offers a pre-departure week at UVA, 8-weeks in a country at one of our partner sites, followed by a data analysis week at UVA. International sites rotate annually and include St. Kitts and Nevis, South Africa, and Uganda. To learn more and to [apply](#). Questions please [Email](#)

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](#).

Paige Pre-Medical Scholarship 2017

Deadline: Sunday, November 12

The Paige Pre-Medical Fund 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 the pre-medical requirements and the MCAT. He or she must be planning to enter medical school immediately after graduating. One winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, which he or she may use to pay for medical school application fees and interview expenses. All fields on this application are required. Please direct any questions or additional attachments to [Travis Robertson](#).

Undergraduate Student Education Research Training Workshop: April 2018, NYC

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Application Deadline: November 15

AERA invites applications for the training workshop to be held from Friday, April 13th through Sunday, April 15th during the Annual Meeting in New York City. The workshop is designed to build the talent pool of undergraduate students who plan to pursue doctoral degrees in education research or in disciplines and fields that examine education issues. Workshop activities will focus on exploring graduate education, applying to graduate school and starting a career in educational research. For information, contact George L. Wimberly, Director of Professional Development at 202-238-3200 or fellowships@era.net.

Learning In Action Public Service at UVA

[Learning in Action](#) is the front door to public service at the University of Virginia! It is 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 and lists events, opportunities, and organizations involved with service and community-based research. There are also 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 group are responsible for all content . <http://publicservice.virginia.edu/>

Diversity in Museums & the Arts Grant for Underrepresented Students

To support students pursuing internships at museums, historic sites, or archives, a \$3500 grant is awarded to applicants from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in museum careers. This includes students who identify as African American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders, and/or individuals with disabilities. In addition, there are the programs to highlight museum careers and instruction to help students apply. These programs and the funding are for students in ALL majors, not just those in Art/Art History. Visit [Diversity in Museums and the Arts](#) (panel and reception), [Museum Career Panel](#), and [Museum Interview and Application Prep](#) for more information.

This Week in Black History



[President Dwight D. Eisenhower apologizes to African](#)

[diplomat](#). On October 10, 1957, President Eisenhower offers his apologies to Ghanaian Finance Minister, Komla Agbeli Gbedemah, who had been refused service at a restaurant in Dover, Delaware. It was one of the first of many such incidents in which African diplomats were confronted with racial segregation in the United States. Although the matter might appear small, relative to other events in the Cold War, the continued racial slights to African (and Asian) diplomats during the 1950s and 1960s concerned U.S. officials, as the Civil Rights movement was gaining momentum.



The [Boer War](#) begins in South Africa on October 11, 1899. The

Boers, also known as Afrikaners, were the descendants of the original Dutch settlers of southern Africa. Britain took possession of the Dutch Cape colony in 1806 during the Napoleonic wars, sparking resistance from the independence-minded Boers, who resented the Anglicization of South Africa and Britain's anti-slavery policies.



On October 12, 1912, Actress, playwright, novelist [Alice](#)

[Childress](#) was born in Charleston, South Carolina. [Alice Childress](#) attended the American Negro Theater School of Drama and in 1944, made her theatrical debut in *Anna Lucasta*, which became the longest running all-black play on Broadway. She wrote more than a dozen plays, including *Trouble in Mind*.

