

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

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Special Announcement

Information and applications are on line now for the 2018-2019 OAAA / GradSTAR Faculty-Student Mentoring Program! <https://oaaa.virginia.edu/mentoring-program>

Application Deadline: Monday, September 10th at 5:00 pm

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

LIKE US to keep up-to-date with events and more info about OAAA!

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, August 28 – Classes in session (including Labor Day, Monday, September 3)

Saturday, September 1 – UVA Cavaliers Football vs. University of Richmond, 6:00 pm, Scott Stadium

Tuesday, September 11 – Last day to ADD a course in the following schools: Architecture, Arts & Sciences, BIS, McIntire/Commerce, Curry/Education, Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy & Nursing – [For more information](#), see the UREG Academic Calendar

Wednesday, September 12 – Last day to DROP a course without penalty (course removed from transcript) in the following schools: Architecture, Arts & Sciences, BIS, McIntire/Commerce, Curry/Education, Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy & Nursing – [For more information](#)

Saturday, September 15 – UVA Cavaliers Football vs. Ohio University, 3:00 pm, Scott Stadium

Monday, September 18 – Deadline when students must enroll in or waive their right to individual health insurance coverage - [For more information](#)

Friday, September 28 – Deadline when a student can appeal the decision if a health insurance waiver is denied – [For more information](#)

Saturday, October 6 – Tuesday, October 9 – Reading Days (no classes)

Tuesday, October 23 – Last day to DROP a course with a “W” in the following schools: Architecture, Arts & Sciences, BIS, McIntire/Commerce, Curry/Education, Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy & Nursing – [For more information](#)

Friday, October 26 - Sunday, October 28 – [Family Weekend 2018](#)

Wednesday, October 31st – Deadline by which students must pay the annual premium for the Aetna Student Health Insurance plan

OAAA Announcements & Services

Black Friday

Every Friday (Starting Friday, August 31) - 1:30 pm - LPJ Cultural Center #2 Dawson's Row
Come & join us for food & fellowship! We'll celebrate September birthdays with cake and punch!

"Raising-the-Bar 4.0" Study & Tutoring Sessions- Fall Semester

Sundays through Thursdays (Starting September 9) - 5:00-8:00 pm - LPJ Black Cultural Center (study with Peer Advisors) Raising the Bar Coordinator: Martha Demissew (md6gg@virginia.edu) Details on academic subject support coming soon -- RTB 4.0 – It's Not Just for First Years' Anymore!

Black College Women (BCW) Book Club Meetings

Every Second & Fourth Sunday of the Month (Starting Sunday, September 9) – 6:30 pm – TBA

Black President's Council (BPC) Meetings

Every Second & Fourth Monday of the Month (Starting Monday, September 10) – 6:30 pm – Newcomb Hall Board Room 376

Black College Women (BCW) + In the Company of my Sister

Every Wednesday of the Month (Starting Wednesday, September 12) - 12:00 pm - W.E.B Dubois, Conference Room. Contact: Dean Mason (drhoo@virginia.edu) for more Information

Black Male Initiative (BMI) Meetings

Every Second & Fourth Wednesday of the Month (Starting Wednesday, September 12) – 6:30 pm – Newcomb Hall – Commonwealth Room

Quote of the Week

"Real fearless and fierce women admit mistakes and work to correct them. We stand up and we use our voices for things other than self-promotion. We don't stand by and let racism and sexism and homophobia run rampant on our watch. Real fierce and fearless women celebrate and compliment other women and we recognize and embrace the notion that their shine in no way diminishes our light, and actually makes our light shine brighter." - Gabrielle Union (actress, activist, and author)

Student Spotlight



William Pace is a third year student from North Chesterfield VA, in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in foreign affairs and minoring in Latin. He is an OAAA Peer Advisor for a second year, and the 2018-2019 co-chair of the OAAA PA selections committee. Will has participated in GradSTAR programs since coming to UVA. On Grounds, he is a member of the International Relations Organization, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, and a student fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Will plans to gain summer experience with an NGO or government/political organization, and is preparing to attend graduate school for international relations or public policy.

You can nominate a student (not yourself) to be featured in the Spotlight. Send your nominations to:
Dean Patrice Grimes (<mailto:pgrimes@virginia.edu>) every Thursday by 12 noon.

Quote's Corner



[Gabrielle Union](#) is an American actress, activist, and author. Born in Omaha, Nebraska, Union's family moved to Pleasanton, California, where she grew up and attended high school. There, Union was an all-star point guard and a year-round athlete participating in soccer, basketball, and track. She graduated from UCLA in 1996 with honors in sociology, and began her career appearing on television sitcoms. She then landed supporting roles in teenage comedic films, and is best known for her movies and work in television. In recent years, she has advocated for issues on women's health and safety, as she is a survivor of sexual assault. Union is also an Ambassador for the Susan G. Komen's Circle of Promise and Planned Parenthood's breast health initiative. In 2014, Union married American professional basketball player Dwayne Wade, becoming stepmother to his three children.

Upcoming Events

Student Council's Fall Activities Fair
Monday, August 27 – 11:00 am–3:00 pm

Amphitheater & South Lawn.

Visit the Student Council's website for more information: studco-cioconsultants@virginia.edu.

Fulbright for the Daring: Office of Citizen Scholar Development Fellowship Series
Monday, August 27 – 4:00–5:00 pm

Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)

Learn how to study abroad for a year to research or teach English. It's never too early to learn about these opportunities. For details, visit <http://us.fulbrightonline.org> or citizenscholars.virginia.edu

Meet the OAAA Deans and Staff
Wednesday, August 29 @ 12:30 pm, Tuesday, September 4 @ 12:00 pm, & Monday, September 10 - 12:30 - OAAA Main Conference Room -- 4 Dawson's Row

Come to an informal open house at OAAA to meet the deans, staff, and find out what services are available this year. Refreshments!

Harambee I
Sunday, September 2 - 2:00-4:00 pm - Ern Commons

Join first year students and Peer Advisors for this annual program. Meet OAAA Deans and make new friends! Refreshments.

Raising-the-Bar: Fall Kickoff -- 3-Night Series

Monday, September 3, Tuesday, September 4, & Wednesday, September 5 - 7:00-8:00 pm – Newcomb Hall – Commonwealth Room

Join Dean Grimes and the Peer Advisors for 3 different sessions:

- It's About Time (Management) – Annual Ice Cream Social! - Monday
- It's About Your Career with UVA Career Services Personnel - Tuesday
- It's About Your Resources with UVA Library Staff - Wednesday

Monday night drawing for SWAG (stuff we all get) – other goodies! RTB: It's not just for first-years anymore!

Fall Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, September 5 - 11:00 am-3:00 pm - Newcomb Ballroom and Main Lounge

Learn about the many study abroad opportunities available to UVA students. Meet UVA program faculty directors, representatives from approved outside programs, and students who have had study abroad experiences. Be a part of the Tradition!

OAAA/GradSTAR Lunch Series: Tuesdays @ DuBois

Tuesdays (Starting September 11) – 12:30-2:00 pm - W.E.B. DuBois Conference Rm #2 Dawson's Row

Join Dean Patrice Grimes for lunch and conversation. RSVP by Friday, Sept. 7th to Ms. Carter (924-7923 or ddc6r@virginia.edu) to reserve lunch.

In the Community

Charlottesville – Albemarle NAACP Monthly Membership Meeting

Second Monday of each month - 7:00 pm - Jefferson School City Center, 233 4th Street NW, Charlottesville, VA 22901

Meet in the Mary Williams Center on the first floor adjacent to the Vinegar Hill Café. Free parking is available on site.

2018 Charlottesville Chamber of Commerce Business Diversity Luncheon

Tuesday, September 18 - 11:00 am - 1:30 pm - Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 2nd floor 233 4th Street NW, Charlottesville, VA

Keynote Speaker: Michel Zajur, President/CEO & Founder, Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Andrea D. Copeland-Whitsett. To register for the luncheon, [visit](#).

NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

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

2018 Women's Health Awareness Celebration

Saturday, September 29 - 8:30am -- 12:00pm - Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church - 105 Lankford Avenue

Come and bring your friends for women's health topics, health screenings, and information. Plenty of Parking.

Email midlife@virginia.edu. Thanks to all the sponsors & community donors including the Oakwood Foundation, Stuart E. Houston, Farkas Family Foundation, UVA Friends of Midlife, Sentara MJH, Lion's Club Hearing and Vision, Free Clinic, TJ Health Department, and .Z95. Refreshments. Exciting door prizes, goodie bags. For more information: email midlife@virginia.edu or 434-243-4734

Our Evolving Food System: from Slavery to Sovereignty

Wednesday, October 17 & Thursday, October 18 – Downtown Charlottesville

The University of Virginia Sustainable Food Strategy Task Force (SFSTF) announces a Bicentennial Symposium event. All events are free and open to the public. RSVP on the website for more information at www.ourevolvingfoodsystem.weebly.com. Contact SFSTF student intern, Alexandra Cook at <mailto:abc3hc@virginia.edu>, with questions. The symposium is supported by UVA with funding provided by the Alumni Board of Trustees, UVA Committee on Sustainability, Office for Sustainability, Aramark Dining Services, President's Commission on Slavery and the University, School of Architecture, Virginia Humanities,

and School of Nursing.

Inauguration of the University's Ninth President James E. Ryan
Friday, October 19 - 3:00 pm - The Lawn

The University of Virginia and its Board of Visitors will formally inaugurate the University's ninth president James E. Ryan. See UVA Today for more details.

Opportunities with Deadlines

Fulbright US Student Award

Internal Deadline: Wednesday, September 12

Please email Lisa M. Grimes (lmg4a@virginia.edu) for information and instructions.

The Jefferson Trust - 2018-19 Grant Applications

Proposal Submission Deadline: Monday, October 1 by 11:59 pm

The Jefferson Trust has launched a new web-based proposal system. Create an [account](#) and submit a proposal! Your information will be saved in the system, but is not visible to the reviewers until you submit the final version. Please contact jeffersontrust@virginia.edu if you have any problems with your account <mailto:jeffersontrust@virginia.edu>

Churchill Scholarship

Application Deadline: Thursday, November 1 by 5:00 pm (Eastern Time)

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

This Week in Black History



Did you know? [Bessie Stringfield](#) (February 1911 or 1912 – February 16, 1993), was the first African-American woman to ride a motorcycle across the United States alone, and was one of the few civilian motorcycle dispatch riders for the US Army during World War II. At the age of 16, Stringfield taught herself to ride her first motorcycle, a 1928 Indian Scout. In 1930, at the age of 19, she traveled across the United States - the 48 lower states, Europe, Brazil and Haiti - earning money by performing motorcycle stunts in carnival shows. Due to her race, she was often denied accommodations while traveling, and would sleep on her motorcycle at filling stations. Due to her sex, she was refused prizes in flat track races she entered. She qualified as a nurse and founded the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club. Stringfield died in 1993 at the age of 82 from a heart condition, riding until the time of her death. In 1990, the American Motorcycle Association paid tribute to her in their inaugural "Heroes of Harley-Davidson" exhibition, and in 2000, the [AMA created the "Bessie Stringfield Memorial Award" to recognize outstanding achievement by a female motorcyclist](#). Stringfield was inducted into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2002. In 2018 the [New York Times published her belated obituary](#).



Did you know? [Jill Brown-Hiltz](#) became the first Black woman pilot for a major commercial airline company. She was also the first Black woman admitted to the U.S. Navy's pilot training program. Born in 1950, the Baltimore native's family enjoyed aviation. By the time she was 17, the family purchased a small airplane, sparking her lifelong love of flying. Brown-Hiltz's stint in the Navy only lasted six months after she was honorably discharged, but was then hired by the first Black-owned and operated airline company, Wheeler Airlines. Eventually, she moved through the ranks from ticket agent to pilot, after earning the requisite number of flight hours. In 1978, she flew for Texas International Airlines. In 1990, she unsuccessfully sued United Airlines for racial and gender discrimination, losing an appeal in 1997. After flying, Brown-Hiltz reportedly worked as an advocate for other Black aviators.