

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

September 3, 2019

Special Announcement

Look for the OAAA E-Weekly each week to share the latest events, opportunities and information of interest to the Black community and beyond.

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, September 10 – Last day to ADD or DROP a course

September 16 – Deadline to appeal the decision if their health insurance waiver is denied

Saturday, October 5 – Tuesday October 8 – Fall Break/Reading Days (no classes)

Friday, October 18 - Sunday, October 20 – Family Weekend and Fall Convocation

Tuesday, October 23 – Last day to DROP a course with a “W”

Thursday, October 31 – Deadline to pay the annual premium for the Aetna Student Health Insurance plan

Wednesday, November 27 – Sunday, December 1 – Thanksgiving recess

Friday, December 6 – Courses end

Monday, December 9 – Tuesday, December 17 – Examinations

Thursday, December 12 & Sunday, December 15 – Reading Days

Tuesday, December 17 (no ceremony) – Fall degrees conferred

OAAA Announcements & Services

“Raising-the-Bar 4.0” Study Sessions with OAAA Peer Advisors - Fall 2019
Every Monday through Thursday – 4:00-8:00 pm – LPJ Cultural Center

Calculus Tutoring
Every Monday & Thursday – 2:00 pm-4:30 pm – W.E.B DuBois Center Conference Room. #2 Dawson’s Row.

Black Fridays

Every Friday – 1:30 pm - LPJ Black Cultural Center #3 Dawson's Row
Come & join us for food & fellowship!

Black College Women (BCW) Book Club Meetings

Every Second & Fourth Sunday - 6:30 pm – New Cabell Hall - Room 415

Black President's Council (BPC) Meetings

Every Second & Fourth Monday - 6:30 pm – Newcomb Hall Board Rm 376

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

Every Wednesday - 12:00 pm - W.E.B Dubois Conference Room #2 Dawson's Row

Contact: Dean Mason (mgm7g@virginia.edu) for more Information.

Black Male Initiative (BMI) Meetings

Every Monday, 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm – W.E.B. Dubois Conference Room #2 Dawson's Row

Contact: Dean Mason for more information.

Quote of the Week

***"I am not interested in picking up crumbs of compassion thrown from the table of someone who considers himself my master. I want the full menu of rights."* - Desmond Tutu**

Student Spotlight

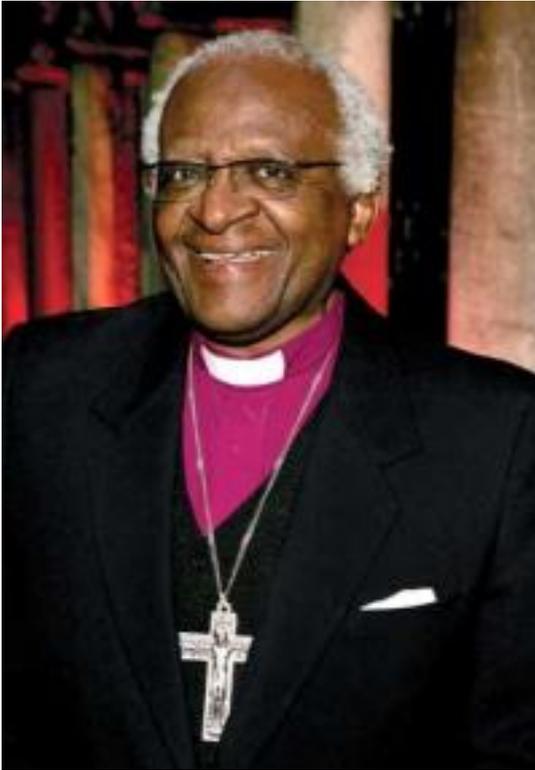


Nmadinobi Okafor is a third-year student from Hampton, VA who was born in Lagos, Nigeria. She is majoring in Cognitive Science, with a concentration in Linguistics, on the pre-medical track. At UVA, she co-chairs the Orientation and Bonding Initiatives in the Office of African-American Affairs Peer-Advisor Program. A few of Nmadinobi's activities on Grounds include serving on the Third Year Council Diversity and Inclusion Committee, events coordinator for the Organization of African Students CIO, the creative director for Africa Day spring fashion show, and a Cavalier Connect student fundraiser.

A special thanks to Nmadinobi and all OAAA Peer Advisors for working to make our 2019 Summer Orientation Programs, Family Fun Night, and Annual Welcoming Reception a success!

You can nominate someone (not yourself) to be in the Spotlight. Send your nominations to Dean Patrice Grimes (pgrimes@virginia.edu) every Thursday by 12 noon.

Quote's Corner



Bishop Desmond Tutu, a South African Anglican cleric, theologian, and human rights activist, was born in October 7, 1931 in Klerksdorp, Transvaal. He was educated in Johannesburg and graduated from the University of South Africa. After three years as a high school teacher, he studied theology and became a priest. Eventually, he received a Master of Theology degree in England, then returned to South Africa and became the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches. Tutu believes in “a democratic and just society without racial divisions.” In 1984, Tutu received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to transform South Africa’s anti-apartheid movement into an international force worldwide. Tutu was appointed the Bishop of Johannesburg in 1985. A year later, he became the first black person to hold the highest position in the South African Anglican Church, when he was chosen as the Archbishop of Cape Town. When South African legal apartheid ended in 1993 and South Africans elected Nelson Mandela as their first black president, Tutu had the honor to introduce Mandela to the nation. President Mandela also appointed Tutu to head the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to investigate and report the atrocities committed by both sides in the struggle over apartheid. At age 87, he continues to engage in commentary on international and human rights issues.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events at UVA (All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.)

Meet the OAAA Deans and Staff

Tuesday, September 3 – 12:00 pm & Monday, September 9 - 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. Lunch provided!

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

Monday, September 2, Tuesday, September 3 & Wednesday, September 4 - 7:00 pm-8:00 pm – Newcomb Hall – Commonwealth Room

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

- It’s About Time (Management) – Ice Cream Social!
- It’s About Your (Academic) Resources + Career Center goodies
- It’s About Your Success: Transition Tips from a UVa Alum

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

*Fulbright Writers Workshop: Personal Statement & Statement of Grant Purpose

Monday, September 2 – 3:00 pm* – Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)

This workshop is for applicants who have drafts of their Personal Statement for the Fulbright US Student Award and would like to engage in a peer-review process. Participants must bring two printed copies of their most recent Personal Statement drafts and a writing utensil. There will be a similar workshop for the Statement of Grant Purpose immediately following at 4:00 pm. Participants must bring two printed copies of their most recent Grant Proposal drafts and a writing utensil. [RSVP for one or both by noon on September 2](#), *Make sure to note the unique times and places for those events.

Study Abroad Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, September 4 - 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

Every Second & Fourth Tuesday (Starting Sept 10) – 12:30-2:00 pm - W.E.B. DuBois Conference

Rm #2 Dawson's Row

Join Dean Patrice Grimes for lunch and conversation. Space is limited. Make sure to RSVP to reserve your spot: <https://doodle.com/poll/7a6ew5e4wftk4tic>

Fellowships Series: Introductory Workshop

Monday, September 16 - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm – Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)

Don't know what fellowships are? Wondering what the point of pursuing any of them might be? Unsure of how you could be competitive? Come enjoy a chance to envision yourself as an applicant for these incredible opportunities. This workshop is most appropriate for first and second years or older students who have yet to be exposed to the Office of Citizen Scholar Development.

Fellowships Series: Truman Scholarship Information Session

Monday, September 23 - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm – Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)

Are you a dynamic leader? An activist dedicated to positive change? Committed to public service? If you answered 'yes' to any of those questions, you should consider the Truman Scholarship, which provides \$30,000 toward graduate school and access to a network of incredible leaders. Come even if you aren't sure about the graduate school part. Apply as a third year.

Fellowships Series: Goldwater Scholarship Information Session

Monday, September 30 - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm – Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)

Do you love research? Are you considering pursuing research science, mathematics, or engineering as a career? Are you simply a STEM student and want to at least explore an exciting opportunity? Come learn about the award and the process for nomination by the University of Virginia. Apply as a second or third year – so first years should definitely come!

UVa Upward Bound Volunteer Tutors

Are you eager for an opportunity to invest in the academic success of talented, local high school scholars? Upward Bound is a federally funded college preparatory program that provides academic support to high school students from Charlottesville and several neighboring county school systems. Any questions? Contact Davonda Smith, Education and Outreach Coordinator (davonda.smith@virginia.edu, 434.982.4553).

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.

2019 Charlottesville Chamber of Commerce Minority Business Luncheon

Tuesday, September 17 - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 2nd floor 233 4th Street NW, Charlottesville, VA

[The Chamber Business Diversity Council](#) will host the 2019 CBDC Minority Business Luncheon as one of six events for the first City of Charlottesville Minority Business Week! The event will include a dynamic speaker, Mr. Thomas Penny, President, Donohoe Hospitality Services, networking and a delicious lunch catered by Pearl Island Catering. The 2019 CBDC John F. Bell Vanguard Award recipient will be presented.

NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

Friday, September 27 - 7:00 pm-10:30 pm - Charlottesville Doubletree Hotel, 990 Hilton Heights Road, 22901

The evening will begin at 5:45 p.m. with a silent auction and cash bar in the lobby of the hotel. The program starts at 7:00 pm; dinner is served at 7:30 pm. The featured speaker is Dr. Marcus L. Martin, Professor Emeritus, Emergency Medicine, Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity and Equity for the University of Virginia. [For more information.](#)

Opportunities with Deadlines

Fulbright US Student Award

Internal Application Deadline: Friday, September 6 at 12:00 NOON

There is a regular [Fellowships Series](#) to support students. Undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni of the University of Virginia, email Lisa M. Grimes (lmg4a@virginia.edu) for information and instructions.

Madison House Registration Now Open

Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 10

There are over 20 different volunteer programs to choose from! Visit the [Madison House](#) website to sign up. Our staff and student leaders would be excited to discuss with you the various opportunities that Madison House offers or answer any questions. Connect at 434.977.7051, [email](#) or stop by Monday through Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Location: 170 Rugby Road in between Beta Bridge and Mad Bowl.

Go Global on Grounds with VISAS!

Deadline for Returning Volunteers: Wednesday, September 4 at 11:59 pm

Deadline for English Learners to Enroll: Friday, September 7 at 11:59 pm

Deadline for New Volunteers: Tuesday, September 10 at 11:59 pm

Volunteers with International Students, Scholars, and Staff (VISAS) is an organization that provides programming to English language learners at the University of Virginia and its extended community. Our services are free of charge and available to international students (undergraduate, graduate, exchange, etc.), researchers, faculty, family members of students and faculty, and University staff. We are seeking both English language learners who would like to enroll in our programs, as well as UVA students/staff/administrators with native-level proficiency in English who can serve as volunteers in our various programs. If you are an English language learner, you can enroll in our programs using [THIS LINK](#). If you are a UVA student with native-level English proficiency who would like to volunteer, you can access our application [HERE](#). If you are a Returning volunteer with VISAS, please apply [HERE](#). Check out our [website](#) at for more information!

Donald Payne International Development Fellowship

Application Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2019

The [Payne Fellowship](#) is a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Program, administered by Howard University, which seeks to attract and prepare outstanding individuals for careers as USAID Foreign Service Officers. Candidates can be graduating seniors or college graduates with strong academic records and a desire to promote positive change in the world. The Payne program encourages the application of members of historically underrepresented groups in the Foreign Service and those with financial need. Selected fellows will receive support for graduate school and gain employment with

USAID in an exciting and rewarding career in the Foreign Service. [Eligibility requirements](#): U.S. citizenship, seeking admission to graduate school in fall 2019 for a two-year program in an area of relevance to the Foreign Service at a U.S.-based institution, and cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application. [Apply here](#).

This Week in Black History



Did you know...? On August 28, 1955, 14-year-old Emmett Till was murdered for being accused of offending a white woman working in her family's grocery store. Till and a group of teenagers entered Bryant's Grocery and Meat Market to buy refreshments and was accused of either whistling at, flirting with, or touching the hand of the store's white female clerk—and wife of the owner—Carolyn Bryant. Four nights later, Roy Bryant, Carolyn's husband, and his half-brother J.W. Milam, kidnapped Till from Moses Wright's home. They then beat and shot the teenager brutally, dragged him to the bank of the Tallahatchie River, tied him with barbed wire to a large metal fan and shoved his mutilated body into the water. Till's body was shipped to Chicago, where his mother opted to have an open-casket viewing for five days that was attended by thousands before the funeral. Till's mother said that, despite the enormous pain it caused her to see her son's dead body on display, wanted to "let the world see what has happened, because there is no way I could describe this. And I needed somebody to help me tell what it was like."



Did you know...? **Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History on September 9, 1915.** The [Association for the Study of African American Life and History \(ASALH\)](#) is the oldest and largest historical society established for the promotion of African American history. Founded by Carter Godwin Woodson as the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), the name was changed in 1972. The Association's mission statement describes its purpose "to promote, research, preserve, interpret, and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community." The Association's vision statement still refers to itself as "the premier Black heritage learned society which will continue the Carter G. Woodson legacy." In 1926, Dr. Woodson initiated the celebration of Negro History Week, which corresponded with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, this celebration was expanded to include the entire month of February, and today Black History Month garners support throughout the country as people of all ethnic and social backgrounds discuss the black experience. In honor of the work that Woodson has done to promote the study of African American History, an ornament of Woodson hangs on the Christmas tree at the White House each year.