

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

September 9, 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 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.
For more information, contact Travis Elliott (ste3an@virginia.edu)

UVA Writing Center

Need help with a writing assignment or term paper? The UVa Writing Center is a resource staffed by graduate and undergraduate student tutors and available to all students. Tutors work one-on-one with students in 50-minute appointments with drafting, revision, argument structure and other concerns (Note: This does not include proof-reading or editing). For more information, register at <https://virginia.mywconline.com>

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.

OAAA/GradSTAR Lunch Series: Tuesdays @ DuBois

Every Second & Fourth Tuesday 12:30-2:00 pm - W.E.B. DuBois Conference
m #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>

Quote of the Week

“It isn’t luck, and it isn’t circumstances, and it isn’t being born a certain way that causes a person’s future to become what it becomes.” - Azie Taylor Morton

Student Spotlight



Natasha Coleman is a fourth year Nursing major from Richmond, Virginia. As a 2019-2020 Senior Peer Advisor in the Office of African-American Affairs Peer Advisor Program, she supports and counsels Black first-year and entering transfer students during their college transition. On Grounds, she is also a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society, a Nursing Student Ambassador and in the OAAA/GradSTAR Faculty-Student Mentoring Program. In the community, she volunteers for Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Natasha has a strong interest in labor & delivery nursing and oncology nursing. After graduation, she plans to work on one of those units, and eventually return to graduate school to become a Family Nurse Practitioner.

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



[Azie Taylor Morton](#) (February 1, 1936-December 7, 2003) is distinguished as the only African American to become Treasurer of the United States. Appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1977, Morton served as the United States' 36th Treasurer until January 20, 1981. Her signature was printed on U.S. currency for three years. Born in Dale, Texas, she attended the Texas Blind, Deaf, and Orphan School during her high school years, because there was no other high school for African Americans in Dale for her to attend. She graduated at the top of her class at age 16. In 1952, Morton enrolled at Huston-Tillotson University, an all-black college in Austin, Texas, graduating cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in commercial education. After having a teaching position in a state-sponsored school for delinquent girls, she later moved to Washington. There, she served on President John F. Kennedy's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, beginning twenty years of service in the public sector. In addition, she was a member of the American Delegation to Rome, Italy for the Enthronement of Pope John Paul II in 1978, Chair of the People to People Mission to the Soviet Union and China in 1986, and an Election Observer for Presidential elections in Haiti, Senegal and the Dominican Republic. After returning to Texas, Morton served on the Austin Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (HACA) from 1999 to 2001. She experienced a massive stroke at her home in Austin and died the following day from complications. The HACA set up the Azie Taylor Morton Scholarship Fund after her death, to provide scholarships for low-income students attending Huston-Tillotson College

Upcoming Events

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

Meet the OAAA Deans and Staff

Monday, September 9 - 12:30 PM - 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!

African Studies Colloquium Series: Meet and Greet

Wednesday, September 11 – 3:30 pm – Minor 110

Come to the first of many events this year in this returning series, sponsored by the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies at the University. For the full Fall 2019 schedule, visit woodson.as.virginia.edu/asc-2019

Reading Sula: A Tribute to Toni Morrison

Thursday, September 12 – 9:30 am-6:00 pm – Minor Hall, Rooms 110 & 125

In memory of the acclaimed novelist, Toni Morrison, volunteers will read passages from her novel, Sula during the day, followed by a roundtable discussion. The event will be live-streamed on the Woodson Institute's Facebook page. You can also listen to a live broadcast on 100.1 FM radio or online at wxtj.fm.

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 - 4:00-5:00 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 - 4:00-5:00 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

Lunch & Learn with IRC: Refugee Voices

Friday, September 13 – 12:00 noon – Jefferson-Madison Regional Library - Central Branch, 201 E. Market Street, Charlottesville 22902

Join the International Rescue Committee for a brown-bag discussion with former refugee community members moderated by IRC Executive Director Harriet Kuhr.

A Journey from Slavery to Freedom: Burkley Bullock and the Ivy Creek Baptist Church

Sunday, September 15 – 3:00 pm – Ivy Creek Foundation, 1780 Earlysville Rd, Charlottesville 22903

Dr. Scot French of the University of Central Florida will present a talk on the life and times of Burkley Bullock, who was a church founder and a pioneer business person in Charlottesville in the post-Reconstruction era.

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 - Charlottesville

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.](#)

Determined: the 400-Year Struggle for Black Equality (exhibit)

Now through March 2020 – Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Richmond, VA

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is offering free admission to UVA students through the end of next March while a special exhibition, Determined: The 400-Year Struggle for Black Equality, is on display. Through profiles of 30 individuals, more than 100 evocative objects, and multimedia interpretive content, the exhibition commemorates the arrival of enslaved Africans in Virginia in 1619. UVA is a University Partner sponsoring the project.

Opportunities with Deadlines

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 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](#).

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...? After nearly 20 years of attempts by African-American entrepreneurs to purchase a station, Jesse B. Blayton Sr. opened the first Black-owned radio station WERD on Oct. 3, 1949. It wasn't Blayton's first time making history. In 1928, he became Georgia's first African-American certified public accountant. A few years earlier, 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. 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, spun by "Jockey Jack" Gibson, one of the nation's most famous Black radio announcers. The station's success enabled the Blaytons to purchase a second station, KREL, in the Houston market.



Did you know...? Trumpeter and composer Miles Davis for years defined "cool." Born in 1926 in East St. Louis where his father worked as 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 accepted admission to the prestigious Juilliard School in 1944, in large part so he could play with his music idols in New York. In 1947, the Miles Davis All-Stars debuted on the Savoy label. Davis developed his craft during the be-bop era but helped define various styles, from cool jazz to jazz-funk. He also helped discover talents Sonny Rollins and Percy Heath. In 1996, the jazz legend was inducted as a performer into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. On Sept. 28, 1991, Davis died of pneumonia, respiratory failure and a stroke at age 65.



Did you know...? On September 16, 1963, a bomb exploded during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, killing four young girls. With its large African-American congregation, the 16th Street Baptist Church served as a meeting place for civil rights activities. Fifteen sticks of dynamite were planted in the church basement, underneath what turned out to be the girls' restroom. The bomb detonated at 10:19 a.m., killing Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Addie Mae Collins—all 14 years old—and 11-year-old Denise McNair. Spike Lee's film, *Four Little Girls*, depicts this true story.