

# OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

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**October 7, 2019**

## Special Announcement

OAAA/GradSTAR Lunch Series: Tuesdays @ DuBois

(NEXT LUNCH: Tuesday, October 15)

Every Second & Fourth Tuesday 12:30 pm-2:00 pm

W.E.B. DuBois Conference Room - #2 Dawson's Row

Join Dean Patrice Grimes for lunch and conversation. Space is limited.

RSVP to reserve your spot: <https://doodle.com/poll/7a6ew5e4wftk4tic>

OAAA/GradSTAR 2019 Personal Branding Series

Wednesdays, October 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6 & Recognition Dinner Nov.13 – 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Application deadline extended: WEDNESDAY, October 9,2019 at 5:00 pm

Are you interested in learning how to market yourself, your skills, and your experiences to secure a full time job, internship or research opportunity? The 5th Annual OAAA/GradSTAR Personal Branding Seminar may be for you! This seminar workshop includes resume writing, delivering personal pitches, and networking tips hosted by OAAA and Altria Group Inc. Students from all years are encouraged to apply online. [Apply Here!](#) Questions? Feel free to reach out to [Dean Grimes](#). Hope to see you there!

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## Mark Your Calendar

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

Friday, October 18 - Sunday, October 20 – Family Weekend & 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 – 4:00pm-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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

***“Those who have no record of what their forbearers’ have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.” - Carter G. Woodson***

## Student Spotlight



**Jakayla Forrest** is a third year, University Achievement Award Scholar and Nursing Major from Halifax County, Virginia. She is a member of the Office of African American Affairs Peer Advisor Program, Black Voices Gospel Choir, and the School of Nursing's Third Year Class Council, where she currently serves as the Endowment Fund Chair. Her most prized achievement here at the University of Virginia is holding the position of Captain for the Cavalier Marching Band's Color guard. Jakayla has a strong passion for fitness and promoting healthy lifestyles. After graduation, Jakayla plans to become an Emergency/Trauma nurse at a Level 1 Trauma Center and work to become a certified nutrition coach.

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

## Quote's Corner



**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.

## Upcoming Events

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

## Anyango Yarbo-Davenport Violin Recital

Sunday, October 13 – 3:30 pm – Old Cabell Hall

Come and listen to this dynamic, young artist! This event is free and open to the public, and a part of her residency visit to the University.

## 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 (434.982.4553).

## African American Teaching Fellows

Interested in becoming a teacher? Check out African American Teaching Fellows! AATF works to recruit, support, develop, and retain a cadre of African American teachers to serve the public schools of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. The Curry Teacher Education program partners with AATF; fellows are undergraduate or graduate students in one of Curry's programs. Fellows become part of a network of African-American educators in the region, participate in a teacher-leader summer institute, receive mentorship and support from local teachers and administrators, and receive funding toward the cost of tuition. Fellows commit to teaching in the Charlottesville/Albemarle area for several years after graduation. You can read more about AATF on their website: <https://www.aatf.org/>. Interested students should contact Jaime Hawkins, program director, at <mailto:jamie@aatf.org>.

## In the Community

### B & J African-American Bookfest

Saturday, October 12 – 1:00pm-4:00pm – Gordon Avenue Library, 1500 Gordon Avenue, Charlottesville

Come to this event to hear Mrs. Alex-Zan (author), Ann Wicks Carter (local historian), Paige Hill (storyteller) with Michelle Gachette facilitating. There will be tributes to local trailblazers and much more, For more information, contact Mr. Alex-Zan at 434-202-0773 or alexzan@i-c.net

## The 32nd Annual Virginia Film Festival

Thursday, October 23-Sunday, October 27 – various sites in Charlottesville

IT'S OFFICIAL! [Tickets](#) for the 2019 [Virginia Film Festival](#) are on sale! You can purchase tickets [online](#), visit the [UVA Arts Box Office](#) or order by phone at 434-924-3376. Visit our [Tickets page](#) for box office hours, locations, and more! Not sure which films to choose? Take a look at our comprehensive [Film Guide](#) or [Schedule](#) for more information. All full-time UVA students can receive one complimentary ticket to all films, as available, made possible by the [Art\\$ program](#).

## YWLP Food & Supplies Drive

Saturday, October 26 – 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Kroger @ 2 locations: Barracks Road & Emmet and Hydraulic

The Young Women's Leadership Program at UVA sponsors this annual community service project to learn about service and support the Charlottesville community. YWLP mentors and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will collect donations for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank (Barracks location) and supplies for the Shelter for Help in Emergency (Hydraulic location).

## 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.

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 commemorates the arrival of enslaved Africans in Virginia in 1619. UVA is a University Partner sponsoring the project.

## Opportunities with Deadlines

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B.S. in Commerce Application Now Open!  
Register by December 17, 2019 @ 12 noon  
Application Deadline: January 17, 2020 @ 12 noon

The McIntire School of Commerce is accepting applications for the 2020 academic year. For questions, visit the McIntire Undergraduate Admissions Office for walk-in advising or contact Sonia Jimenez at [smj4z@virginia.edu](mailto:smj4z@virginia.edu).

Launch with HackCville's Paid Summer Internship Program  
Application Deadline: Wednesday, October 9 at 11:59 pm

Get trained in software engineering, digital marketing, data science, user experience (UX) design, or business development this summer, then go rock a guaranteed internship. Best of all, the cost of your training is covered and you can get \$2,000 or more, all in 12 summer weeks. The next application deadline for Launch is October 9th at 11:59pm. Apply at [hackcville.com/launch](http://hackcville.com/launch)

Madison House Program Director Application  
Application Due: Friday, October 11 at 11:59 pm

We have two new program director positions on our team: Coordinating and Outreach. The Outreach Program Director will work to promote Summer Programs and connect us to many different organizations. The Coordinating Program Director will work more closely with the team to organize and facilitate the placement of volunteers and support the needs of volunteers and Program Directors. Both jobs will offer the opportunity to define these new roles and to see more behind the scenes work at Madison House. No previous experience at Madison House needed. To [apply](#). If you have any questions please contact [Caroline Hallowell](#).

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](#).

Pathways to the C-Suite Internship Program  
Application Deadline: Friday, November 8

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Incorporated (CBCF) Pathways to the C-Suite Internship Program partners undergraduate and recent graduate African-American students with some of the nation's top executives in the private sector to experience how public policy is influenced and developed at every level of the process. Through the Pathways to the C-Suite Internship Program, students gain practical and meaningful work experience in a corporate setting and obtain first-hand experience working with organizations whose top priorities include diversity employment retention and internship to employment opportunities. Interns interact with senior-level business leaders, explore multifaceted business challenges, and build skills to prepare them for careers in corporate America.

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) Internship Opportunities  
Application Deadline: Friday, November 8

CBCF's internship program prepares college students and young professionals to become the next generation of leaders in public service by giving them first hand leadership experience by working with and learning from members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and other leaders in Washington, DC. Interns are exposed to processes that develop and implement national policies - from Capitol Hill to federal agencies. While in the internship, students work five days a week, attend professional development events, and participate in leadership development projects. Many alumni become principled leaders, skilled policy analysts, informed advocates or return to their communities well-informed about politics, how to formulate legislation and policies, and with a network of peers.

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) Congressional Fellowship Program  
Application Deadline: Monday, December 13

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2020 Fellowship and Internship programs equips early career-policy professionals who are committed to contributing to public policy with the necessary skills to become the next generation of leaders in public service. The program is an intensive 20-months policy training and leadership development program which enables fellows to receive hands-on public policy training as full-time legislative aides and policy analysts. CBCF fellowship issue areas include: The Donald M. Payne Foreign Policy Fellowship; Energy; Energy & Environment; Health Policy; Woman & Health Sciences; Finance & Economic Policy; Technology & Cybersecurity; and Technology & Diversity.

## This Week in Black History



Did you know...? [Benjamin Banneker](#) was a self-educated mathematician, astronomer, compiler of almanacs, and writer. Banneker was born on November 9, 1731, in Ellicott's Mills, Maryland. A free black, Banneker was largely self-educated in astronomy and mathematics. He assisted in the surveying of territory for the construction of the nation's capital. He also was an active writer of almanacs and exchanged letters with Thomas Jefferson, politely challenging him to do what he could to ensure racial equality. Jefferson quickly acknowledged Banneker's letter, writing that Jefferson took "the liberty of sending your almanac to Monsieur de Condorcet [secretary of the French Academy of Sciences]...because I considered it as a document to which your whole colour had a right for their justification against the doubts which have been entertained of them." Banneker published Jefferson's letter alongside his original piece of correspondence in his 1793 almanac. Banneker's outspokenness about the issue of slavery earned him the widespread support of the abolitionist societies in Maryland and Pennsylvania, both of which helped him publish his almanac. Banneker died on October 9, 1806.



Did you know...? [Charles Drew](#) was an African-American surgeon who pioneered methods of storing blood plasma for transfusion and organized the first large-scale blood bank in the U.S. Drew was born on June 3, 1904, in Washington, D.C. Drew completed his bachelor's degree at Amherst in 1926 and worked as a biology instructor and coach at Morgan State University. In 1928, enrolled at McGill University in Montreal, Canada where he was a top student. He won a prize in neuroanatomy and was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, a medical honor society. Graduating in 1933, Drew was second in his class and earned both Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery degrees. He completed his internship and residency at the Royal Victoria Hospital and the Montreal General Hospital. During this time, Drew developed ways to process and store blood plasma in "blood banks." He directed the blood plasma programs of the United States and Great Britain in World War II, but resigned after a ruling that the blood of African-Americans would be segregated. In 1938, he also developed a method for processing blood without cells. His research served as the basis of his doctorate thesis, "Banked Blood," and he became the first African-American to earn a doctorate degree from Columbia University in 1940. Drew returned to Howard University in 1941, where he was a professor and head of the University's department of surgery. He also became the chief surgeon at Freedmen's Hospital. Later that year, he was the first African-American examiner for the American Board of Surgery. He died on April 1, 1950 at age 45, due to his injuries from a car accident.