

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

January 14, 2020

Special Announcement

OAAA/GradSTAR Lunch Series: Tuesdays @ DuBois
Starts January 21 – 12:30 pm-2:00 pm – Each Tuesday
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/vnz6izyfecxqpcm>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SPRING 2020

Monday, January 13 – Classes Begin

Sunday, January 19 – Harambee II – Newcomb Ballroom

Monday, January 20 – MLK Holiday - No Class

Monday, January 27 – Last Day to: Drop a Class, Add a Class, Select the AU (Audit) Option, Change to or from "Credit/No Credit" Option

Saturday, March 7 - Sunday, March 15 – Spring recess

Monday, March 16 – Last Day to Withdraw from a Class (done in SIS; paper forms due to 101 Monroe Hall BEFORE 5 PM)

OAAA Announcements & Services

"Raising-the-Bar 4.0" Study Sessions with OAAA Peer Advisors – Spring 2020

Every Monday through Thursday – 4:00 pm-8:00 pm – LPJ Cultural Center – Starts Tuesday, January 21st

Starting Soon! Tutoring for Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry & Statistics - all Sessions will be in the WW.E.B. DuBois Conference Room

Black College Women (BCW) Book Club Meetings

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

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.

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 Fridays

Every Friday – 1:30 pm - LPJ Black Cultural Center #3 Dawson's Row

Come & join us for food & fellowship!

Quote of the Week

"I believe unconditionally in the ability of people to respond when they are told the truth. We need to be taught to study rather than believe, to inquire rather than to affirm." - Septima Poinsette Clark

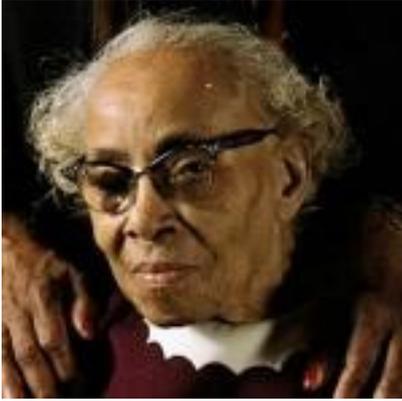


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Palmer is a fourth year student from Winchester, Virginia in the College of Arts and Sciences studying Cognitive Science with a concentration in Computer Science. He is an Office of African-American Affairs Peer Advisor and active in a number of organizations on Grounds including the Diversity Engagement Committee for Student Council, Membership Committee of the Black Student Alliance (vice-chair) OneWay Christian Fellowship and the Creative, Raw and Very Edgy Fashion Show (CRAVE). After graduation, he plans to enter the field of software engineering with a long-term goal of attending law school.

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



Septima Poinsette Clark, known as the “Grandmother of the American Civil Rights Movement,” was a teacher and civil rights activist whose citizenship schools helped enfranchise and empower African Americans. Born on May 3, 1898, in Charleston, South Carolina, Clark participated in social action with the NAACP while working as a teacher. Clark had major relationships with other black activists of the Civil Rights Movement, including Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. DuBois. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter awarded her a Living Legacy Award. Her autobiography, *Ready from Within: Septima Clark and the Civil Rights Movement*, won the American Book Award. Clark was 89 when she died on December 15, 1987, on South Carolina's Johns Island. Septima Clark Public Charter School in Washington, DC is named in her honor.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events at UVA

B.S. in Commerce Application Now Open!

Application Deadline: Friday, January 17 @ 12:00 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](#)

Independent Internships/Summer Travel Grant Info Session

Monday, January 20 – 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Hotel A

See [Handshake Registration](#) for details

Community Matters Dinner Series

Starts Tuesday, January 21 – 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm – Blue Moon Diner on Main Street

Join this weekly dinner where students and community members have the opportunity fellowship and discuss of relevant community issues. Dinner seats are limited to the first 15 students who [sign up](#) by 12:00 Noon the day of the dinner. Students will receive a confirmation email if they can attend. For more information, contact aholland@virginia.edu.

Winter Study Abroad Fair

Thursday, January 23 – 11:00 am - 3:00 pm – Newcomb South Meeting & Commonwealth Rooms

For details visit <https://educationabroad.virginia.edu/events/931>

2020 Spring Job and Internship Fair (Engineering and University-wide Career Fair)

Wednesday, January 29 & Thursday, January 30, 10:00 am- :00 pm – Newcomb Hall (Student Center)

Recruiters from corporate, government, education and non-profit organizations will attend this event to discuss full-time and/or internship opportunities with UVA students from all schools and majors. Strategically placed in the middle of the fall semester, this event provides an excellent opportunity to initiate, or expand upon, your recruitment efforts as you interact with students who represent a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences.

Fulbright Forum

Wednesday, February 19 – 5:00 pm – Special Collections Library Auditorium

The Fulbright Forum is an opportunity to hear about the experiences of Fulbright recipients during a panel discussion and informal reception. The Fulbright is an excellent fellowship for any US citizen willing to spend a year abroad after graduation. There are awards for graduate study, research, service, teaching, creative arts, and more. [RSVP here](#)

Fellowships Series – Starts Monday, January 13 with the Udall!

Every Monday – 4:00 pm – Rotunda Multipurpose Room

This is a great opportunity for first and second year students to learn about these programs. It is important that students start NOW to plan so that they can prepare and take advantage of summer advising programming. Third and fourth years, graduate and professional students, and area alumni can attend sessions on the UK Awards, Pickering/Rangel/Payne, Asia Awards, and the Fulbright US Student Award. Second years should note the Truman and STEM Awards (includes Goldwater). See the full schedule for details. <http://citizenscholars.virginia.edu/fellowship-series>

In the Community

Screening of "Harriet"- Free Movie Friday @ PVCC

Friday, January 17 - Doors open at 6 pm, Movie starts at 7:30 pm – The Main Stage Theatre V. Earl Dickinson Building, 501 College Drive, Piedmont Virginia Community College

Based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, "Harriet" tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Rated PG-13 for thematic content throughout, violent material and language including racial epithets..

The 35th Annual Martin Luther King Celebration

Sunday, January 26 – 5:00 pm - Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School

This year's event commemorating the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will include the Rev. Dr. Harry Blake of Shreveport, LA as guest speaker. Dr. Blake was a co-worker of Dr. King and is the former pastor of the Mt. Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. The celebration will also include the MLK Community Choir. Registration is open at mlkcommunitychoir@gmail.com. Co-sponsored by King Community Celebration, City of Charlottesville, County of Albemarle, University of Virginia, and Piedmont Virginia Community College.

For more information, see <https://mlk.virginia.edu/35th-annual-martin-luther-king-jr-community-celebration-and-worship-service>

Frederick Douglass Day

Friday, February 14 – various sites and times

Frederick Douglass was a tireless advocate for spoke on voting rights and women's suffrage After his death in 1895, African American communities across the United States now celebrate his life and legacy with a day of celebration. The Colored Convention website provides a template for hosting Douglass Day events and community outreach programs. <http://coloredconventions.org/hbd>

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

Diversifying Psychology Visit Day – Department of Psychology, University of Virginia

Application Deadline: Thursday, January 23 at 5:00 pm

This event is for research-oriented third and fourth year students and recent graduates from underrepresented groups (e.g., students who identify as a historically underrepresented ethnic/racial minority or who are the first in their family to attend college) who want to learn more about getting a doctoral degree in psychology and the [Psychology Department at UVA](#). Accepted students will have their travel, meal, and hotel costs covered to spend the day visiting the department on April 10, 2020. Students who applied last year, but were not invited to the visit day are encouraged to apply again. Questions? Email [Dr. Noelle Hurd](#), Associate Professor and Director of Diversity and Inclusion or [Alexis Stanton](#), Graduate Student and Diversity and Inclusion Graduate Fellow.

African American Teaching Fellows (AATF)

Application Due by: Friday, January 31 at 11:59 pm EST

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 get funding towards tuition. Fellows commit to teaching in the Charlottesville/Albemarle area after graduation. [For more information, visit](#) or contact [Jaime Hawkins](#).

2022 NGIC Student Internship (StudINT) Program

Writing Submissions Due by: Monday, February 3

NGIC Student Internship (StudINT) Program is now accepting applications for six intern positions. Interns will serve in a developmental Intelligence Specialist role with a team of scientists, engineers, and analysts. Applicants must be full-time students and eligible to obtain a top-secret clearance. Note: this process can take up to a year. Please direct questions to [Tiffany Lynch](#) at 434-980-7688.

The UVA Parents Fund Scholarships

Student Financial Services portal opens on Tuesday, February 4

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 11 at 12:00 midnight

[The Gilbert J. Sullivan Scholarship and the Gordon C. Burris Scholarships](#) are awarded to rising third-year students who have a demonstrated record of citizenship, leadership, academic achievement, and financial need. Two \$7,500 (i.e., \$3,750 per semester) annual scholarships cover a portion of tuition and fees for the recipients' third and fourth years. Rising third-year students who wish to apply may do so by visiting the [SFS portal](#). Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Parents Fund Committee spring meeting on Friday, April 12, 2019. Recipients should be available to attend a reception on the evening of Thursday, April 11, 2019. [Email Anna Patchias](#), at the UVA Parents Fund, with any questions.

2020 UVA Summer Medical Leadership Program (UVA-SMLP)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, February 5

The 2020 program is from Sunday May 31 – Monday, July 13. UVA-SMLP builds on the success previous summer medical academic enrichment programs [Medical Academic Advancement Program (MAAP) and Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)]. The goal: to expose the participants to the "real world of medicine" to prepare them for medical school admission & future leadership positions in medicine/biomedical field. [For more information, Apply now!](#)

2020 UVa Library (High School) Summer Internship program.

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 1

Please note: reference letters are required with the application. Please submit reference letters and applications as one pdf. An [application](#) without an accompanying reference letter will be considered incomplete, and the committee will not review incomplete applications. Please return the completed application to your guidance counselor by March 1, 2020. Your counselor should [submit this application and one reference](#). If you have questions about this application or the internship, please contact [Phylissa Mitchell](#), Director of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Accessibility or [Ashley Hosbach](#)

IDEA Fund Internship Position

Interns support the Trustee Board for programs and grants such as the Big Idea, mini grants, the IDEA Fund Endorsed Awards, and advocacy. The UVA IDEA Fund with the [Office for Diversity and Equity \(ODE\)](#) provides action-oriented leadership and support to University initiatives to ensure that the values of inclusion, diversity, equity, and access permeate the University community and culture. Interns can participate in meetings, lunches and initiatives with UVA departments, organizations and student groups. [For more information visit](#)

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).

This Week in Black History

HAPPY FOUNDER'S DAY TO THESE GREEK ORGANIZATIONS!



Alpha Kappa Alpha, first African American sorority, was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 15, 1908. Alpha Kappa Alpha (???) was the first Greek-lettered sorority established and incorporated by a group of twenty college educated women, led by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle. Incorporated on January 29, 1913, the sorority serves through a membership of more than 283,000 women in 992 chapters in the United States and several other countries. Alpha Kappa Alpha has created and supported independent community initiatives by creating programs and associations, such as the Mississippi Health Clinic, and influenced federal legislation by Congressional lobbying through the National Non-Partisan Lobby on Civil and Democratic Rights. The sorority also works with communities through service initiatives and progressive programs relating to education, family, health, and business. Alpha Kappa Alpha is part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).



Kappa Alpha Psi (???) is a collegiate Greek-letter fraternity with a predominantly African-American membership. Since the fraternity's founding on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University-Bloomington, the fraternity has never limited membership based on color, creed or national origin. The fraternity has over 150,000 members with 721 undergraduate and alumni chapters in every state of the United States, and international chapters. Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors programs providing community service, social welfare and academic scholarship through the Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation and is a supporter of the United Negro College Fund and Habitat for Humanity. Kappa Alpha Psi is a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). Kappa Alpha Psi celebrated its 100th anniversary on January 5, 2011, and is one of only four predominantly African American collegiate fraternities to do so.



Delta Sigma Theta (???) is a not-for profit Greek-lettered sorority of college-educated women dedicated to public service with an emphasis on programs that target the African American community. It was founded on January 13, 1913, by 22 collegiate women at Howard University in Washington, D.C. who wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need. Today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is the largest African-American Greek-lettered organization. Membership is open to any woman who meets the membership requirements, regardless of religion, race, or nationality. Women may join through undergraduate chapters at a college or university, or through an alumnae chapter after earning a college degree. Its sisterhood consists of more than 300,000 initiated members who are predominantly black college-educated Women and is an active member of multiple organizations, including the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) as well as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW).



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students to exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service for the general community, with the motto, "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity." Phi Beta Sigma has blossomed into an international organization of leaders who have been instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union and The Sigma Beta Club Foundation. Since its founding, more than 185,000 men have joined the membership. Currently, there are over 650 collegiate and alumni chapters in the United States, District of Columbia, Germany, Switzerland, The Bahamas, Virgin Islands, South Korea, Japan and countries in Africa. It is the only fraternity to hold a constitutional bond with a predominantly African American sorority, Zeta Phi Beta, which was founded on January 16, 1920, at Howard University in Washington, D.C.



Zeta Phi Beta (???) is an international, historically black Greek-lettered sorority founded on January 16, 1920, by five collegiate women at Howard University in Washington, D.C.. Zeta Phi Beta was founded on the simple belief that sorority elitism and socializing should not overshadow the real mission for progressive organizations – to address societal mores, ills, prejudices, poverty, and health concerns of the day. Zeta Phi Beta is organized into 800+ chapters, in eight intercontinental regions including the USA, Africa, Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. It was the first organization to establish adult and youth auxiliary groups and centralize its operations in a national headquarters. Today, there are also chapters in U.S. Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Bahamas, Japan, Korea, Barbados, and Haiti, and is the only National Pan-Hellenic Council ("NPHC") sorority that is constitutionally bound to a fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma. The sorority maintains affiliations with several organizations including the NPHC, American Diabetes Association, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, National Council of Negro Women, and the United Negro College Fund.
