



OAAA E-WEEKLY

THE OFFICE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS E-NEWSLETTER
HIGHLIGHTING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OAAA STUDENTS

“YOUNG, GIFTED & BLACK: 40 YEARS OF PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE QUEST”

WEEK OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I demand perfection in what I do, and I practice very hard before I give a concert -- sometimes three to six hours a day.

-- **Nina Simone**

Calculus Tutoring

Tuesdays 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Fridays – 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

WEB DuBois Conference Room
(small groups)

Black Fridays
Friday, September 30th
1:30 pm

LPJ Cultural Center
Food + Fellowship

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Justin H. Lagbo is a Third year student from Virginia Beach, VA pursuing a B.A. in Cognitive Science and Psychology, with an emphasis in Cognitive Science. He plans to become a physician and specialize in endocrinology. His goal: to develop cures for various diseases and make a difference through research for people suffering from hormone-related ailments. He credits his mother, a medical practitioner, for inspiring him to achieve his long term dream, and to make a difference through medicine.



Justin is a very active OAAA Peer Advisor and is also a co-chair of the Pre-Health Committee. For the past two years, he has participated weekly in the Raising-the-Bar/GradSTAR Peer Tutoring program. On Sunday nights, students can find him at the WEB Conference Center, where he supports classmates taking chemistry courses. He is always positive, encouraging, and willing to help others do well in their science-related courses. Thanks, Justin, for “lifting others as you climb.”

You can nominate an exceptional student (not yourself) to be featured in the Spotlight on Student Achievements, please send your nominations to Dean Patrice Grimes (pgrimes@virginia.edu) by Thursday by 12 noon for an upcoming OAAA edition.

The Office of African-American Affairs is on FACEBOOK! LIKE US to keep up-to-date with events and more info about OAAA!

IMPORTANT! October 17, 2016 is the last day to REGISTER to VOTE in the November 8th General Election. Applications are at OAAA Front Desk.

Applications now on line: GradSTAR Personal Branding Seminar Series

Deadline Friday, September 30th by 5:00 pm

For details, visit <http://oaaa.virginia.edu/building-your-personal-brand> or contact Dean Grimes (pgrimes@virginia.edu)

RTB 4.0 Study & Tutoring Sessions – Fall Semester

Sundays through Thursdays

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

LBJ Black Cultural Center (study with Peer Advisors) &
WEB DuBois Conference Room (small group tutoring):

Sunday – Chemistry (peer); Monday – SPANISH, starting soon; Tuesday – Calculus (OAAA grad tutor); Wednesday – Statistics (OAAA/McIntire tutor); Thursday – Biology (peer).

For details, see Raising the Bar Coordinator: Soyini Nibbs (skn2eh)

RTB 4.0 – It’s Not Just for First Years’ Anymore!

Black College Women

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

W.E.B Dubois, Conference Room
Lunch!

OAAA/Grad STAR Mentoring Program – Student Orientation

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

OAAA, Main Conference Room
Pizza!

QUOTE'S CORNER: Nina Simone

Nina Simone (born Eunice Kathleen Waymon; February 21, 1933 – April 21, 2003) was an American singer, songwriter, pianist, arranger, and civil rights activist. She performed in a broad range of musical styles including classical, jazz, blues, folk, R&B, gospel, and pop. She was denied a scholarship to study at the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, but achieved international acclaim for her powerful lyrics and vocals. With the blessing of her friend, playwright Lorraine Hansberry, she wrote the song, *Young, Gifted and Black* that was frequently performed by artists and at concerts during the Civil Rights era of the 1960s.



Nina Simone

More Info VISIT:

Visit: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nina_Simone to learn more.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



OCTOBER 2016

Saturday 1st – Tuesday 4th

Reading Days

NOVEMBER 2016

Friday 4th – Sunday 6th

Family Convocation
Family Weekend

Wednesday 23rd – Sunday 27th

Thanksgiving recess

DECEMBER 2016

Tuesday 6th

Courses end

Wednesday 7th

Reading Day

Thursday 8th – Friday 16th

Examinations

Sunday 11th – Wednesday 14th

Reading Days

Friday 30th

Fall degrees conferred

OAAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICES

Black Male Initiative

Monday, September 26, 2016
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
W.E.B Dubois, Conference Room
Lunch!

Black Male Initiative Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Newcomb Hall – Conference Room- Rm 389
Snacks!

Orphée Noir

In the tradition of Black Newspapers, Orphée Noir, has emerged as a necessary voice of the Black Community at UVA and beyond. It is particularly important right now! This periodical is shaped by students to represent their experience in a unique and fitting way. The hope is to capture what it means to be Black on grounds and to consider this meaning within the larger context of Blackness. Please join us in reading about our experiences.

Hopefully you will be pleasantly surprised to find that we have launched Orphée Noir into the digital age. Read online at: www.orpheenoir.com

More features will be added soon!

EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY & IN THE COMMUNITY

Housing Seminars: Learn Options before Signing a Lease

Monday, September 26, 2016 & Tuesday, September 27, 2016
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Alumni Hall

Hear the experts in [UVA Housing & Residence Life talk](#) about on- and off-Grounds options, as well as students with real-life experience living in the places you're considering. A Student Financial Services rep will be on hand to discuss budgeting and scholarship details. Food!

Law School Application Strategy Session

Monday, September 26, 2016
11:00 am – 12:00 noon
Newcomb Hall - Room 389

Pre-Law Advisors will review the importance of the application process, including application preparation, recent UVA application trends and materials. They will also explain the Credential Application Service (CAS) and provide tips and strategies for what to expect at the *Graduate and Professional School Fair* on Wednesday, 9/28. Open to all students. Food for attendees who **RSVP!**

M.S. in Commerce Open House

Monday, September 26, 2016
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Rouss Hall, Fourth Floor Lobby

Learn more about this unique one-year business degree for liberal arts, science, and engineering majors. This is the only time when prospective students can meet face-to-face with program faculty, commerce career advisors, admissions staff, student services, current students, and alumni all at one event. Recently ranked No. 1 "Best Value Master's in Management 2015" by *ValueColleges*, this 10-month program features tracks in Business Analytics, Finance, and Marketing & Management, as well as a three-week global immersion in a dynamic region of the world. Complimentary refreshments will be provided and dress is casual. Drop by any time. Visit: <http://bit.ly/2cCQK3N> to learn more.

ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES

(varies by school)

Tuesday, October 18th

Drop with a W**

- Architecture
- Arts & Sciences
- BIS Program
- Commerce *
- Education
- Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy
- Nursing

Tuesday, October 11th

Drop without Penalty

Engineering

Tuesday, October 18th

Drop with a W**

Wednesday, December 7th

Drop with a W**

Law

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26TH TO OCTOBER 2ND

September 26th, 1867 – Birth of Maggie L. Walker, business pioneer and civic leader



Maggie Lena Walker broke traditional legal, gender, and racial barriers to become the first woman to establish and become president of a bank in the United States. Originally named the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank in Richmond (VA), until 2010, it was known as Consolidated Bank and Trust Company and was the oldest continually African American-operated bank in the USA. In her role as Grand Secretary of the Independent Order of Saint Luke, Walker organized a variety of enterprises. Although she faced discrimination, Walker fought for financial investments and collective action for tangible improvements for African-Americans. **Visit:** http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Maggie_Lena_Walker_1864-1934#start_entry to learn more

Flash Hack: Create the "Ideas for Humanity" Game with Chic Thompson

Monday, September 26, 2016

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Open Grounds

We all love Apples to Apples and Cards Against Humanity... World-renowned speaker, author, entrepreneur, and teacher Chic Thompson will be taking participants through one of his world-famous brainstorming sessions to help us create a game called Ideas for Humanity." Food and Drink will be provided. **Please RSVP here:**

<http://bit.do/ideas4humanity>

National Museum of African-American History (NMAAHC) Screening: Underground Series

Monday, September 26, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

14th St and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC

NMAAHC Presents! The Underground Series -- Screening and Discussion --- Meet the cast and the creative team of WGN American's hit television drama, *Underground*. The acclaimed series portrays the bravery and agency of members of a Deep South enslaved community, who, in great peril, liberate themselves in search of freedom. The moderated program will include clips from both seasons one and two, followed by audience Q & A. **Visit:**

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/calendar/event?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D120723072> to learn more.

CORE: "Staying Abroad"

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

New Cabell 383

By popular demand, we have created a seminar for people who are planning to pursue a long-term career and residence in another country with another language. We will examine complex challenges that emerge, including issues of identity, relationships, culture, and communication when there's no clear "return" date for your experience abroad. We will also discuss strategies for addressing these complex challenges. **Visit**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/core-staying-abroad-with-whitney-bevill-tickets-27315800294> to learn more.

Higher Education Panel & Networking Event

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

The Kaleidoscope Room, Newcomb Hall

Do you love UVA and being part of a campus community? Are you an orientation leader or resident advisor and passionate about your work? Come learn about career options in student affairs/higher education from UVA administrators and connect with potential graduate school programs. All staff and students are welcome. Food will be provided.

Visit: <https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/16783> to learn more.

VA Fifth Congressional District Debate

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

6:00 pm

Garrett Hall, University of Virginia

The UVA Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy hosts a non-partisan debate between former Albemarle County Board of Supervisors Chair Jane Dittmar and Virginia State Senator Tom Garrett. Moderated by Dean Allan C. Stam and Professor Gerald Warburg, the candidates will be asked questions about domestic and foreign policy. Free and open to the general public. Parking is available for a fee at the Central Grounds Parking Garage.

September 28, 2003 – Tennis Great Althea Gibson died



Trailblazing athlete Althea Gibson became the first great African-American player in women's tennis. Raised in New York City (Harlem), she won a string of American Tennis Association titles on the African-American circuit. After being allowed entry into the major tournaments, she became the first Black player to win Wimbledon, the French and U.S. Open titles. Gibson turned professional in 1959, becoming the first African-American competitor on the women's pro golf tour. In 1971, she was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Later, she served as Commissioner of Athletics for the state of New Jersey. Following a stroke and heart problems, she died on September 28, 2003, of respiratory failure in East Orange, New Jersey.

Visit:

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/althea-gibson> to learn more.

September 29, 1954 – Willie Mays dazzles World Series fans



On September 29, 1954, Willie Mays, centerfielder for the New York Giants, makes an amazing over-the-shoulder catch of a fly ball, hit by Cleveland Indians first baseman Vic Wertz, to rob Wertz of extra bases in Game 1 of the World Series. The catch is recorded as one of the greatest in the history of baseball. Mays was named the National League MVP in 1954, and again in 1965. He played in a record 24 All-Star games, winning the All-Star MVP in 1963 and 1968. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1979. His base running, power, fielding, ability to hit for average and outstanding arm in the outfield made him the prototype "five-tool" player for whom baseball scouts search. **Visit:** <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/willie-mays-makes-catch> to learn more.

UVA in India, Info Sessions: Spring Semester 2017

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

6:00 pm – 7:00pm

New Cabell 283

Spend the spring semester living and studying in Delhi with the UVA in India program. Come to an info session to learn more from faculty director Geeta Patel and hear from students who participated in the program in 2016. The program offers an immersive experience for students interested in India, South Asian studies, Hindi language, Media Studies, Global Studies, and more, with the opportunity to engage in an integrated research methods and internship/research component.

Financial aid and scholarships are available. **Visit**

http://www.programs.studyabroad.virginia.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=1087 to learn more.

Next week at the Carter G. Woodson Institute: "Meet the Fellows"

Thursday, September 29, 2016

3:30 pm

Kaleidoscope Room, Newcomb Hall

Please join the current and returning Carter G. Woodson Fellows who present brief descriptions of their projects. Reception to follow in the Gallery, Newcomb Hall.

Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy

Thursday, September 29, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

National Museum of African-American History & Culture

14th St and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC

Come to discuss *The Blood in the Water* novel to shed new light on the riot, the NY state's violent response, and the decades-long implications of Attica for those involved. [Event](#).

James Madison's Montpelier: Journey from Slavery to Freedom Trail

Saturday, October 8, 2016

2:00 pm

11350 Constitution Hwy, Orange, VA

Experience nearly 300 years of African American history. This guided tour begins at the 2 PM at the Visitor Center. Free.

Rosenwald: Film Screening

Sunday, October 16, 2016

7:00 pm

215 E Main St, Charlottesville, VA

Aviva Kempner's *Rosenwald* is the incredible story of Julius Rosenwald, the son of an immigrant peddler who never finished high school, but rose to become the President of Sears, Roebuck & Company. Influenced by the writings of the educator Booker T. Washington, this Jewish philanthropist joined forces with African-American communities during the Jim Crow era in the South to build over 5,300 schools during the early part of the 20th century. **Visit:**

<http://www.theparamount.net/2016/preservation-virginia-presents-rosenwald/> to learn more.

A Symposium in Memory of Julian Bond

Thursday, October 20, 2016 & Friday, October 21, 2016

The University of Virginia – various sites

"Exploring the impact of Julian Bond's life, work, and legacy in civil and social justice movements. [Register Here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

Center for Undergraduate Excellence - Scholarship and Fellowships Series Fall 2016

Mondays

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Rotunda Multipurpose Room (121)

There are scholarship and research awards for students at all stages (undergraduate, graduate, professional) – even alumni. It's never too early to start learning about these opportunities!

September 30, 1962 - Riots over desegregation of The University of Mississippi



In Oxford, Mississippi, James H. Meredith, an African-American, applied and was accepted to the University of Mississippi in 1962, but his admission was revoked when the registrar learned of his race. A federal court ordered "Ole Miss" to admit him, but when he tried to register on September 20, 1962, the entrance to the office blocked by Mississippi Governor Ross Barnett. The next day, the governor was found guilty of civil contempt and was ordered to cease his interference with desegregation at the university, or face arrest and a fine. Two days later, Meredith was escorted onto the campus by U.S. Marshals. Turned back by violence, he returned the next day and began classes. Meredith, who was a transfer student from all-black Jackson State College, graduated with a degree in political science in 1963. **Visit:** <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/riots-over-desegregation-of-ole-miss> to learn more.

October 2nd, 1967 - Thurgood Marshall sworn in as the first Black Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court



As chief counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the 1940s and '50s, Marshall was the architect and executor of the legal strategy that ended an era of legal racial segregation. Born in 1908, Marshall was rejected from the University of Maryland Law School because of race. Eventually, he was accepted at Howard University Law School in Washington, D.C. At Howard, he studied under the tutelage of civil liberties lawyer Charles H. Houston, and in 1933, graduated first in his class. In 1936, he joined the legal division of the NAACP, of which Houston was director, and two years later succeeded his mentor in the organization's top legal post. **Visit:** <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/thurgood-marshall-sworn-in> to learn more.

Churchill Scholarship

Monday, September 26, 2016

Specifically for the STEM students, this scholarship funds a year of research at Cambridge (Great Britain), where a student also earns a graduate degree. Apply as a fourth year (or within 12 months of graduation). **Visit:** <http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/index.html> to learn more.

White House Fellows Program

Founded in 1964, the President's Commission on White House Fellowships is the nation's premiere program for leadership and public service. The fellowship offers exceptional Americans first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal government. After a competitive application process, selected individuals spend a year in Washington, DC working as a full-time, paid Fellow to Cabinet Secretaries, senior White House staff, and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sectors. Fellowships are awarded on a strictly non-partisan basis. **Visit:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/fellows> to learn more.

Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship

Deadline: Friday, September 30, 2016, 5:00 pm

The Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship will help fund a proposal to conduct brief work in a foreign country related to the mandate of UNESCO – using education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture, and/or communication and information to build strong ties among nations. To qualify, you must be: A U.S. citizen eligible for foreign travel; at least 18 years old, and not older than 25, at the time of application; currently enrolled in an accredited U.S. college or university in the United States.

Visit: <http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/programs/143138.htm> to learn more.

The Jefferson Trust - Now Accepting 2016-17 Grant Applications:

Application Deadline: Friday, September 30, 2016

Alumni Hall

The Jefferson Trust is pleased to announce that the application for funding for the 2016-17 grant cycle is now available. [Visit our website](#) to find more information on recent Jefferson Trust grants, grant guidelines and FAQ's, and the proposal template. **Special funding available for both student-initiated and globally-oriented grants!** As a result of leadership gifts from Trustees Dan Adler and Larry Sperling, grant proposals from students, as well as proposals that support global initiatives are being solicited. For more information, contact Amy Bonner at 434-243-9078.

2016 STEM Open House @ Penn State University (College Park, PA)

Thursday – Sunday, October 13th -16th, 2016

Phone: 814-863-1663

Email: PSUSTEMOpenHouse@psu.edu
gradschool.psu.edu/diversity

Begin your STEM career on a solid foundation at Penn State's main campus. The school boasts unmatched research facilities, faculty expertise, and new opportunities await you. Reach your maximum potential! **Visit:** gradschool.psu.edu/diversity/openhouse to learn more from the Office of Graduate Educational Equity Programs

Undergraduate Research Network (URN) Grants

Applications Due: Saturday, October 15, 2016

This grant provides funding to undergraduates for travel, lodging, and meals related to a research conference or workshop. This event may be at another institution, but the grant will only apply to domestic travel. Approximately 2-3 awards of up to \$300 are granted on a competitive basis. Applicants must be a full time undergraduate students at UVa and remain enrolled at the University through the completion of the funded event. Workshop or conference attendees will be reimbursed for their expenses following the event. Grant awardees will be required to meet with Brian Cullaty, Director of Undergraduate Research Opportunities at the Center for Undergraduate Excellence, and Edith Conti, Office Manager at the Center for Undergraduate Excellence, prior to departure. **Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Funds must be used for events occurring before April 1, 2017.**

IIE UPS Scholarship for Minority Students

DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

3577 Parkway Lane
Suite 200
Norcross, GA 30092-2833

IIE's scholarship and fellowship program recognizes graduate and undergraduate industrial engineering students for academic excellence and campus leadership. The UPS Scholarship is available to students enrolled in any school in the United States and its territories, Canada, and Mexico. The school's industrial engineering program or equivalent must be accredited by an agency or organization recognized by IIE; the student must also be pursuing a course of study in industrial engineering. Visit: <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=857> to learn more.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

UNLEASH – on Grounds

Wondering how to get involved with research on Grounds? UNLEASH is a program that matches UVa undergraduate students with research opportunities sponsored by UVa faculty. Hence the title: Undergraduate Novel Learning Experience and Scientific Hands-on or UNLEASH. **Visit:** <https://med.virginia.edu/faculty/unleash-undergraduate-research-program/> to learn more.

Jefferson School African American Heritage Center – in downtown C'ville

The Heritage Center seeks volunteers to lead group tours of the Jefferson School. Volunteer docents will teach visitors, youth and adults about the Jefferson School, its place in history, and its role in the Charlottesville community today. Anyone with a love of learning is encouraged to apply. If you are interested in becoming a docent, [please click here to fill out an application form](#). If you have questions, please **contact Ellen Blackmon** or **Visit:** education@jeffschoolheritagecenter.org to learn more.