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A Note from the Director

Dear CAAS,

Our Spring 2018 semester was incredibly productive! An early highlight was our first major fundraiser: CAAS Night at the Jubilee Theatre. I am pleased to report that we surpassed our goal of raising \$4000! These funds will be used to enhance CAAS programming, develop our academic curriculum, and assist the community. Major thanks goes out to everyone that helped us sell each of the 143 seats in the historic Jubilee Theatre in downtown Fort Worth. A packed house watched the important play, **Detroit '67**. A special thanks goes out to Larry Kemp and Maurice Barksdale—two influential UTA alums—who provided CAAS the funds to “buy out the theatre.”

Another major highlight was the renaming of State Route 360 to recognize Rosa Parks, the legendary icon of the Civil Rights Movement. Texas State Representative Chris Turner—who also bought several tickets to CAAS Night at the Jubilee—asked me to assist in writing the plaque that appears in various places along the freeway. I was humbled to have been asked to contribute to such an important memorial.

Near the end of the semester, CAAS and the African American Faculty and Staff Association (AAFSFA) co-sponsored the first annual “Evening of Black Excellence: Achievements and Graduation.” More than 120 graduating seniors (and their families) participated in this event! Thanks to everyone who attended, supported, planned, and executed this important event. It was a major sign of black unity! Look at what we can do when we work together!

Finally, I am deeply honored to have received the “Dr. June James Distinguished Educational Leader Award” sponsored by our local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). I remember meeting Dr. James when I first began here at UTA. He worked hard to improve conditions for blacks and open doors to new opportunities. I look forward to working with (and continuing to pay dues!) to our local branch of the NAACP in years to come. Receiving this award is a strong sign of CAAS’ “community engagement.”

Dr. Jason E. Shelton



DR. JASON E. SHELTON



Student Engagement



**CAAS aims to
*Enlighten, Inspire, and
Empower.***



For information on CAAS Events, contact us at caas@uta.edu



Student Engagement

Building A Strong Foundation!

Vision Board Party

CAAS kicks off the new year with its annual vision board party hosted by life coach, Katrina Williams.

A vision board is a tool used to help clarify, concentrate and maintain focus on specific life goals.



Towards the end of the semester CAAS hosts Study Breaks. This event is designed to assist students in preparing for final exams. They are supplied with materials to support their academic goals.

Professionalism Workshop

In February, CAAS hosted a student development workshop for ELI/ESP on professionalism. Patricia O'Brien, the Student Development Specialist, gave a presentation on how to present yourself as a professional when going into interviews.

Conflict Management

In April, Rod Russell gave a presentation on conflict management. He is Specialist Master at Deloitte Consulting, a financial management firm.



Campus & Community Engagement

CAAS Power Hour Lecture Series Spring 2018

February 2018

When Terri Gets the Job, but Sherrica is Under-qualified:
(Name Discrimination in the Workplace)

Dr. Jeffries is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of North Texas (UNT) (project to graduate in December 2018).

Area of Interest: Discrimination: Race and Ethnicity; Workplace Transactions and Issues.

Importance of the topic: Name discrimination in the workplace.

Shanae Jeffries

Date: February 7, 2018
Time: 12 PM - 1 PM
Location: University Center, Ballroom
*Registration will be required.

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Name Discrimination in the Workforce was a lecture offered by Shanae Jeffries, a doctoral candidate at UNT. Jeffries discussed how a person's name and its spelling can impact their job search.



April 2018

Center for African American Studies Presents:
"Addressing Mental Health Among College Aged Adolescents"

Presented by Dr. Brandon Respress

April 6, 2018
12PM-1PM
University Center Ballroom 2

Dr. Brandon R. Respress is currently an Assistant Professor within the College of Nursing and Health Innovation, graduate studies and public health programs. She earned both her doctorate and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees in Nursing at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing (FPB) at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. During her doctorate education, she also completed a Post-Master's certification program for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (CNS) at Case Western Reserve. Prior to returning to Case for her doctoral education, Dr. Respress earned dual Master's degrees at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. There she received her Master of Nursing (MN) with the specialty of Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and a Master of Public Health (MPH) with a concentration in Health Services Management and Policy.

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Addressing Mental Health Among College Aged Adolescents was presented by Dr. Brandon Respress, Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation.





Swift Elementary School February 2018



On February 28th, the CAAS staff went to Swift Elementary School in Arlington, TX to read to the students for Black History Month. The staff was allowed to choose from the books available to them that varied by grade level. They then were escorted to different classrooms to read to the children.





Campus & Community Engagement

CAAS Night at the Jubilee!



CAAS Night At The Jubilee
Thursday, February 1st 2018
Arlington Center for African American Studies



Doors open at 8:30 PM
Jubilee Theatre
506 Main St. Fort Worth, TX 76102





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CAAS Night at the Jubilee Theatre took place in early February. This was CAAS' first major fundraiser! The Jubilee Theatre is a historic playhouse in downtown Fort Worth in Sundance Square that spotlights past and present features of the African American experience.

A sold out audience watched a performance of the play **Detroit '67**. CAAS is especially thankful that Larry Kemp and Maurice Barksdale—two highly influential UTA alums—donated funds to “buy out the theatre.” With their support, CAAS surpassed its goal of raising \$4000! These funds will be used to enhance our programming, develop our academic curriculum, and assist the broader community.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
THE CENTER FOR AFRICAN
AMERICAN STUDIES!

Please continue to support the
historic Jubilee Theatre!





Campus & Community Engagement

Transforming Activism: From Marching to Hashtags

CAAS interns designed and organized an event for Black History Month called “The Transformation of Activism: From Marching to Hashtags.” We greatly appreciate Shealyn Hardrick and Brittany Lightfoot’s ideas and efforts in producing this engaging discussion.



The panelists Patricia O’Brien, Dr. Pamela (Safisha) Hill, Copenhagen Elliot, Mr. Zeb Strong, Jr., Dr. Robert Bing, and Mr. Ray Jordan. Each addressed relevant issues as well as responded to questions from the audience on how racial tension and how activism have transformed over the decades.



After the panel discussion, the students and faculty asked questions of the panelists.





Campus & Community Engagement

6th Annual CAAS Conference Hip Hop: The Art and Activism of Inequality

6th Annual Center for African American Studies
Conference

Panelist
Sweet LD
Oaktown 3.5.7.
Classic Hip Hop Artist

Closing Keynote
Dr. Reuben May
Sociology Professor
Texas A&M University

Opening Keynote
Dr. Kenton Rambsy
English Professor
University of Texas at
Arlington

Panelist
Michael Shawn
Radio Personality
K104 FM

Critical Issues in the Black Community
Hip Hop: The Art and Activism of Inequality

University Center
Bluebonnet Ballroom
February 17, 2018
9AM-2PM

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This year's conference featured hip hop professionals such as the legendary Sweet LD from Oaktown's 3-5-7, and K104's Michael Shawn.

The morning keynote was offered by Dr. Kenton Rambsy, a popular English professor here at UTA. He teaches a course on Hip Hop in which he analyzes Jay-Z's lyrics in revealing patterns in Big Data.

After lunch, the afternoon keynote was delivered by Dr. Reuben May, a Sociology Professor at Texas A&M University. His afternoon keynote touched on how he, with the support of those around him, shaped his path in life.

Dr. May's professional alter ego is a fun loving, underground rapper named "Sterling Stuckey." He lived up to his nickname, "Rapping Professor," by performing one of his songs, which can be found on YouTube at "TheStuckeyProject."





6th Annual CAAS Conference Hip Hop: The Art and Activism of Inequality

Dr. Rambsy (center) delivered the morning keynote. The title of his talk was “#theJayZMixtape: the Life and Times of S. Carter.” Shealyn Hardrick., a CAAS intern, served as moderator for this session.



Dr. May’s daughter, Regina (third from the right), is a student here at UTA. She’s also a DJ on UTA Radio!

Guest speakers Sweet LD and Michael Shawn were present for a panel discussion on the hip hop industry and the impact it has on not only the artists, but on the general public as well.





6th Annual CAAS Conference Hip Hop: The Art and Activism of Inequality



After the morning keynote, the SDI students had a panel discussion moderated by the Student Development Specialist, Patricia O'Brien.

Once conference session focused on Hip Hop, Health, and Hypertension in the Black community. This discussion was led by Dr. Rebecca Garner, an Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and Chris Woolen, a former CAAS student assistant. They got the audience up and moving to the music!





Campus & Community Engagement

360 Tollway Opening



A section of State Route 360 was renamed to recognize Ms. Rosa Parks, the legendary icon of the Civil Rights Movement. Texas State Representative Chris Turner of District 101 (D-Grand Prairie) asked Dr. Shelton to assist in writing the plaque that appears in her honor at various points along the freeway.

Many distinguished people attended the opening of the Rosa Parks Memorial Parkway, including Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams (pictured with the CAAS staff—top right-hand corner). Rep. Turner appears in the bottom left, while Dr. Shelton stands with members of Ms. Parks family who live in the local area (bottom right).



Campus & Community Engagement

CAAS Student Recognition Spring 2018



Victor Allen (left) received the “Outstanding BSW Field Student” award on April 17th, 2018 at the UTA School of Social Work Celebration of Excellence. The event was designed to recognize students who earned honors and certificates in Social Work.



CAAS Faculty Recognition

Professor Pamela (Safisha) Hill won the “Outstanding Teaching by an Adjunct” award sponsored by the School of Social Work.

**CONGRATULATIONS to
Victor and Dr. Hill!**





Campus & Community Engagement

NAACP Political Candidate Forums



Dr. Shelton moderated two political forums for candidates running to represent Texas' 6th Congressional District in the US Congress. These debates were sponsored by Arlington's local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).



The first debate took place early in the primary and included six Democrats and six Republicans. The second debate took place shortly before the run-off, and featured the top two Democratic candidates: Ruby Faye Woolridge and Jana Sanchez.

Many influential organizations assisted the NAACP in hosting these events including local chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

This year, election day is Tuesday, November 5th, 2018.

**Get Out and Vote!
A Voteless People is a
Hopeless People!**





Campus & Community Engagement

“The Boule” Comes to UTA

In April, Mr. Cornell Moore delivered a powerful presentation for CAAS. He is a Past Grand Sire Archon (or President) of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, which is more commonly known as “The Boule.” It is the oldest fraternal organization for black men in the United States. Potential members are considered long after they have completed college, and only if they have developed an exemplary professional record of achievement.

Several members of Delta Mu Boule of Tarrant County attended Mr. Moore’s lecture, including Micheal Heiskell, Vince Adams, and distinguished UTA alumni Maurice Barksdale and Don Babers (immediately below).





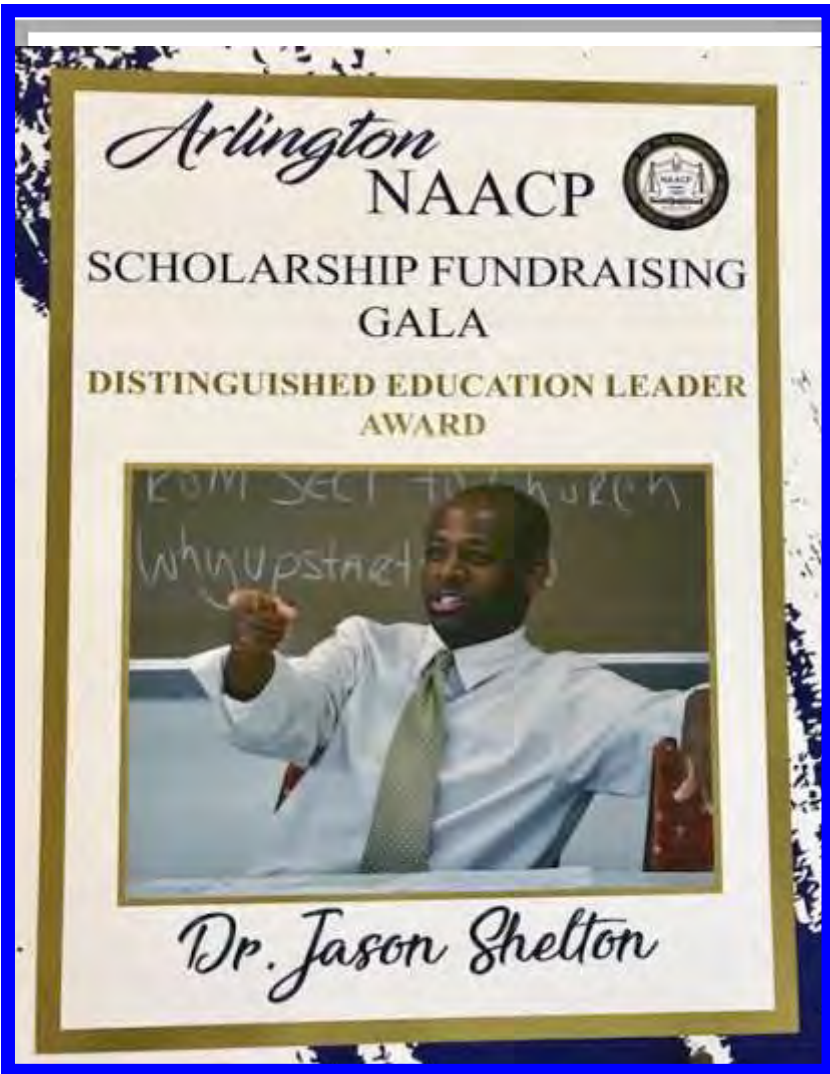
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Annual NAACP Scholarship Gala



In April, the Arlington Branch of the NAACP presented Dr. Shelton with the “Dr. June James Distinguished Education Leader Award.” Dr. James was an influential professor at UTA who inspired many students, staff, and faculty. Dr. Shelton is honored to have received this award, and plans to continue to work closely with the Arlington NAACP.

Congratulations Dr. Shelton!





Campus & Community Engagement

Community Mentor's Dinner Spring 2018



The Community Mentor's Dinner and Panel Discussion was held on March 28th in the UTA Library Atrium. The panelists were Dr. Kiva Harper of the School of Social Work, Dorrel Willis, Monique Washington, Demarcus Cullors, and Alice Ward. Each of the featured speakers delivered a powerful message about their internal motivation and tools necessary for achievement.





Congratulations!

An Evening of Black Excellence: Achievements and Graduation



At the end of the Spring 2018 semester, CAAS and the African American Faculty and Staff Association (AAFSA) co-sponsored the first annual “Evening of Black Excellence: Achievements and Graduation.” More than 120 graduating seniors participated in this important event.

Mr. Larry Kemp, an influential UTA alum and owner of Kemp and Sons General Services, delivered a powerful keynote address. President Karbhari also addressed the large crowd of students (and their families), staff, faculty, and administrators. Everyone who attended “An Evening of Black Excellence” left inspired and motivated!



Congratulations!





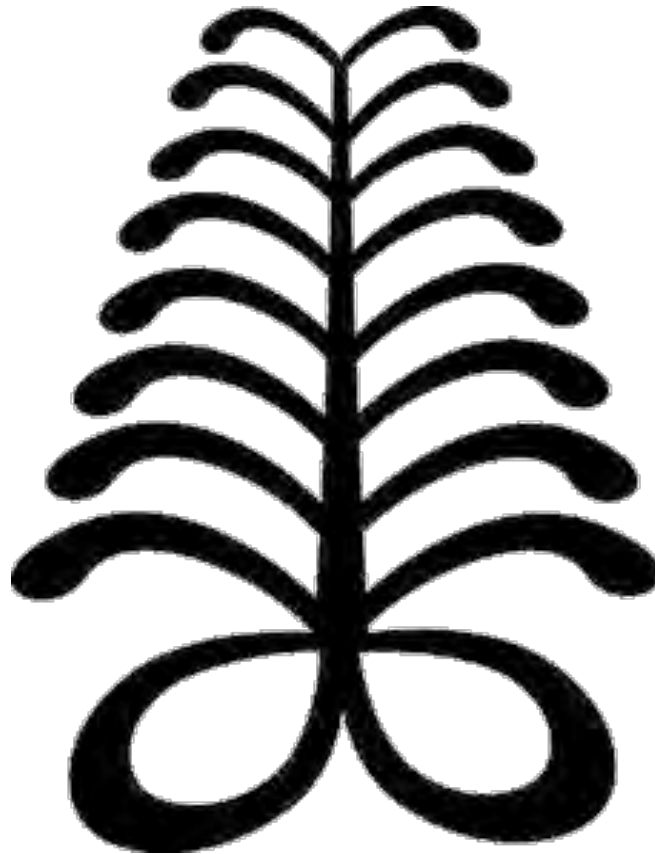
Congratulations!

Spring 2018 Graduates

Continue to strive and give your best efforts so that you will obtain your greatest rewards. We hope you stay connected to CAAS so that we may follow your growth and success!

- Victor Allen, AAST Minor and ELI
- Hilary Anonyei, AAST Minor
- Michael Baker II, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Jeremy Black, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Antoinette Dailey, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Dyani Dobson, AAST Minor
- Alisha Duhon, AAST Minor
- Wasilot Ekoh, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Kenneth Esenwah, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Danielle Harper, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Brittany Higgins, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Victoria Johnson, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Samira Lancaster, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Brittany Lightfoot, AAST Minor
- Jeffery Linnear, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Jayme McArthur, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Jasmine Patterson, AAST Minor
- Regina Phillips, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Jasmine Shaw, Emerging Leaders Initiative
- Malik Waller, AAST Minor and ELI
- Alexis Williams, Emerging Leaders Initiative


AYA



Aya is the adinkra symbol for endurance and resourcefulness. The symbol used is a fern which is known to grow in difficult places. People in west Africa who bare this symbol are said to have endured many adversities and still persevered.



African American Studies Minor




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MINOR IN (AAST)

What can you do with an African American Studies Minor?

<p>Careers in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">BusinessEducationHistoryLaw/PoliticsLiteratureMedicineNews MediaSocial Work& more	<p>Requirements include: Only 8 classes with 3 required in AAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intro to African American Studies• African American History, Contemporary Black Experience, Or Human Behavior and Diverse Populations• Service Learning Capstone <p>Collaborations with units across campus including ANTH, CRJ, ECON, ENGL, LING, MANA, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, SOCW.</p> <hr/> <p>For more information about the Center for African American Studies (CAAS)</p> <p>Contact us at: 1022 UTA BLVD Box 19024 Arlington, TX 76019 caas@uta.edu www.uta.edu/caas</p>
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For more information about the AAST Minor contact
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Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 12, 2018
SDI Workshop

September 19, 2018
SDI Workshop

September 19, 2018
CAAS 7th Annual Opening Lecture

September 26, 2018
SDI Workshop

October 3, 2018
CAAS Power Hour Lecture

October 17, 2018
SDI Workshop

November 7, 2018
SDI Workshop

November 14, 2018
SDI Workshop

November 2018
Power Hour Lecture

December 4, 2018
Evening of Arts & Letters





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