

# CAAS Synergy



**A VOTELESS People is a HOPELESS People!**



# Campus Engagement

## October Power Hour



# JUSTICE STARTS AT THE TOP

ALISA SIMMONS  
PRESIDENT OF THE ARLINGTON  
BRANCH OF THE NAACP

OCTOBER 7, 2020  
TIME: 12PM - 1PM  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS



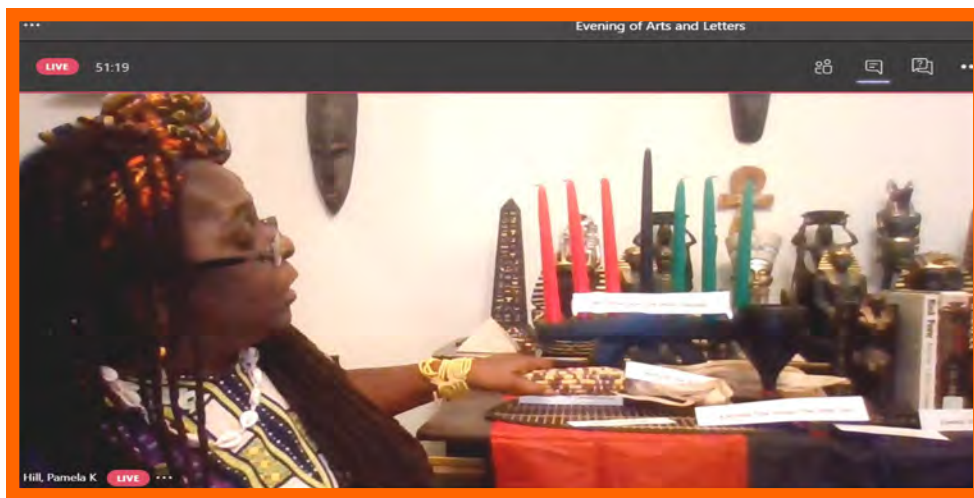
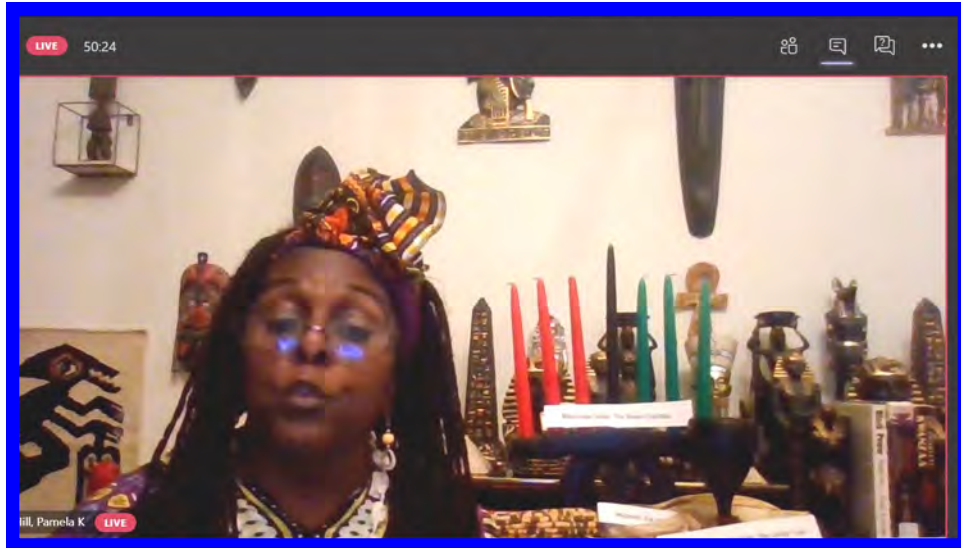
**Alisa Simmons** led CAAS' October Power Hour. Alisa has served as President of the Arlington Branch of the NAACP for nearly a decade. She shared insights on the Black Lives Matter Movement here in the DFW Metroplex, as well as provided suggestions for eliminating poverty, enhancing business opportunities for women and minorities, and discussed policies aimed at alleviating tensions between African Americans and law enforcement.





# Campus & Community Engagement

## Evening of Arts and Letters



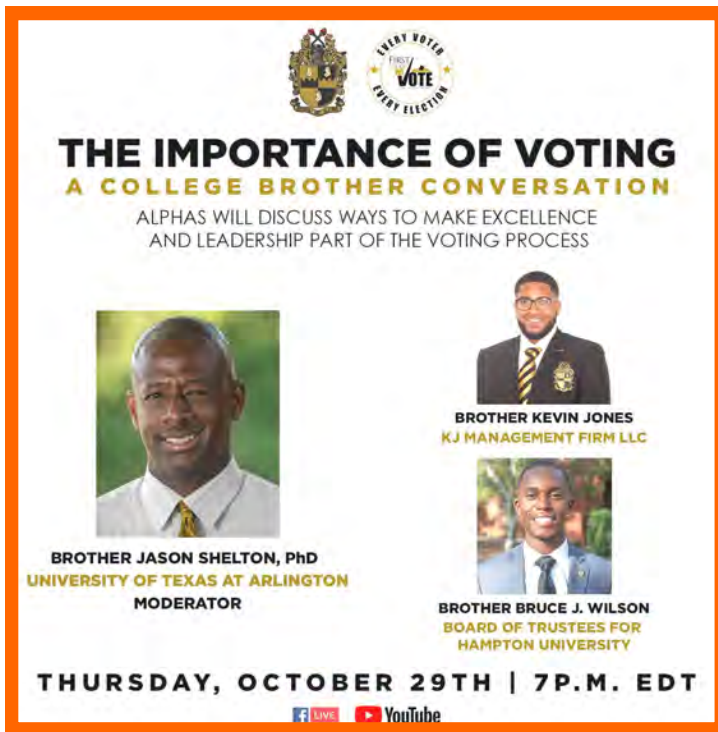
In December, **Dr. Pamela Safisha Hill** lead CAAS students and staff through a virtual rendition of celebrating Kwanzaa! As always, she described the holiday's meaning and principles, and helped us recognize ancestors who have passed on. Grab your Kinara and celebrate Kwanzaa from December 26th thru January 1st!

Congratulations to **Breanna Wright**! She recently graduated from UT Arlington with degrees in Psychology and African American Studies!



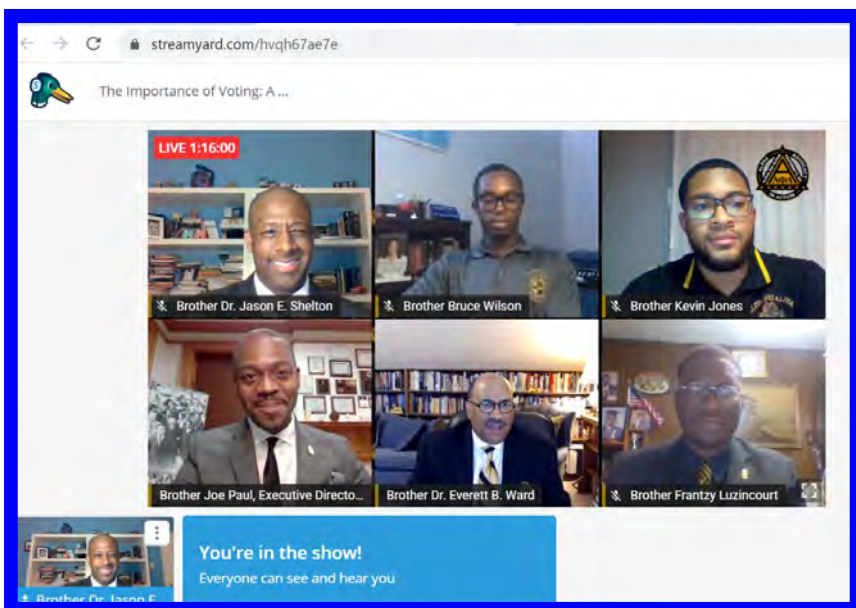
# Campus & Community Engagement

## Alpha Phi Alpha National Forum



In late October, **Dr. Shelton** moderated a national discussion for **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**, the “oldest and coldest” Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men.

The forum was titled, “The Importance of Voting: A College Brother Conversation,” and featured campus leaders from across the United States, as well as Alpha’s current **General President, Dr. Everett B. Ward**. Some topics included generational differences in political attitudes among African Americans, the influence that certain African American athletes and entertainers have in shaping blacks’ political involvement, and whether blacks in general would be better off under a second Trump administration or a new Biden administration.



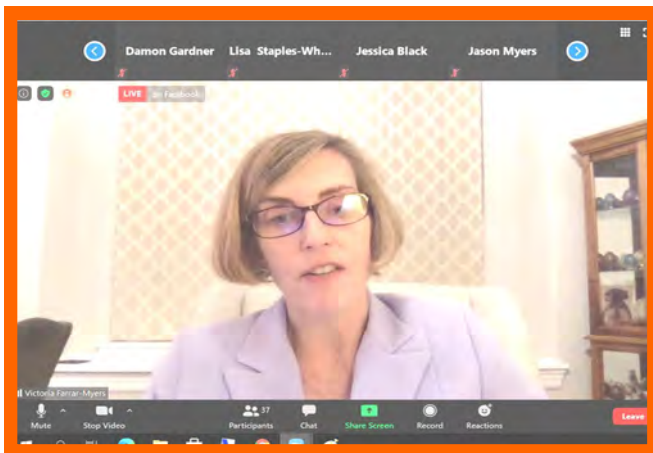


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## Arlington NAACP Political Forums



In October, Dr. Shelton moderated several political forums for candidates running for various local offices. These important discussions were sponsored by the Arlington chapter of the NAACP.



One panel featured candidates running for judicial appoints, while others focused on the Arlington City Council. Congratulations to **Ruby Faye Woolridge** for winning a seat on the Arlington City Council! She has attended many CAAS events over the years!

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## In Case You Missed It!



Legendary rapper **Common Sense** visited UTA as part of the Maverick Speakers Series in February 2020! This event took place just before most classes and campus events took became remote due to COVID-19. Dr. Shelton led the Q&A for Com's Master Class. Students across various programs—including CAAS—were invited to attend. Com autographed Dr. Shelton's copies of his first two TAPES, *Can I Borrow a Dollar?* (1992) and *Resurrection* (1994)!



# Give a Gift

Established in August 2012, the **Center for African American Studies (CAAS)** at the University of Texas at Arlington aims to cultivate an exceptional transdisciplinary experience through teaching, civic engagement, and community-based research focused on the diverse contextual conditions of Blacks in America and society at large. Our purpose is to foster the development of student, faculty, and community capacity to create progressive solutions that address social problems.

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# Save the Date

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Power Hour Lecture Series**

**February 3, 2021**

**(Dr. Barbara Odom-Wesley of the  
Arlington City Council)**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**9th Annual Conference**

**February 18th, 2021**

**(Dr. Rayshawn Ray of the University of Maryland)**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**Power Hour Lecture Series**

**April 7th, 2021**

**(Dr. Kyras Brown, UT Department of Kinesiology)**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

