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AT PRESS TIME

(AP) - The Latest on one-time FBI Director James Comey memo stating that President Donald Trump asked him to shut down an FBI investigation into ousted adviser Michael Flynn (all times EDT):

8:35 p.m.

The Republican chairman of the House oversight committee is requesting that the FBI turn over all documents and recordings that detail communications between former FBI Director James Comey and President Donald Trump.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, says in a letter to the FBI that he's making the request to determine whether the president attempted to influence or impede the bureau's investigation into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

Chaffetz's letter comes just hours after the disclosure that Comey drafted a memo that detailed how Trump had asked him to shut down the Flynn investigation. Chaffetz's letter to acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe requests all memoranda, notes, summaries and recordings that relate to any communications between Comey and the president.

The letter gives the FBI a week to produce the records.

8 p.m.

Some Republicans are voicing support for President Donald Trump following a report that the president asked James Comey to stop an FBI investigation.

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The American University at Antigua has found success with increasing the diversity of the medical school applicants. (AUA)

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

Dr. Kwaku Boakye has a goal to improve the overall health conditions in developing countries.

He and his brother, Kwabena Boakye, started a nonprofit called the Gold Coast Medical Foundation, in 2006, while they were in medical school.

For Dr. Boakye, medical school meant the American University of Antigua (AUA), located on the eastern part of that Caribbean island.

The school has prided itself on diversity, a frequent topic that Neal S. Simon, the university's president, said has always been talked about, but rarely addressed.

A 2015 NPR article titled, "There Were Fewer Black Men In Medical School In 2014 Than In 1978," said that, "While more Black men graduated from college over the past few decades, the number of Black men applying to medical school had dropped."

The article continued: "In 1978, 1,410 Black men applied to medical school and 542 ended up enrolling. In 2014, both those numbers were down—1,337 applied and 515 enrolled."

Every other minority group, the article said, including Asians, Hispanics and Black women, "saw growth in applicants," according to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

Simon said that increasing diversity in their admissions process is one of their top goals.

"The American University of Antigua prides itself on the large group of nationalities on campus," said Simon.

According to Simon, the school boasts one of the most diverse student populations of any medical school, with a minority enrollment rate of more than 65 percent.

"While the number of male, African-American doctors dropping dramatically over the last few years, AUA has one of the highest Black student populations at 20 percent of the student body," he said.

Comparatively, just 6.8 percent of the students enrolled at U.S. medical schools are African-American, AAMC statistics show.

AUA has an enrollment of about 1,138. A total of 1,400 students have graduated from the school.

Further, AUA's acceptance rate is better than the overall rate of the 5.8 percent that all American medical schools combined had last year.

As of 2017, AUA has awarded 68 percent—\$13.3 million—of all scholarship money to underrepresented minorities and enrolled students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) including Bowie State, Fisk, Hampton, Tuskegee, and Prairie View A&M and the University of the District of Columbia.

The school also provides attractive scholarship packages for underrepresented communities, including a \$25,000 scholarship for physicians of Indian descent and a \$50,000 scholarship from the school's Physician Diversification Initiative.

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of God.

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Are You Raising One of the Next Generation of Hoodlums – PREPARING FOR SUMMER

Many of you probably remember that wonderful song that started with the line, "Summer time and the livin' is easy, fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high, your Poppa's rich and your Momma's good lookin', hush little baby, don't you cry..."

That wonderful song was written about a different time and a different type of life. I don't agree with some folk that it was a better type of life, but it was a very different one. How is summer time different today?

When fish were jumping and cotton was high, America was primarily an agricultural society, summer vacation from school was meant to provide families with the extra hands of children on the farm to help with the entire process of

farming. Despite the fact that we are in a post industrial age in which our society has become highly technological, we retain the custom of closing our schools for ten weeks between the end of June and beginning of September. This varies from state to state and from community to community depending on when it is decided that schools close and re-open.

There have been significant recent advances in the study of the relationship between consistent, good parenting and adolescent development. Several recent intervention studies with a parenting component demonstrated immediate and long-term protective effects on adolescent risk behavior. Parent-child connectedness and authoritative parenting style are protective for your children.

Parental monitoring has a protective effect on adolescent risk behaviors in both middle-class populations and poor, urban environments. Parental monitoring has been shown both to moderate the effect of peer influence and to persist into late adolescence.

Unsupervised time, however, has the converse effects. This ten week gap in education presents a dilemma for many families. Effective parenting demands that parents keep their children occupied and out of trouble for that length of time. In addition, it is a well established fact that many children lose some of the gains that they made in reading and math during this long interruption in their educational routine.

Parents: don't allow this to happen. You know your children better than anyone

else. You're the best people to know what is best for your children. Take advantage of the opportunity to begin now (if you haven't already) seeking age appropriate activities which will occupy your children with fun activities and learning activities as well.

If your children are adolescents, they are likely to present a challenge during summer vacation. Don't wait! Get busy now assuring that you can meet the challenges presented by your teens. Don't allow the unstructured time available to them to become a liability. Make it an asset, one of fun and learning!

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The Latest: House chairman seeks Comey-Trump documents

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Rep. Blake Farenthold, R-Texas, says he wants to see more details, but he believes "this is another example of whatever Trump does gets the worst possible spin."

Farenthold says Comey would have been duty-bound to report to the Justice Department any command to stop the investigation.

He says there's a difference between "Hey, Flynn's a good guy, it would be nice if you cut him a break' as opposed to 'I'm the president. Quit investigating, damn it.'"

Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., says he too wants more details, but he also notes that Trump's standing

with South Carolina Republicans has "actually grown."

7:55 p.m.

Democrats on the House Oversight and Judiciary committees are calling for a joint investigation into whether President Donald Trump and his top aides are perpetrating an ongoing conspiracy to obstruct justice by interfering in FBI and congressional investigations.

All 33 Democrats on the two committees made the call in a joint letter Tuesday that seeks an immediate public hearing with FBI Director James Comey. The letter was released just hours after it was disclosed that Comey

wrote in a memo that Trump had asked him to shut down a federal investigation into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

Democrats say that they believe Trump and his administration have shown a pattern of obstructing the investigations looking into possible collusion between Trump associates and Russia to affect the 2016 election.

7:30 p.m.

The Republican chairman of the House oversight committee says he plans to demand that the Justice Department turn over all memos written by former FBI Director James Comey concerning his past meetings with

President Donald Trump.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, tells The Associated Press he is taking action because of a memo Comey wrote detailing how Trump asked him to shut down a federal investigation into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

Chaffetz says the memo raises concerns "about improper interference placed on an active investigation."

He says he has ordered staffers to draft a letter to Justice Department officials seeking Comey's memos. The letter is expected Tuesday night.

Chaffetz says he will use the authority of a congressional subpoena if necessary.

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B-CU Grads Protest Betsy "DeVoid" in Epic Fashion Why I'm Proud of the B-CU Grads that Protested Betsy "DeVoid"

By **Julianne Malveaux (NNPA Newswire Columnist)**

I could not be more proud of the students at Bethune-Cookman University (B-CU) than if I had raised them myself. Responding to the university's very late selection of Education Secretary Betsy for the spring commencement speaker, graduating seniors chose to turn their backs on a woman who described HBCUs as "pioneers of school choice." The students' repudiation of DeVos' very right to be present was well coordinated; the protest reflected their ability to be sophisticated, not reactive when confronted with a speaker that epitomizes the very refutation of their HBCU education. It is my hope and dream that these students can continue to operate in formation, as they oppose oppression.

I don't know how DeVos (hereafter referred to as "DeVoid," as she is devoid of good sense, history, literacy, and even courtesy) came to be B-CU's commencement speaker. I suspect that the White House (Omarosa Manigault) made a call to offer an administration speaker and they went for it. Maybe Trump Whisperer Manigault's new hubby, Florida Rev. John Allen Newman, has some ties to the college and he saw this as a way of burnishing

his wife's credentials as a HBCU savior. Maybe there is a bunch of Black Republicans on the B-CU board of directors standing in the wings and hoping for goodies from "45." Truly, this is all speculation but, most of the time, commencement speakers are secured months before graduation. This speaker was thrust on students and their families just ten days before the ceremony.

For most students, speakers are the sideshows, not the main deal in commencement, unless the speaker is someone like President Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Denzel Washington, or Viola Davis. White folks might prefer Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep, Wolf Blitzer or Sheryl Sandberg. Commencement speakers are expected to spout uplifting platitudes, offer sage advice, maybe share a private challenge, and wish the graduates well and do it in less than 20 minutes. Students are sitting at the edge of their seats, not because they are waiting for the punchline, but because they want their degrees.

What was B-CU President Edison Jackson thinking? In his printed statement on May 1, he said, "The legacy of Dr. Bethune is that she was not constrained by political ideology, but worked across all parties to

support B-CU. Moreover, students are directly impacted by funding dollars that are dispersed through the Department of Education. B-CU receives \$4 million annually through Title III, which supports teaching, research and infrastructure. Additionally, Title IV impacts the ability of B-CU students to receive federal financial aid, overall influencing the ascension of Bethune-Cookman University students."

Maybe President Jackson thought he was making friends by inviting DeVoid to speak at B-CU's graduation. Actually, he made a spectacle of the graduation by inviting a woman who had already disparaged HBCUs with her ignorance. And he did it in the same week when her boss, "45," said (and then quickly reversed himself) that he was not sure that some federal provisions for HBCUs, such as the HBCU Capital Finance Program, are constitutional.

It is odious that DeVoid has received an honorary degree from B-CU. What has she done to earn it? According to President Jackson, "Through Secretary DeVos' life work, her contributions extend far beyond her home state of Michigan. Secretary DeVos has supported educational opportunities for students in over 25 states and supported Central

Florida through several philanthropic efforts: 100 Black Men of Central Florida; Jones High School, and the Parramore neighborhood located in Orlando to name a few. Secretary DeVos is a graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. She is the wife of community activist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Dick DeVos, where they have four adult children and six grandchildren." This earns her an honorary degree? Really?

I reached out to President Edison Jackson and several members of his team to discuss this. I've been to Bethune-Cookman University twice under President Jackson's leadership and know, all too well, what kinds of pressures that HBCU presidents face as they juggle constituencies—faculty, students, alumni, community, trustees and many others. He might have found himself stuck between a rock and a hard place, when he invited DeVoid; or he may have welcomed the opportunity.

We in HBCU Land (my special term for our space) play ourselves cheap. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Columbia, Georgetown, and Stanford aren't rushing to give Betsy DeVos' honorary degrees. They don't think she deserves them. The woman

with a simple undergraduate degree from the unremarkable Calvin College (yes, my elitism is showing), whose only contribution to the education arena is her rabid embrace of school choice, should not get an honorary degree from anywhere. Unfortunately, Bethune-Cookman University was first in line to debase itself by offering a degree to DeVoid.

DeVoid insulted the BCU community by recounting Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune's life story as part of her commencement speech. How dare she tell us about ourselves in a way to attempt to endear us to her? Betsy DeVoid, you are no Mary McLeod Bethune. You can go to her gravesite, but you can't channel her energy. Don't get it twisted.

The low point of the B-CU commencement was the spectacle of President Edison Jackson chiding his students, because they had the integrity to protest the presence of Ms. DeVoid. He is their leader, their guru, their mentor. He should not have threatened his students, but instead offered them, and Ms. DeVoid, a series of palliative statements designed to honor the protest spirit of Dr. Bethune, and the awkwardness of the moment. Had I been a scolded student, I would have felt slimed; had I

been understood, I might have felt differently.

If I were a member of the Bethune-Cookman University class of 2017, I would contribute, for the next few years, to a fund that supports student activists. I'd find a classmate to run the fund outside the confines of the university. I'd support the fund, because I support my college, but not an administration that insults the best day of our college career with an odious and repugnant speaker.

We have to resist the ways that "45" and his minions like Omarosa Manigault are pimping HBCUs. "Woke" Black people have to be aggressive in our financial support of HBCUs, and indifferent to the disingenuous overtures that would bring a devoid presence like Betsy DeVos to an HBCU campus.

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TEN TIME GRAMMY AWARD WINNER, CECE WINANS LAUNCHES MULTI CITY TOUR

Ten-time Grammy Award winner and multi-platinum-selling artist CeCe Winans will follow her recently released number one album "Let Them Fall In Love," with a national tour. The Fall In Love Tour presented by Medi-Share is Winans' first solo tour in a decade.

The Fall In Love Tour will kick off on May 31 in New Orleans with additional dates across the country. A full list of dates and venues is below. For tickets and show details go to: <http://cecewinans.com>

Winans is the best-selling and most-awarded female gospel artist of all time and is credited as one of the most accomplished and celebrated women in modern music history. Her current release 'Let Them Fall In Love' (released via Puresprings Gospel/Thirty Tigers last month) was both critically and consumer acclaimed. The album debuted at Number 1 on the Billboard Top Gospel Chart. In addition to heavy airplay across Urban Adult Contemporary, AAA, and Non Comm radio stations, the project's first single "Never Have To Be Alone," landed in the Top 5 on the Hot Gospel Songs

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- June 1 Sugar Land, TX - Smart Financial Centre
- June 2 Dallas, TX - The Majestic Theatre
- June 16 Washington DC - Warner Theatre
- June 23 Atlanta, GA - Center Stage
- June 24 Bowling Green, KY - SkyPac Theatre
- July 13 Grand Rapids, MI - DeVos Performance Hall
- July 14 Detroit, MI - Motor City Casino at Sound Board
- July 15 Cincinnati, OH - Taft Theatre

** CeCe will also be joining the famed Boston Pops as a guest performer for a concert in Boston, MA at the Boston Symphony Hall on June 17th

About CeCe Winans
 Winans has released a slew of duo and solo albums that crossed genres and boundaries and influenced a generation of gospel and secular vocalists. Her mantle today holds a staggering ten GRAMMY Awards, 20 Dove Awards, and seven Stellar Awards. She's been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the Nashville Music City Walk of Fame, in addition to being named a Trailblazer of Soul by BMI and garnering multiple NAACP Image Awards, Soul Train Awards, Essence Awards, and more. She's sold in excess of five million albums in the U.S. alone, topping the Gospel charts repeatedly while managing to cross over with smashes like "Count On Me," her stunning duet with Whitney Houston from the multi-platinum 'Waiting To Exhale' soundtrack, which sold two million copies and cracked the Top 10 on the Pop, R&B, and Adult Contemporary charts. She touched millions more with inspirational performances everywhere from Oprah to The White House, and even showed off her acting chops on television series like '7th Heaven' and 'Doc.' In 2016, Winans became a member of the Artist Committee for the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors.

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Dallas Cowboys running back files 2nd lawsuit over finances



(AP) — Dallas Cowboys running back Darren McFadden has filed a second lawsuit in Arkansas over the management of his finances.

The former University of Arkansas football standout initially filed a lawsuit in June against Michael Vick, a family friend who served as McFadden's business manager and financial adviser. McFadden alleges Vick misappropriated millions of dollars and mishandled his duties.

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (<http://bit.ly/2qITt2r>) reports McFadden filed a lawsuit Friday in Little Rock against Ameriprise Financial Services Inc., the company Vick worked for when he managed McFadden's finances.

The suit alleges the company was negligent and actively concealed Vick's actions as he "manipulated" McFadden to seize control over his professional income, assets and retirement savings.

Vick has denied all allegations.

Vick isn't the former NFL player of the same name incarcerated for his involvement in a dog fighting ring.

GISELE BUNDCHEN: TOM BRADY HAD A CONCUSSION LAST YEAR

(AP) — Tom Brady played through a concussion last year on his way to a fifth Super Bowl title, according to his wife, supermodel Gisele Bundchen. The injury, which was not reported by the team, left her worried about how long he should continue to play football.

Asked if she wanted the New England Patriots quarterback to retire, Bundchen expressed concern "as a wife" in an interview on "CBS This Morning" that aired Wednesday.

"He had a concussion last year. He has concussions pretty much every ..." she said, before cutting herself off. "I mean, we don't talk about it. But he does have concussions. I don't really think it's a healthy thing for anybody to go through."

Brady sat out the first four games of the season as punishment for his role in the "Deflategate" scandal and missed practice late in the season for leg, thigh and ankle injuries. But he was not listed on the league-required injury reports for a concussion or head injury at any point during either the 2016 calendar year or the 2016 season.

The NFL requires "significant or noteworthy" injuries to be reported, regardless of whether a player is expected to miss playing time, and says honest reporting of injuries "affects the integrity of the game."

The league is especially - though belatedly - sensitive to concussions, which have been linked to a brain disease that leaves former players forgetful, violent or suicidal. The NFL has agreed to pay \$1 billion to retired players who accused the league of concealing the link between football and brain damage.

An NFL spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Patriots declined to respond to Bundchen's comments on Wednesday morning. Brady's agent did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

By winning his fifth NFL title at the age of 39 - lead-



ing the biggest Super Bowl comeback in history - Brady has already defied age and cemented himself among the league's all-time greats. He has long said he wanted to keep playing until his mid-40s, but he told ESPN in an interview published this week that he would continue beyond that if he was able to stay healthy and productive.

But Bundchen balked at those plans when asked by CBS host Charlie Rose about her husband's plans.

"That kind of aggression all the time, that cannot be healthy for you," she said. "I'm planning on him being healthy and do a lot of fun things when we're like 100, I hope."

WARRIORS, SPURS WILL TRY TO USE BREAK TO REST AND HEAL AGAIN

(AP) -- Still unbeaten, the Golden State Warriors have a few days to heal up again. Gregg Popovich's time will be spent working to get his San Antonio Spurs to wake up, before it's too late.

And determine whether injured superstar Kawhi Leonard might be healthy enough to return from an ankle injury, too.

Sure, the Warriors just pulled off a 36-point thrashing of the Spurs two days after squeaking out a 113-111 victory in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals - their second-largest post-season win behind a game from 1948 when the Philadelphia Warriors won by 39 at St. Louis.

Draymond Green, for one, doesn't believe the Warriors will get anything easy when they arrive in San Antonio

for Saturday's Game 3.

"They're going to play as hard as they can until it's over. So, we know we're not taking their heart," he said after Tuesday's 136-100 rout. "At the end, all we did was what we were supposed to do, we took care of home court. Now the real challenge is going on the road and trying to get some wins."

Starting center Zaza Pachulia was scheduled for an MRI exam Wednesday on his bruised right heel after an X-ray was negative. Key reserve and 2015 NBA Finals MVP Andre Iguodala's status was unclear after he missed Game 2 with soreness in his left knee.

"The schedule comes in and helps us out," guard Shaun Livingston said. "We miss him out there, but he'll

get healthy and in the meantime it's up to the rest of us to stay ready."

They certainly did Tuesday.

Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant and Golden State's starters got plenty of rest in the fourth quarter on a night the bench delivered a season-best 63 points.

Popovich was left perplexed and downright disgusted that his team got dominated in such embarrassing fashion without Leonard, who re-injured his tender left ankle in Game 1 after stepping on Pachulia's foot.

"Tonight, it's not what I expected. I'm disappointed," Popovich said. "The only way I can process this is I think it's not about O's and X's or rebounds or turnovers or anything like

that. I think we've maybe felt it too much, Kawhi being gone, in the sense that I don't think - as I watched - I don't think they believed.

"And you have to believe. I don't think as a group they really did, which means probably a little bit feeling sorry for themselves psychologically, subconsciously, whatever psycho-babble word you want to use."

Popovich had no guess about Leonard's status for Game 3, saying it would likely be decided as late as Friday or Saturday.

San Antonio isn't ready to let this best-of-seven series get away as it shifts home.

"It's tough, but it's a long series," guard Patty Mills said. "Two games, now we're going back home so there are still a lot of rea-

sons to believe. We're just going to keep pounding on that. There's nothing else to do."

The Warriors should get another nice boost from coach Steve Kerr, who is well enough that he plans to travel with the team to San Antonio on Thursday. Golden State has planned a day off Wednesday, then will practice in the Bay Area on Thursday before flying to Texas.

Kerr is recovering from a May 5 procedure at Duke University to repair a spinal fluid leak and Mike Brown has been coaching during his absence, but the reigning NBA Coach of the Year has been attending practices again and addressing the team in the locker room while watching games behind the scenes.

The Warriors just want to keep the momentum that has them at 10-0 this post-season. Both Kerr and Brown emphasized a better start on both ends in Game 2 to control the tempo from the opening tip.

"You just want to continue to build good habits, sustain the level of play. I don't know how much it will carry over Game 2 to Game 3 going back to their place," Curry said. "But for us mentally, we just know what we need to do to be successful against this team, even with Kawhi back in there, probably on Saturday. You've got to understand exactly the things that we did better tonight. That's just being a lot more alert defensively to start and just making them work."

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Texas House backs bill to improve Texas nursing homes

Bipartisan effort seeks to avoid potential nursing home crisis

Members of the Texas House of Representatives took a huge step Thursday toward addressing years of nursing home underfunding, passing House Bill 2766.

HB2766, by Gatesville family practice doctor Rep. J.D. Sheffield, will create the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance (NFRA), allowing the state to draw down additional federal dollars as well as incentivizing improved quality without additional state spending.

"This is a big step toward enhancing care in nursing facilities in Texas," said Kevin Warren, president and CEO of the Texas Health Care Association. "I want to thank legislators for embracing this smart, practical solution."

Texas has lagged behind other states in finding ways

to boost funding for nursing homes. Forty-three other states have similar programs in place to supplement health care funding.

The NFRA would accomplish this by implementing a reinvestment allowance on nursing facility operators used to draw down federal Medicaid matching dollars Texas now loses to other states. The NFRA dedicates 50 percent of the additional funds to the achievement of certain quality standards to receive the full benefit of the program. HB2766 statutorily prohibits the NFRA from being passed on to residents.

In addition to improving Medicaid rates, HB2766 would direct 50 percent of the additional funds toward quality-based payment programs. Nursing homes will be required to meet certain quality standards to receive

the full benefit of the program. The NFRA is intended to incentivize nursing home operators to enhance the quality of care they deliver, while also giving them the tools they need to elevate care, facilities and programs.

Warren thanked Rep. Sheffield and members of the Texas House for making senior Texans a priority.

"Improving the quality of care in nursing facilities is important to all Texans," Warren said. "The NFRA allows us to enhance long term care in Texas and incentivize improved quality with an innovative approach that doesn't increase state spending. It's a solution that all Texans can get behind."

Companion legislation has been filed in the Texas Senate, SB1130, by Sen. Juan Hinojosa (D-McAllen).

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One Medical School's Plan to Increase Black Doctor Ranks

American University of Antigua Finds Success with Diversity Mission

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"My experience at AUA was great. I enjoyed the diverse community, the friendly staff and, above all, the weather," said Dr. Boakye, who noted that his decision to attend AUA had been based on diversity.

"It was one of the few medical schools that was dedicated in providing a high-quality education for its students and, at the same time, granting opportunities to underrepresented minorities," said the doctor, who completed his residency in family medicine at The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Simon said that because schools historically have relied on certain criteria in selecting students, African-Americans and other minorities have typically been frozen out.

Simon continued: "There's no evidence at all that such criteria determines whether someone will be a good doctor. The people who decide on that criteria are people who did well using it, but it's self-perpetuating and Black males in particular are

forced to recognize that the admission process may have a bias [against] them."

At AUA, preclinical training has been built into the Basic Sciences curriculum.

Most of this training occurs on campus, allowing students easy access to labs and medical simulations while they attend classes.

This curriculum not only results in better medical students, said Simon, it leads to better physicians.

Courses at the school employ a variety of teaching methods other than large group didactics, such as small group sessions, clinical case discussions, simulations, and hands-on laboratory experience.

Students are also placed in hospital settings, allowing them to interact with patients.

Beginning in their first semester, students learn about the foundations of medicine, medical cell biology, biochemistry and genetics, and human structure and function.

Their education is built from there and moves on to more advanced courses, such as pathology, microbiology, pharmacology, and more.

AUA also employs a

diverse staff of instructors with minorities making up more than half of faculty members.

The school's push for diversity has been a response to a national physician shortage, which experts project will increase to roughly 105,000 doctors by 2030.

Simon noted that increasing enrollment among Black men could help solve persistent public health issues.

"Not having diversity impacts the quality of a medical education for everyone," said Simon. "If you don't have the education that includes diversity, you won't be as good a doctor."

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This event takes place on Friday, May 26th at 7:00pm at the Frontiers of Flight Museum, located at 6911 Lemmon Avenue in Dallas, Texas. General admission tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased online or at the door. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. White attire is required for entry into the event, with accents of gold or silver allowed.

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Bill to Celebrate 400 Years of Black History Passes U.S. House

By Lauren Victoria Burke (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

In a rare display of bipartisanship in Congress, the United States House of Representatives voted to establish a commission to examine 400 years of African American history.

House bill H.R. 1242 is designed "to develop and carry out activities throughout the United States to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in the English colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia, in 1619."

Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.) sponsored the bill in the House and Senators Tim Kaine (D-Va.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.) sponsored the bill in the Senate, where it's waiting to be passed.

According to Washington insiders, the bill will most likely pass by unanimous consent in the Senate.

Once the bill known as the "400 Years of African-American History Commission Act," or H.R. 1242 in the House, passes Congress, it will land on President Donald Trump's desk.

If H.R. 1242 becomes law, the resulting commission would consist of 15 members, who would serve without pay. The legislation would authorize the commission to create grants to communities, nonprofits and other groups to hold events that would commemorate the anniversary of

slaves arriving in the U.S. The commission could hire staff and also accept volunteers to perform its mission. The commission would be required to submit a report to Congress and terminate in July of 2020.

In a statement about the bill last year, Kaine said that he's been lucky to be a part of federal commissions that have been formed to study and celebrate English and Hispanic history.

"Well, if English lives matter, if Latino lives matter, then African American lives matter and they've mattered every day since the landing of those '20 and odd' African Americans at Point Comfort, Virginia," said Kaine.

Kaine continued: "The story has a lot of pain to it, but it's a story that has to be told to commemorate that we as a nation—had it not been for 400 years of African American history—would be absolutely unrecognizable. What we hope to do with this bill is engage in something we should do to tell the story in a different way than it may have been told 50 to 100 years ago."

In late March, the Congressional Budget Office estimated, "that implementing the bill would cost about \$2 million a year—a total of \$6 million over the 2018-2021 period."

In a floor statement about the bill last summer, Rep. Bobby Scott said that African

Americans have contributed greatly to the United States and their achievements deserve to be celebrated.

"The history of Virginia and our nation cannot be fully understood without recognizing the role played by the slave trade," said Scott. "Slavery was an abhorrent institution; but for hundreds of years, it was the foundation of the colonial and early American agricultural system and was essential to its economic sustainability."

Scott continued: "The 400 Years of African-American History Commission Act will be instrumental in recognizing and highlighting the resilience and contributions of African Americans since 1619. From slavery, to fighting in the Civil War, to working against the oppression of Jim Crow segregation, to the civil rights movement, the rich history of African Americans and their contributions to our Nation began hundreds of years ago but obviously does not end there."

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