

HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

(1929 – 1968)



- Minister and leading Civil Rights Movement activist
- Led a successful 1963 campaign at the historic March on Washington where he served as principal speaker and delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech, considered by many as the most eloquent speech in literary history
- Received the Nobel Peace Prize



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

DR. Ernest Everest Just

(1883 – 1941)



- Pioneering African-American biologist and science educator
- Known for his recognition of the fundamental role of the cell surface in the development of organisms
- Graduated magna cum laude from Dartmouth College and received his PhD from the University of Chicago



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. ALEXANDER THOMAS AUGUSTA

(1825 - 1890)



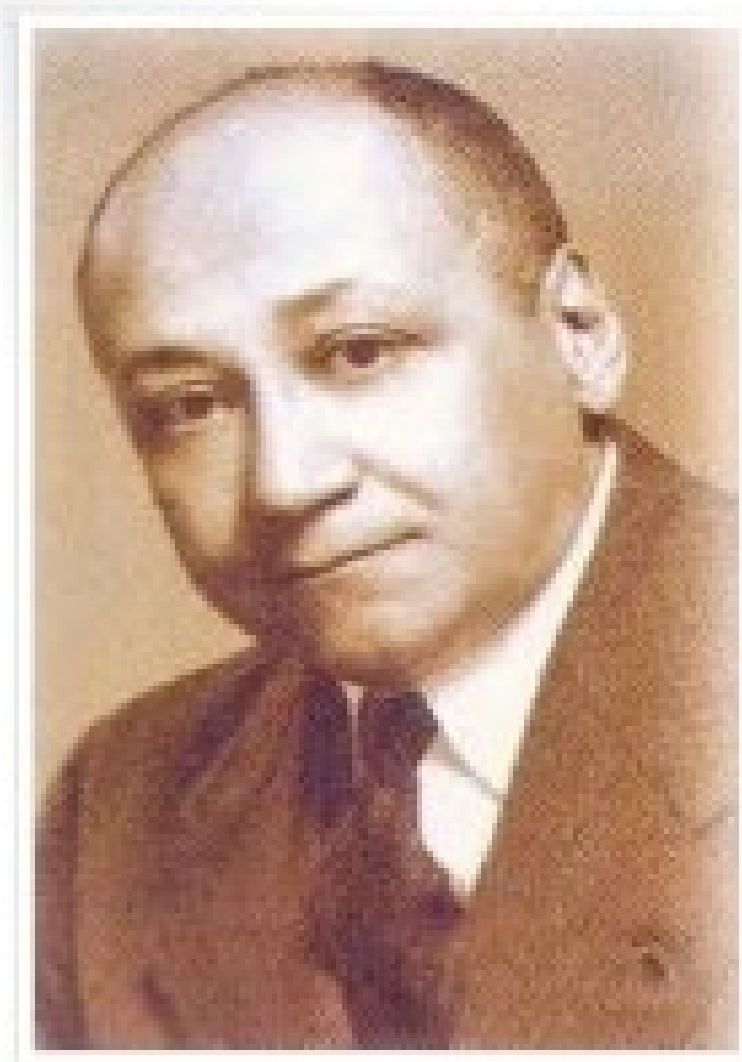
- Accepted by the Medical College at the University of Toronto, despite repeated denials from American medical schools
- Became the first black surgeon in the U.S. Army, becoming the highest ranking African-American Officer
- Became the first African-American faculty member in an American medical school (Howard University)



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DR. LOUIS T. WRIGHT

(1891 - 1952)



- Influential in medical research, as well as his efforts for racial equality in medicine, through the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Became the first African-American surgical staff member of a non-segregated hospital in New York City
- One of the first African-American graduates from Harvard Medical School



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ALICE AUGUSTA BALL

(1892 - 1916)



- Developed an injectable oil extract deemed the most effective leprosy treatment until the 1940's
- Graduated from the University of Washington in 1912 with degrees in pharmaceutical chemistry and pharmacy
- First woman and African-American woman to graduate from the University of Hawaii with a master of science degree in chemistry



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. JANE COOK WRIGHT

(1919 - 2013)



- Developed the technique of using human tissue culture rather than laboratory mice to test the effects of potential drugs on cancer
- Pioneered use of the drug methotrexate to treat breast cancer and skin cancer



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HENRIETTA LACKS

(1920 - 1951)



- Known as the progenitor of the HeLa cell line, the oldest most commonly used human cell line
- The HeLa cell line was derived from cervical cancer cells taken from Ms. Lacks on February 8, 1951
- Unlike other cells, the HeLa cell could be kept alive and grow
- Controversy continues around the ethics of how the cells were taken from Ms. Lacks



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. MARY MAYNARD DALY

(1921 - 2003)



- First U.S. African-American to earn a PhD in chemistry
- Pioneer studying the impact of cigarette smoking on the lungs
- Investigated underlying causes of heart attacks; found high cholesterol level contributed to artery blockage that supplies oxygen to the heart



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. SAMUEL LEE KOUNTZ

(1930 – 1981)



- Best known for his pioneering work in kidney transplant and in research, discoveries, and invention in renal science.
- Performed the the first kidney transplant between humans who were not identical twins; developed a prototype for a kidney preservation machine (now standard equipment) with a team of researchers



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. PATRICIA ERA BATH

(B.1942)



- First female African-American doctor to receive a patent for medical purposes
- Developed a device which quickly and nearly painlessly dissolves the cataract with a laser, irrigates and cleans the eye, and permits easy new lens insertion



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. BARBARA ROSS-LEE

(B.1942)



- Osteopathic physician and the first African-American woman named dean of a medical school (Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine at Ohio University)
- First osteopathic physician to receive the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship
- Sister to singer, Diana Ross



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DR. META L. CHRISTY

(1895 - 1968)



- First African-American Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine)
- Operated a small private practice in Las Vegas, New Mexico
- PCOM awards an annual “Meta L Christy Award” to an inspiring and exemplary osteopathic physician



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. JOYCE ELDERS

(B. 1933)



- First Pediatric Endocrinologist to be certified in the state of Arkansas
- First African-American appointed as Surgeon General of the United States
- Strong Advocate for sexual and reproductive health education
- Recipient of a Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. ALEXA IRENE CANADY

(B. 1950)



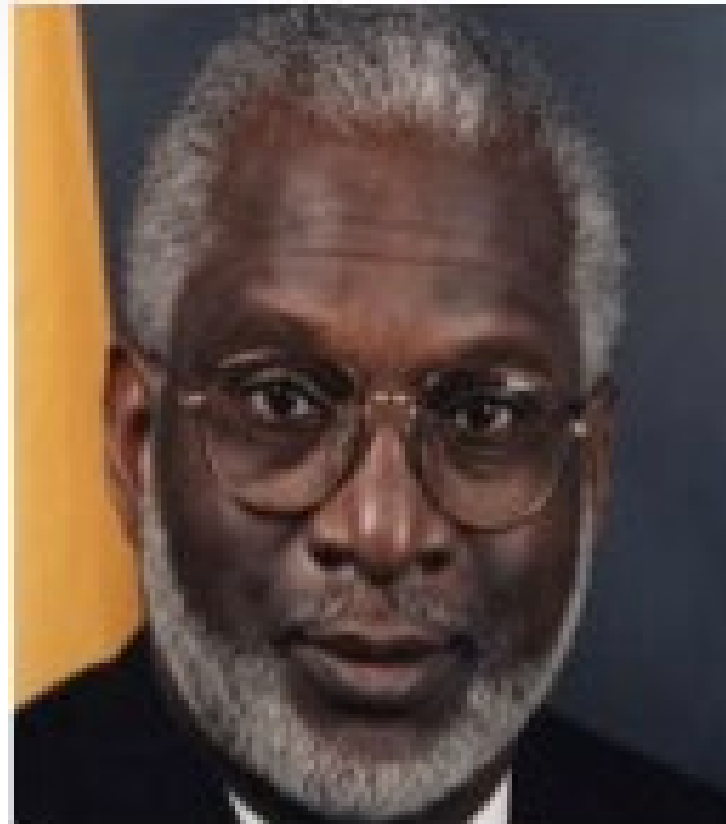
- Dr. Canady became the first African-American female in the United States to become a Neurosurgeon
- Share a patent with two other neurosurgeons on a programmable antisiphon shunt to treat hydrocephalus



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DR. DAVID SATCHER

(B. 1941)

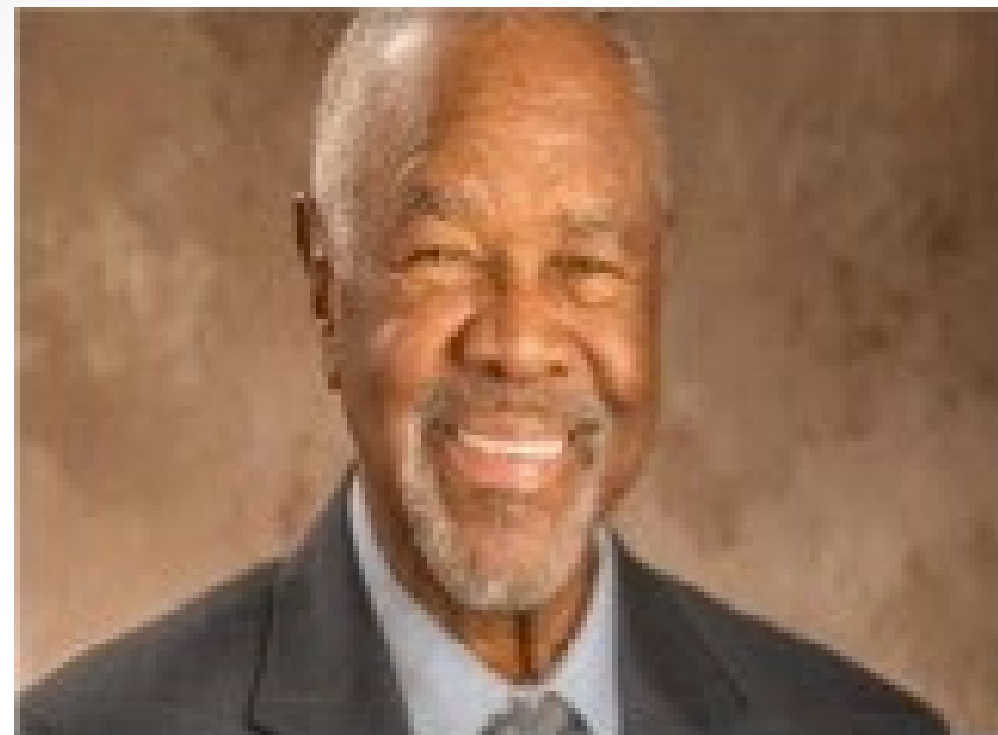


- Dr. Satcher was appointed as director of the CDC in 1993 and in 1998 appointed Surgeon General
- In 2004 Dr. Satcher was awarded “Voice of Conscience Award” from Aetna for his work
- Co-founder of African Americans Against Alzheimer’s



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. WILLIAM G. ANDERSON

(B. 1927)

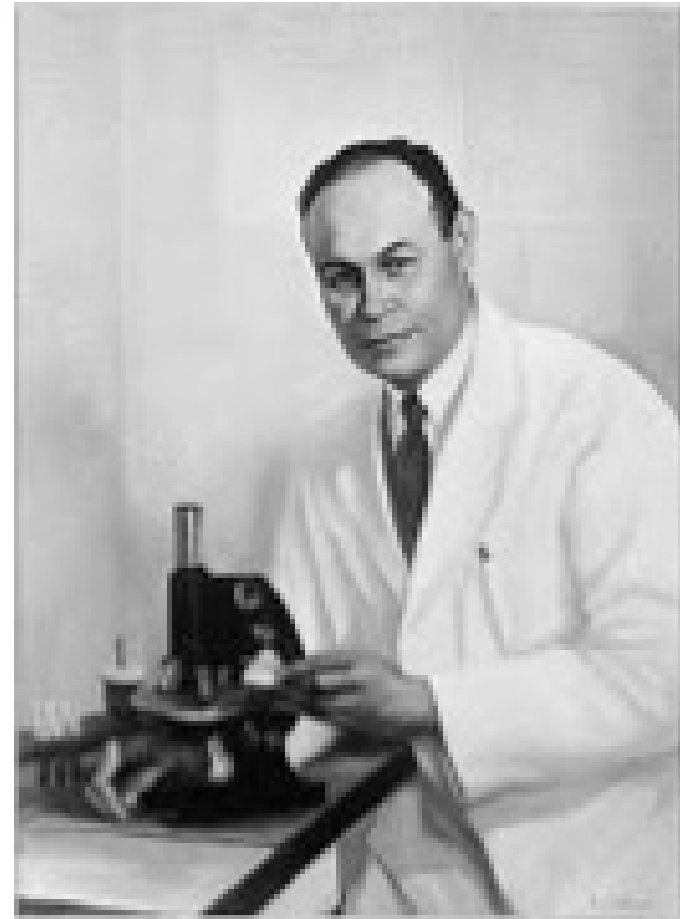


- Dr. Anderson was an influential civil rights activist that worked alongside the Rev Martin Luther King Jr. and Rev. Ralph David Abernathy to fight against segregation
- He became the first African-American president of the AOA in the mid-1900's



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. CHARLES DREW

(B. 1904)



- Dr. Drew pioneered the methods for storing blood plasma for transfusion and organized the first large scale blood bank in the United States
- He received the 1943 Spingarn Medal by the NASCP for the “highest and noblest achievement” by an African-American



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ANN ATWATER

(1935 - 2016)



- Ann Atwater was a highly distinguished civil rights activist who served as a leader for numerous organizations that addressed community issues such as food scarcity, housing, education, and voting rights
- She was the local Democratic Party Vice President in 1968



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DR. MAE C. JEMISON

(B. 1956)



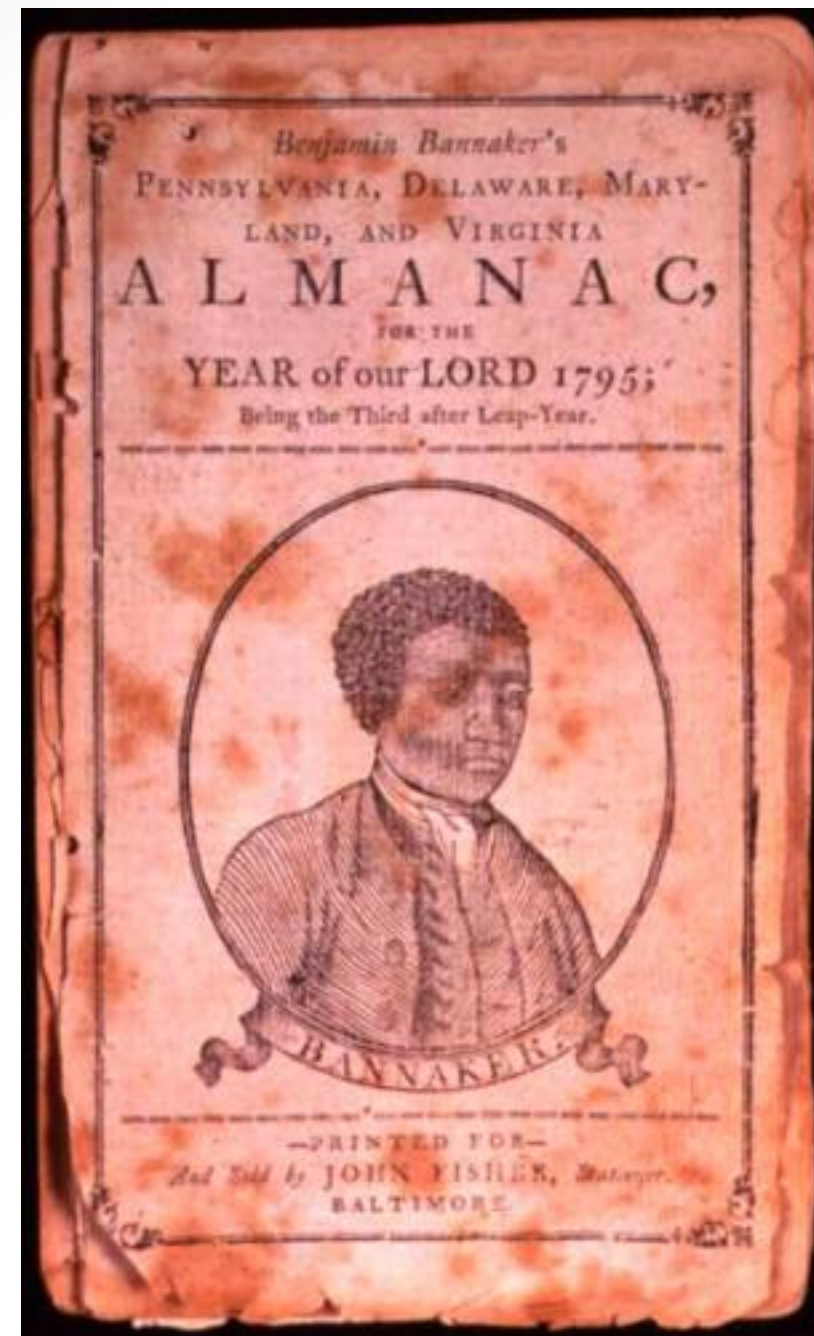
- Physician Dr. Jemison was the first black woman in space when she flew on the Shuttle *Endeavor* in 1992
- Founder of Jemison Group, Inc. to improve healthcare and technology in Africa



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BENJAMIN BANNEKER

(1731 - 1806)



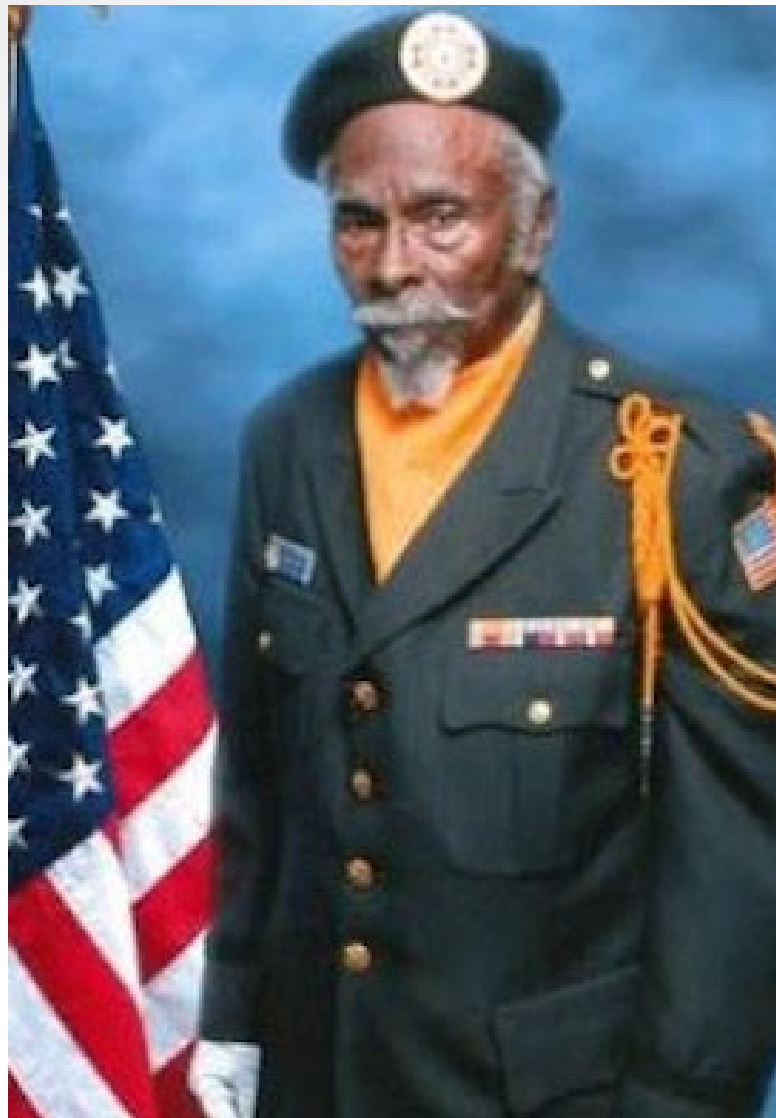
- Benjamin Banneker was a free black farmer, mathematician, and astronomer who constructed tables to predict positions of stars, future solar, and lunar eclipses.
- His achievements were praised by Thomas Jefferson and ranked him among other American scientists of that era.



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Tomie Louis Gaines

(1922 – 2016)

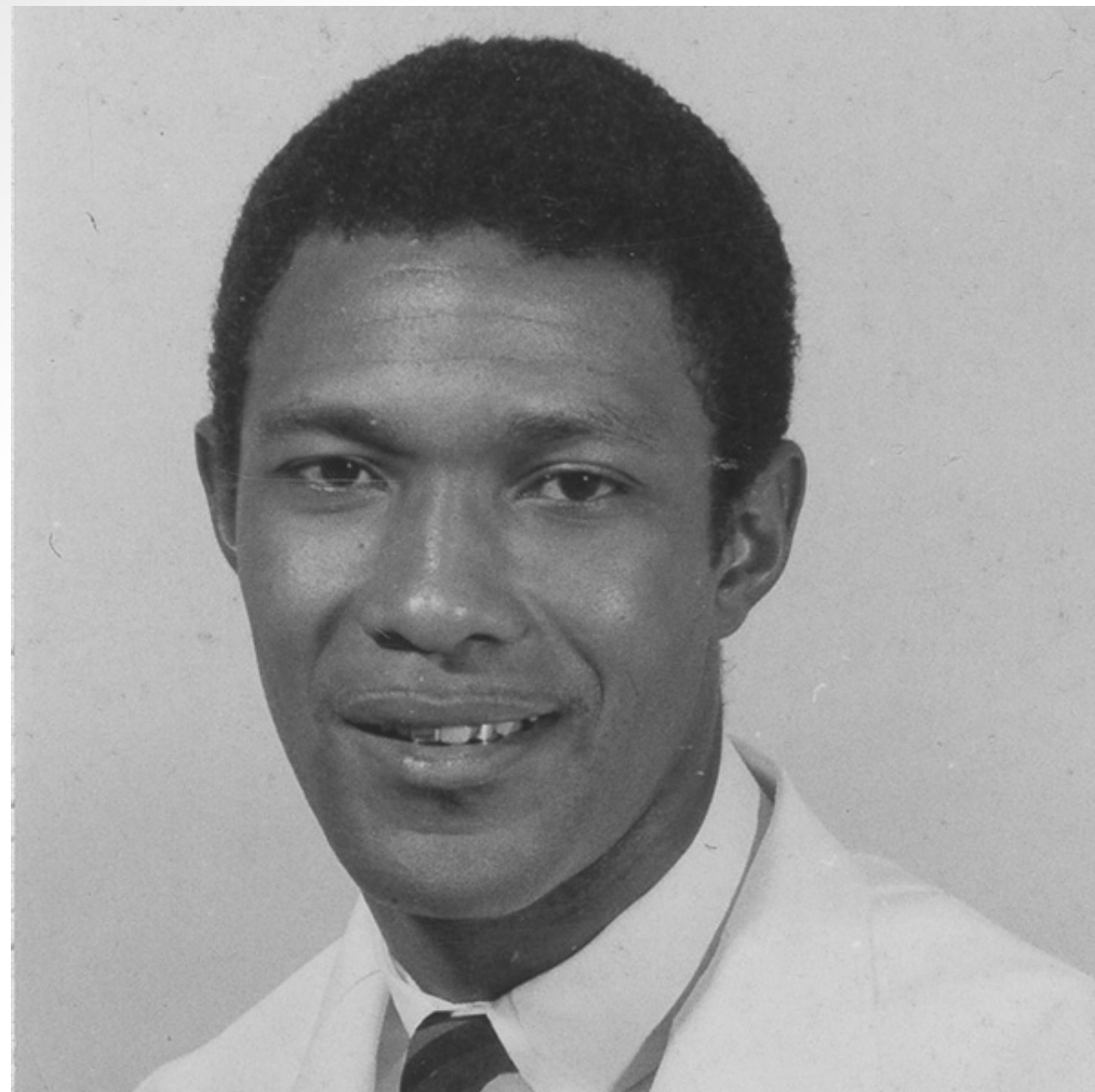


- Tomie Gaines served with the last of the Buffalo Soldiers, the 19th century regiments commissioned immediately after the Civil War
- Gaines served as a medic in WWII with the 27th Cavalry Regiment, 5th Cavalry Brigade, and the 2nd Cavalry Division of the the U.S. Army



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRENTISS LEE HARRISON, PA-C

(B. 1943 - 2018)



- Prentiss was the first black PA in the US and helped introduce the profession to the black community
- Served in the US Army as medical corpsman before PA school
- He was a junior faculty member of Ben Taub General Hospital, which was affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine
- He founded and was chief operations officer of the I-10 Family Clinic.



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Dr. Robert Tanner Freeman

(1846 – 1873)



- Dr. Freeman was a child of slaves and attended Harvard University where he graduated 4 years after the end of the Civil War on May 18, 1869
- Dr. Freeman's acceptance to Harvard ended the school's historical exclusion of Blacks and other racial minorities
- Dr. Freeman is the first professionally trained black dentist in the U.S.



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Robert F. Smith

(B. 1962)



- Robert Smith is an engineer who holds two patents in the U.S.: one for a coffee brewer filtration device and the other for a coffee brewing element
- Smith is also the founder, chairman, and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, a multi-billion-dollar private equity and wealth management company



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DR. RENE REVIS SHINGLES

(B. 1956)



- Dr. Shingles earned her Ph.D. in kinesiology from Michigan State University and the 13th black woman to be a certified athletic trainer
- She is the first black woman to be inducted into the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Hall of Fame
- She is one of the founders of the NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee
- In 1996, she was an athletic trainer for the U.S. Olympics



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

DR. LONNIE BRISTOW

(B. 1930)



- Dr. Bristow became the first African American President of the American Medical Association (AMA) in its 148 year history.
- He has honorary degrees from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Morehouse College School of Medicine, Wayne State University School of Medicine, and the City College of New York.



HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

DR. ROSELYN P. EPPS

(1930 - 2014)



- Dr. Epps was the first African American president of the American Medical Women's Association.
- She was also the first African American and first woman to become president of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Dr. Epps has authored more than 90 professional articles, 16 of which were published as chapters of books.



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DR. DANIEL H. WILLIAMS

(1856 - 1931)



- Dr. Williams was known for performing one of the world's first successful open heart surgeries in 1893.
- In 1913, Dr. Williams became the first black member of the exclusive American College of Surgeons.



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Dr. MONIQUE MENDES

(Current)



- The First Black Woman to Receive a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Rochester in July of 2020.
- Dr. Mendes has a strong research background with expertise in Two-photon Microscopy, Cellular Neuroscience and Microglia Biology.

