

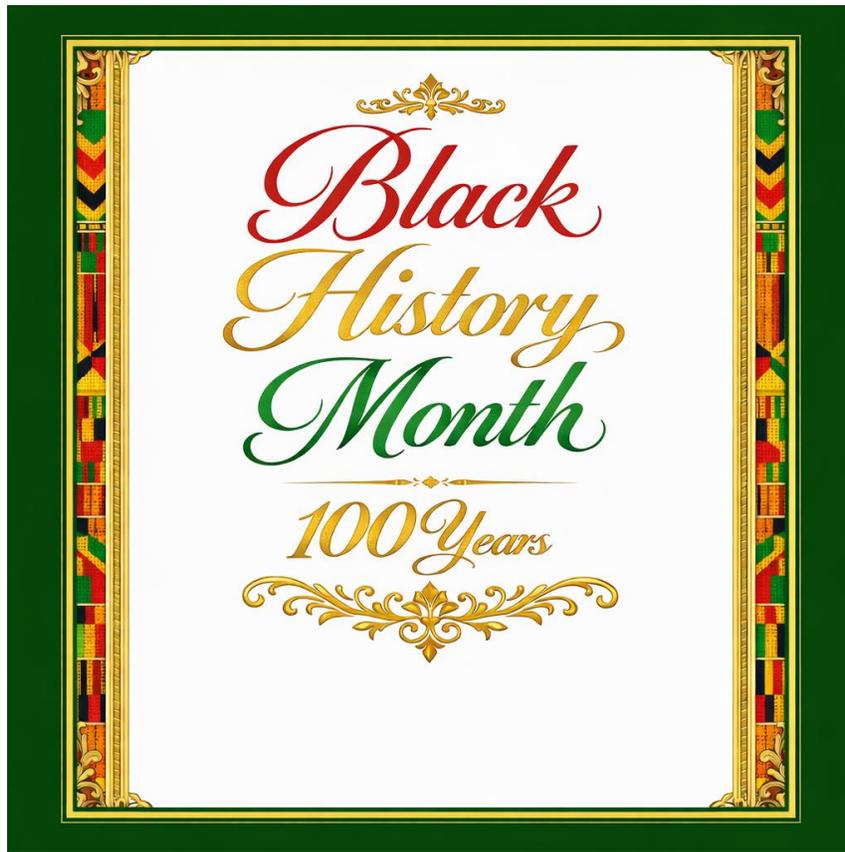
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MINNIE H. GOODLOW PAGE SECTION  
A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS



*Commemorating the Past  
Celebrating the Present...Crafting the Future*

February 22, 2026 @ 2-5 PM  
Methodist Charlton Medical Center Auditorium  
3500 W. Wheatland Rd. Dallas, TX 75237

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*Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune*

*(1875-1955)*

*Founder*

*National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated*

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*Greetings NCNW Members and Supporters, Family, and Friends,*

*On behalf of the Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section, I am honored to extend our warmest regards as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Black History Month. We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate and recognize the rich history and enduring legacy of African Americans. This milestone invites us to reflect on the achievements of those who paved the way and to reaffirm our commitment to progress.*

*"A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS - Commemorating the Past...Celebrating the Present...Crafting the Future" As we honor a century of Black history, let us continue our work with wisdom, courage, and determination—ensuring our efforts benefit generations to come. We encourage you to join us in commemorating this legacy and actively contribute to building a brighter future.*

*With a Servant's Heart,*

*Hazel Patterson, President  
Life Member, Legacy Life Member, Bethune Achiever  
NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section*

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*Greetings in the name of our Most Holy Father,*

It is my esteemed pleasure to extend greetings and well wishes to the officers and members of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section and to all in attendance on the occasion of our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual African American History Celebration.

This milestone year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Black History Month, which began as Negro History Week in 1926, established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. This year's theme, ***A Century of Black History Commemorations***, and our accompanying sub-theme, ***Commemorating the Past...Celebrating the Present...Crafting the Future***, invites us to reflect on the experiences, history, culture, contributions, and legacy of Black Americans. As we commemorate this century of progress, we also celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United States independence, underscoring the essential role of African Americans in shaping our

nation's history.

The African American journey is a rich, foundational tapestry woven directly into the fabric of American history, rooted in scripture, and defined by themes of resilience, resistance, courage, Faith in God, love, peace, unity and the continuous pursuit of freedom and equality. *From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.* Acts 17:26 (NIV) This verse affirms our shared humanity, equal value, and God's purposeful design for our lives. We honor the resilience and courage of those who paved the way for us—ancestors who endured hardship and fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. Their strength and courage inspires us to continue this significant work and ensure our efforts benefit future generations.

In heartfelt gratitude to our dynamic keynote speaker, The Honorable Audrey F. Moorehead, Judge, Dallas County Criminal Court No. 3, program participants, family, members, affiliates, friends, and supporters who have joined us on this most historic occasion.

Commendations are extended to President Hazel Patterson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Programs Mrs. Verna Chivers, Program Chair Ms. Betty Cannon, Co-Chair Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble, Section Officers, Planning Committee, and members of NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section for your invaluable service and sisterly love.

In the JOY of HIS Service,

Dr. Mollie A. Johnson Williams  
 President National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Texas State Coalition  
 Organizer: NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section  
 1<sup>st</sup> President NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section  
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*Dr. A. Lois Keith, National Chair*  
*Rev. Shavon Arline-Bradley, President & CEO*

#### **ABOUT NCNW**

National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) is an “organization of organizations,” Comprised of close to 500 campus and community-based sections and 38 national women’s organizations that enlightens, inspires, and connects 3 million women and men. Its mission is to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families, and communities. It was founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, an influential educator and activist, and for forty years, the iconic Dr. Dorothy Height was president of NCNW.

Today, the NCNW programs are grounded on a foundation of critical concerns that are now “NCNW Priorities.” Our organization promotes education; encourages entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and economic stability; educates women about health and promotes healthcare access and promotes civic engagement and advocates for sound public policy and social justice.

**Dr. A. Lois Keith, National Chair** - Dr. Keith is a Legacy Life Member and Bethune Achiever and has dedicated much of her life to NCNW’s mission.

**Rev. Shavon Arline-Bradley, President & CEO** - Rev. Shavon Arline-Bradley is the president and chief executive officer for National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and brings 21 years of experience in healthcare, diversity, equity, & inclusion (DEI), government affairs, and executive leadership.

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*Minnie H. Goodlow Page*

*Dr. Dorothy Height , President Emerita, NCNW*

### **ABOUT Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section**

The local component of NCNW was named for Minnie H. Goodlow Page, a devoted Christian woman. She is best remembered for her deep faith in God, love of people, and strong conviction regarding the importance of prayer in daily life. We honor the legacy of a wise and godly woman.

*“Greatness is not measured by what a man or woman accomplishes,  
but by the opposition he or she has overcome to reach his goals.”*

*~Dr. Dorothy Height*



## SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

*Daniel Bridgeford*  
Alto Jazz Saxophonist



**Daniel Bridgeford** is the son of Jennifer Michea Stewart and Casey Deron Bridgeford. He is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Booker T. Washington High School and attends Ben Washington Baptist Church in Irving, Texas.

Daniel has been playing the saxophone for nine years. His music style is rooted in jazz and bebop with a growing focus on funk and fusion. Daniel cares a lot about melody and feel. He constantly works to develop his own sound while respecting the tradition that shaped him. His inspiration comes from his father, Jesus Christ, and Kenny Garrett.

In addition to playing in concerts for Booker T. Washington, he has performed at Ben Washington Baptist Church and, most recently, was the featured entertainer at the opening reception for the Irving Black Arts Council's Black History Month "Reflection and Inspiration" Visual Arts Exhibition at the Irving Arts Center.

His career interest is in jazz performance and real estate. He plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin.

Daniel relaxes by playing video games, playing his saxophone, and hanging out with his friends.

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**The Honorable Audrey F. Moorehead  
Judge, Dallas County Criminal Court No. 3  
Keynote Speaker**



The Honorable Audrey F. Moorehead made history as the first woman elected to serve as Judge of Dallas County Criminal Court No. 3. Her court has been named Best County Criminal Misdemeanor Court four years in a row. Judge Moorehead also volunteers her time as the judicial officer for a statutory specialty court dedicated to helping high-risk, justice involved individuals rebuild their lives. Licensed for nearly two decades, she built a distinguished law practice focused on criminal defense, domestic relations, child welfare, and probate before taking the bench. She began her career as a Licensed Social Worker working in nonprofit management for the Visiting Nurse Association of Texas with responsibilities including Meals on Wheels.

Her leadership extends well beyond the courtroom. Judge Moorehead has served as President of the Texas County Court at Law Judges Association and is the 2025–2026 Chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the State Bar of Texas. She is the Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Texas Center for Legal Ethics, where she continues as faculty. She holds numerous roles within the American Bar Association, including presidential appointments to the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics, Professionalism, and Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education. Moorehead is the Co-Chair of the Judicial Function Committee of the ABA Criminal Justice Section. She is Chair of the ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division's Estate and Financial Planning Committee, Vice Chair of both the Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee.

Judge Moorehead's service to the profession includes the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, the Dallas Bar Foundation, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation, the Texas Bar Foundation and American Bar Foundation and she is a Life Fellow in each organization. Current board service includes Legal Hospice of Texas, CASA Children's Council, and the Advisory Board of Unlocking Doors, a pioneering prison reentry initiative. She is the organizing founder of the North Texas State Criminal Law American Inn of Court. She has been a member of the Dallas Bar Association Bar None cast for over 15 years and raised over 2 million dollars for minority law students.

Her community service and philanthropy reach far beyond the legal profession. Judge Moorehead is a Trustee of the Rotary Club of Dallas Foundation, one of the oldest Rotary foundations in Texas, and a board member of Lions Club International – Founder's Club. Lions Club is largest and oldest service organization in the world. She is also active in organizations devoted to leadership, mentorship, and community service, including



Leadership Women Texas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, and the National Association of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She is a proud life member of each of these service organizations.

A respected jurist, mentor, and community advocate, Judge Moorehead has been recognized with numerous honors, including the 2025 Dallas Bar Association Al Ellis Community Service Award, DWLA Outstanding Jurist Award, the J.L. Turner Legal Association Outstanding Mentor Award, and the Texas Women Lawyers Pathfinder Award, the organization's highest distinction. She also serves as President of the Texas A&M School of Law Alumni Board of Directors. She is the NAACP-Dallas Chapter 2025 recipient of the John R. Lewis Award.



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Mary McLeod Bethune: "Symphony of Life"

*Father, we call Thee Father because we love Thee. We are glad to be called Thy children, and to dedicate our lives to the service that extends through willing hearts and hands to the betterment of all mankind. We send a cry of Thanksgiving for people of all races, creeds, classes, and colors the world over, and pray that through the instrumentality of our lives the spirit of peace, joy, fellowship, and brotherhood shall circle the world. We know that this world is filled with discordant notes, but help us, Father, to so unite our efforts that we may all join in one harmonious symphony for peace and brotherhood, justice, and equality of opportunity for all men. The tasks performed today with forgiveness for all our errors, we dedicate, dear Lord, to Thee. Grant us strength, courage, faith, and humility sufficient for the tasks assigned to us.*



~~~*The Program*~~~

**NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section**

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*Commemorating the Past*

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*24<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Celebration*

*Shirley Ison-Newsome, Presiding*

*Member, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section*

**Musical Prelude**..... Daniel Bridgeford, Alto Jazz Saxophonist

**Greeting**.....President Hazel Patterson  
Life Member, Legacy Life Member, Bethune Achiever  
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**Lift Every Voice and Sing**.....Chaplain Dr. Mae Margaret Crosby, Th.D.  
NCNW Texas State New Section Chair and Legacy Life Member, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow  
Page Section; Daniel Bridgeford, Alto Jazz Saxophonist

**Scripture**  
Old Testament.....Adaliese Harris, Life Member, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section  
New Testament ..... Rochelle Chivers, Member, Youth Advisor  
Young Brilliant Cultivators, Dallas Youth Section, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

**Invocation**..... Rev. Dalphine Parrish, Member, Parliamentarian  
NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

**Song**.....Daniel Bridgeford, Alto Jazz Saxophonist



**Occasion and History**..... Dr. Mollie A. Johnson Williams  
 President NCNW Texas State Coalition, NCNW Life Member, NCNW Legacy Life Member,  
 Organizer Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section, 1<sup>st</sup> President Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section,  
 Multiple Bethune Achiever

*~~Memoriam Ceremony~~*

Henrietta Brown, Legacy Life Member, Advisor..... NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section  
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**Blessing of the Meal**.....Rev. Carlyn Houston, Member  
 NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

*~~Soul Food Luncheon is Served~~*

**Luncheon Direction**.....Shirley Ison-Newsome

**Introduction of Speaker**.....Ms. Candace Wicks

**Speaker**..... **The Honorable Audrey F. Moorehead**  
**Judge, Dallas County Criminal Court No. 3**

**Acknowledgements/Closing Remarks**.....President Hazel Patterson

**Song**.....We Shall Overcome  
 Chaplain Dr. Mae Margaret Crosby and Daniel Bridgeford

**The Litany**..... Brenda Jones Baker, Member, Financial Secretary  
 NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

**The Benediction**.....Rev. Carolyn McCullough, Chaplain, Member  
 NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section



**THE NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING  
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON (JUNE 17, 1871 - JUNE 26, 1938)**

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING  
'TIL EARTH AND HEAVEN RING  
RING WITH THE HARMONIES OF LIBERTY  
LET OUR REJOICING RISE  
HIGH AS THE LIST'NING SKIES  
LET IT RESOUND LOUD AS THE ROLLING SEA  
SING A SONG FULL OF THE FAITH THAT THE DARK PAST HAS TAUGHT US  
SING A SONG FULL OF THE HOPE THAT THE PRESENT HAS BROUGHT US  
FACING THE RISING SUN OF OUR NEW DAY BEGUN  
LET US MARCH ON 'TIL VICTORY IS WON

STONY THE ROAD WE TROD  
BITTER THE CHASTENING ROD  
FELT IN THE DAYS WHEN HOPE UNBORN HAD DIED  
YET WITH A STEADY BEAT  
HAVE NOT OUR WEARY FEET  
COME TO THE PLACE FOR WHICH OUR FATHERS SIGHED?  
WE HAVE COME OVER A WAY THAT WITH TEARS HAS BEEN WATERED  
WE HAVE COME, TREADING OUR PATH THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE SLAUGHTERED  
OUT FROM THE GLOOMY PAST  
'TIL NOW WE STAND AT LAST  
WHERE THE WHITE GLEAM OF OUR BRIGHT STAR IS CAST

GOD OF OUR WEARY YEARS  
GOD OF OUR SILENT TEARS  
THOU WHO HAS BROUGHT US THUS FAR ON THE WAY  
THOU WHO HAS BY THY MIGHT  
LED US INTO THE LIGHT  
KEEP US FOREVER IN THE PATH, WE PRAY  
LEST OUR FEET STRAY FROM THE PLACES, OUR GOD, WHERE WE MET THEE  
LEST, OUR HEARTS DRUNK WITH THE WINE OF THE WORLD, WE FORGET THEE  
SHADOWED BENEATH THY HAND  
MAY WE FOREVER STAND  
TRUE TO OUR GOD TRUE TO OUR NATIVE LAND



**ARTICLE XVI LITANY**  
**MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE'S LEGACY TO HER PEOPLE AND THE NATION**

**LEADER:** SOMETIMES I ASK MYSELF IF I HAVE ANY OTHER LEGACY TO LEAVE. TRULY MY WORLDLY POSSESSIONS ARE FEW. YET, MY EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN RICH. FROM THEM, I HAVE DISTILLED PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES IN WHICH I BELIEVE FIRMLY, FOR THEY REPRESENT THE MEANING OF MY LIFE'S WORK. THEY ARE THE PRODUCTS OF MUCH SWEAT AND SORROW. PERHAPS, IN THEM THERE IS SOMETHING OF VALUE. SO, AS MY LIFE DRAWS TO A CLOSE, I WILL PASS THEM ON TO NEGROES EVERYWHERE IN THE HOPE THAT AN OLD WOMAN'S PHILOSOPHY MAY GIVE THEM INSPIRATION. HERE THEN, IS MY LEGACY.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU LOVE.

**RESPONSE:** LOVE BUILDS, IT IS POSITIVE AND HELPFUL. IT IS MORE BENEFICIAL THAN HATE.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU HOPE.

**RESPONSE:** THE NEGRO'S GROWTH WILL BE GREAT IN THE YEARS TO COME. YESTERDAY, OUR ANCESTORS ENDURED THE DEGRADATION OF SLAVERY, YET THEY RETAINED THEIR DIGNITY.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN ONE ANOTHER.

**RESPONSE:** AS LONG AS NEGROES ARE HEMMED INTO RACIAL BLOCKS OF PREJUDICE AND PRESSURE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THEM TO BAND TOGETHER FOR ECONOMIC BETTERMENT.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU A THIRST FOR EDUCATION.

**RESPONSE:** KNOWLEDGE IS THE PRIME NEED OF THE HOUR.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU A RESPECT FOR THE USE OF POWER.

**RESPONSE:** WE LIVE IN A WORLD, WHICH RESPECTS POWER ABOVE ALL THINGS. POWER, INTELLIGENTLY DIRECTED, CAN LEAD TO MORE FREEDOM. UNWISELY DIRECTED, IT CAN BE A DREADFUL DESTRUCTIVE FORCE.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU FAITH.

**RESPONSE:** FAITH IS THE FIRST FACTOR IN LIFE DEVOTED TO SERVICE. WITHOUT FAITH, NOTHING IS POSSIBLE. WITH IT, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. FAITH IN GOD IS THE GREATEST POWER, BUT GREAT TOO, IS FAITH IN ONESELF.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU A DESIRE TO LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH YOUR FELLOW MAN.

**RESPONSE:** THE PROBLEM OF COLOR IS WORLDWIDE. IT IS FOUND IN AFRICA AND ASIA, EUROPE, AND SOUTH AMERICA. I APPEAL TO AMERICAN NEGROES – BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH, EAST AND WEST, TO RECOGNIZE THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS AND UNITE TO SOLVE THEM.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU, FINALLY, A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. **RESPONSE:** THE WORLD AROUND US REALLY BELONGS TO THE YOUTH, FOR THE YOUTH WILL TAKE OVER ITS FUTURE MANAGEMENT. OUR CHILDREN MUST NEVER LOSE THEIR ZEAL FOR BUILDING A BETTER WORLD.

**ALL:** IF I HAVE A LEGACY TO LEAVE MY PEOPLE, IT IS MY PHILOSOPHY OF LIVING AND SERVING. AS I FACE TOMORROW, I AM CONTENT, FOR I THINK I HAVE SPENT MY LIFE WELL. I PRAY NOW THAT MY PHILOSOPHY MAY BE HELPFUL TO THOSE WHO SHARE MY VISION OF A WORLD OF PEACE.

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*Chaplain Dr. Mae Margaret Crosby, CEO Founder*



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*Let's Pray Together!*

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

🌟 *Congratulations Minnie H. Page Goodlow Section!* 🌟

*With profound pride and heartfelt admiration, we celebrate the Minnie H. Page Goodlow Page Section for 24 remarkable years of unwavering commitment and dedication to honoring our African American Heritage and the enduring legacy of our forefathers.*

*For nearly a quarter of a century, we have stood as a beacon of excellence — preserving our history, uplifting our culture, and ensuring that the sacrifices, strength, and resilience of those who came before us are never forgotten. Our steadfast service reflects vision, unity, and an abiding love for our community.*

*Because of your faithfulness, generations have been educated, inspired, and empowered. We have not only celebrated history — you have shaped it.*

*May your legacy continue to shine brightly, and may God richly bless our continued leadership and impact.*

🌟 *24 Years Strong — and Still Rising!* 🌟

*With Honor and Gratitude,*

*Chaplain Dr. Mae Margaret Crosby*  
**CELEBRATING LEGACY & FUTURE**



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**MINNIE H. GOODLOW PAGE SECTION**



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

*"Next to God we are indebted to women, first for life itself, and then for making it worth living."*

*~Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune*



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*Snapshots of the African American Journey*

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*Dr. Carter G. Woodson  
The Father of Black History  
December 19, 1895 - April 3, 1950*



**By Korey Bowers Brown**

During the dawning decades of the twentieth century, it was commonly presumed that black people had little history besides the subjugation of slavery. Today, it is clear that blacks have significantly impacted the development of the social, political, and economic structures of the United States and the world. Credit for the evolving awareness of the true place of blacks in history can, in large part, be bestowed on one man, Carter G. Woodson. And, his brainchild the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc. is continuing Woodson's tradition of disseminating information about black life, history and culture to the global community.

Known as the "Father of Black History," Woodson (1875-1950) was the son of former slaves, and understood how important gaining a proper education is when striving to secure and make the most out of one's divine right of freedom. Although he did not begin his formal education until he was [almost] 20 years old, his dedication to study enabled him to earn a high school diploma in West Virginia, his first undergraduate degree from Berea College in Kentucky, and bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Chicago in just a few years. In 1912, Woodson became the second African American to earn a PhD at Harvard University.

Recognizing the dearth of information on the accomplishments of blacks in 1915, Dr. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

Under Woodson's pioneering leadership, the Association created research and publication outlets for black scholars with the establishment of the *Journal of Negro History* (1916) and the *Negro History Bulletin* (1937), which garners a popular public appeal.

In 1926, Dr. Woodson initiated the celebration of Negro History Week, which corresponded with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, this celebration was expanded to include the entire month of February, and today Black History Month garners support throughout the country as people of all ethnic and social backgrounds discuss the black experience. ASALH views the promotion of Black History Month as one of the most important components of advancing Dr. Woodson's legacy.

In honor of all the work that Dr. Carter G. Woodson has done to promote the study of African American History, an ornament of Woodson hangs on the White House's Christmas tree each year.

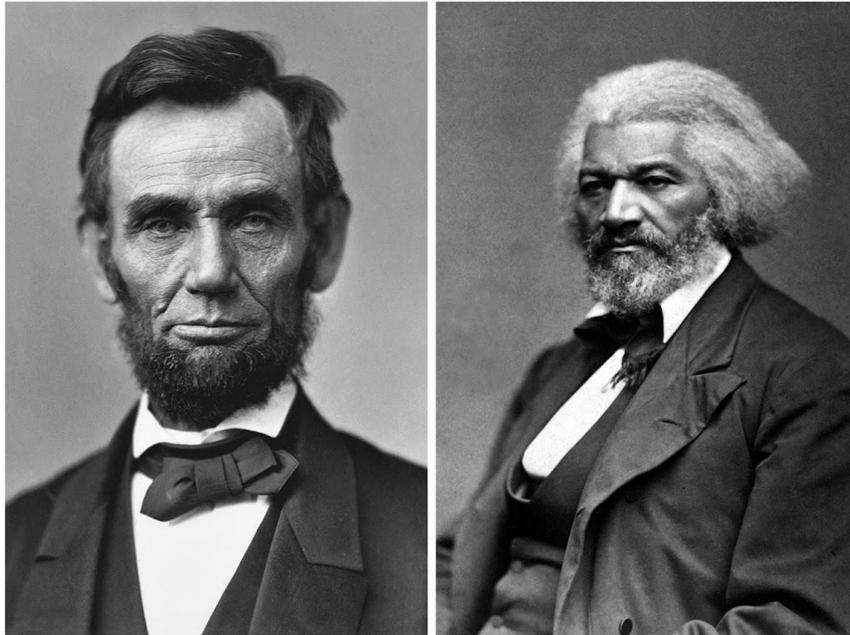
*Source: Association for the Study of African American Life and History*

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## *Why February?*



*Abraham Lincoln      Frederick Douglass*

It is commonly said that Dr. Carter G. Woodson selected February to encompass the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black history, namely Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> respectively. Dr. Woodson built Negro History Week around traditional days of commemorating the black past.

**Abraham Lincoln** was the 16th President of the United States, serving from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. He led the United States through the American Civil War, defeating the Confederate States and playing a major role in the abolition of slavery.

**Frederick Douglass** was an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman. He was the most important leader of the movement for African American civil rights in the 19th century.

*Source: Association for the Study of African American Life and History; Wikipedia*



## Key Highlights of Slavery in America (1619–1865)

- **1619:** First recorded enslaved Africans arrive in Jamestown, Virginia, marking the start of slavery in the English colonies.
- **1640:** John Punch is sentenced to life servitude, becoming the first documented African slave for life in Virginia.
- **1662:** Virginia law decrees that the status of children born to enslaved women follows that of the mother, making slavery hereditary.
- **1705:** The Virginia Slave Codes are passed, formalizing the legal framework for enslaved people as property.
- **1780:** Pennsylvania passes the first act for the gradual abolition of slavery.
- **1793:** Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin, revitalizing the demand for enslaved labor.
- **1808:** Congress bans the importation of enslaved people from Africa, though domestic trade continues.
- **1820:** The Missouri Compromise attempts to balance slave and free states.
- **1831:** Nat Turner leads a significant, violent slave revolt in Virginia.
- **1850:** The Fugitive Slave Act is strengthened, requiring citizens to assist in capturing runaway slaves.
- **1860:** Roughly 4 million people are enslaved in the U.S., making up one-third of the Southern population.
- **1863:** President Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring slaves in Confederate-held territory free.
- **1865:** The Thirteenth Amendment is ratified, constitutionally prohibiting slavery in the U.S.



## The Civil Rights Movement Key Highlights/Timeline

The American Civil Rights Movement (roughly 1954–1968) was a transformative era of nonviolent protests and legal battles aimed at ending racial segregation and discrimination. Key victories included *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), the Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955), the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

### Key Events and Timeline:

- **1954:** Supreme Court rules in *Brown v. Board of Education* that segregated schools are unconstitutional, overturning *Plessy v. Ferguson*.
- **1955:** Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat, triggering the year-long Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- **1957:** [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) and others form the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to organize protests.
- **1957:** Little Rock Central High School is integrated under federal troop protection.
- **1960:** Student sit-ins begin at a lunch counter in Greensboro, NC.
- **1961:** Freedom Riders begin bus trips through the South to test desegregation laws.
- **1963:** March on Washington occurs; MLK Jr. delivers "I Have a Dream" speech.
- **1963:** Bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham kills four girls.
- **1964:** President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- **1965:** Selma to Montgomery marches ("Bloody Sunday") lead to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- **1967:** *Loving v. Virginia* Supreme Court case bans restrictions on interracial marriage.
- **1968:** Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, TN.
- **1968:** Fair Housing Act signed into law.

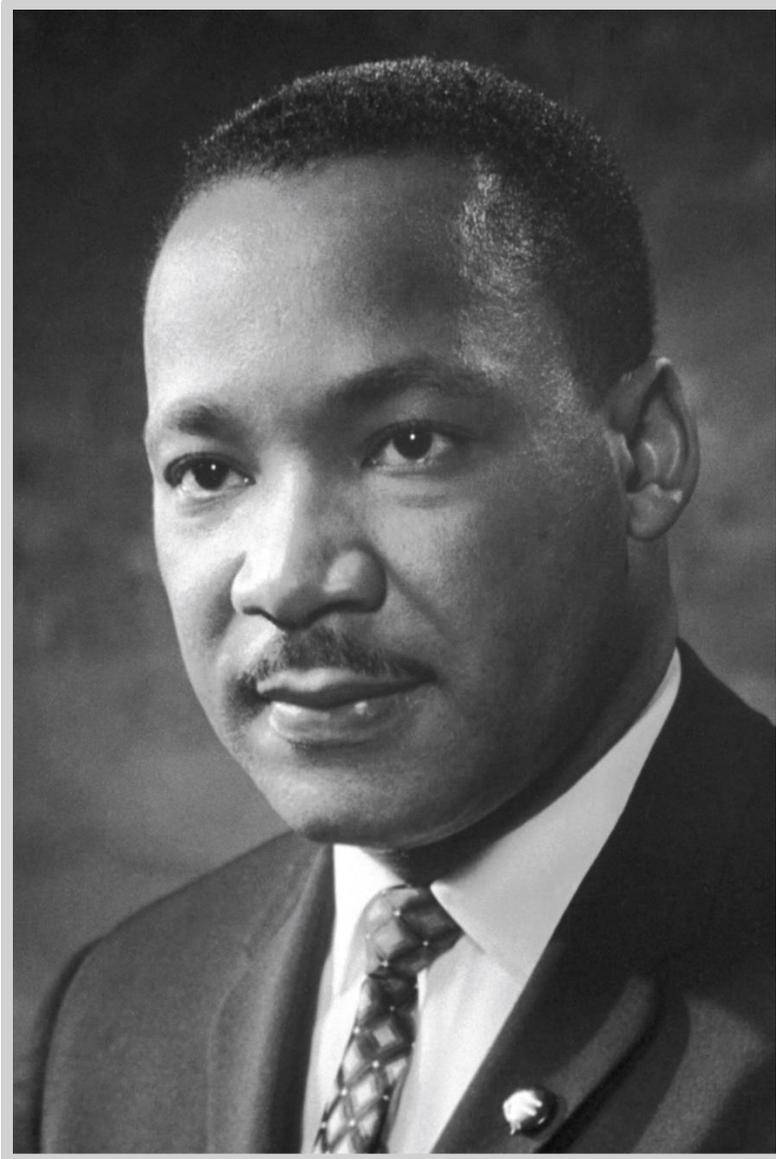
**Key Figures:** Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Thurgood Marshall, John Lewis, A. Philip Randolph.

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*Influential Leaders*



*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*American Civil Rights Activist, Baptist Minister*

*A leader of the Civil Rights Movement*

*January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968*

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*Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech on August 28, 1963, during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He spoke from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., to over 250,000 people.*

*Coretta Scott King*

*(April 27, 1927 - January 30, 2006)*

*Mrs. Kings was an American author, singer, activist, and civil rights leader, who was the wife of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*The King Children*



*Martin Luther King, III*

*Dexter Scott King (January 30, 1961 - January 22, 2024)*

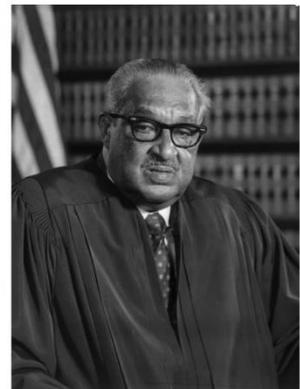
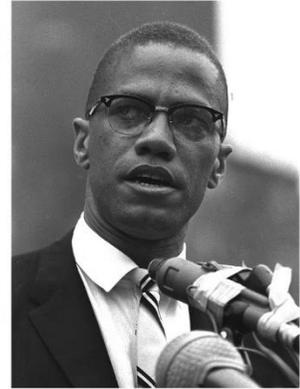
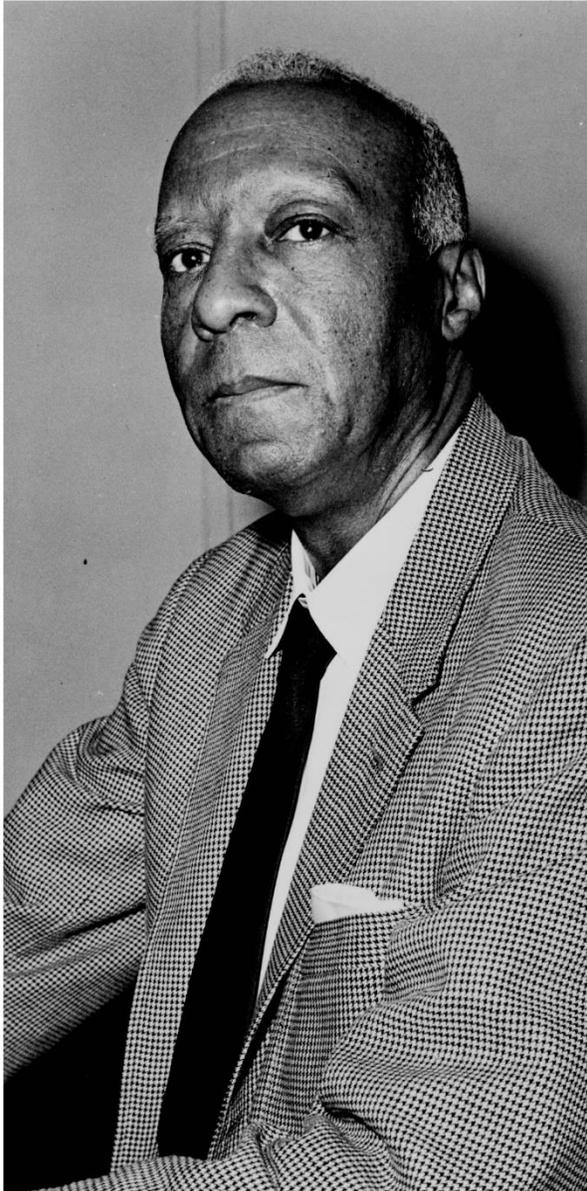
*Yolanda Denise King (November 17, 1955 - May 15, 2007)*

*Bernice Albertine King*

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Left to Right: **A. Philip Randolph**, was an American labor Unionist and Civil Rights Activist; **Rosa Parks**, was an American Civil Rights Activist; **Malcolm X**, was African American Revolutionary and Human Rights Activist; **John Lewis**, was a Civil Right activist, former Congressman, US. House of Representatives; **Thurgood Marshall**, was former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of U.S., and first African American Justice; **Rev. Jesse Jackson**, was an American Civil Rights Activist, politician, and ordained Baptist Minister; **Rev. Ralph Abernathy**, was a Civil Rights Activist and Baptist Minister

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*Barack Obama*  
*44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America*  
*1<sup>st</sup> African American President of the United States of America*  
*The Obama Family*



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*Kamala Harris*  
*Former Vice President of the United States*  
*1<sup>st</sup> African American, and first female Vice President of the*  
*United States of America*



*Douglas Craig Emhoff*  
*Former Second Gentleman of the United States*  
*Married to Kamala Harris, the 49<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the United States.*

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## *Influential Leaders*



Left to right/top to bottom: **Eddie Bernice Johnson**, was an American politician who represented Texas's 30th congressional district in the United States House of Representatives from 1993 to 2023; **Michelle Obama**, former First Lady of US, **Ketanji Brown Jackson**, Associate Justice Supreme Court, United States, and first Black female to serve; **Barbara Jordan**, was a Lawyer & former United States Representative; **Ruby Bridges**, American civil rights activist; **Harriet Tubman** was American abolitionist & social activist; **Sojourner Truth** was American abolitionist; **Shirley Chisholm**, former US. Representative; **Kamala Harris**, former Vice President 1<sup>st</sup> Black and first woman to serve as Vice President of the United States.

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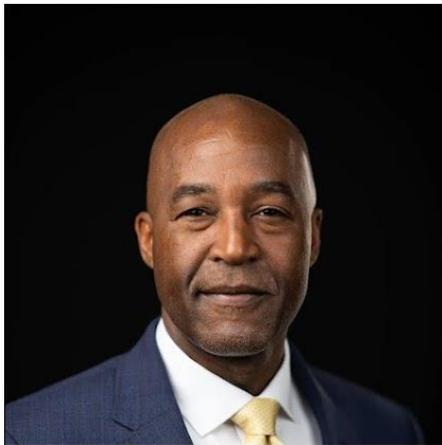
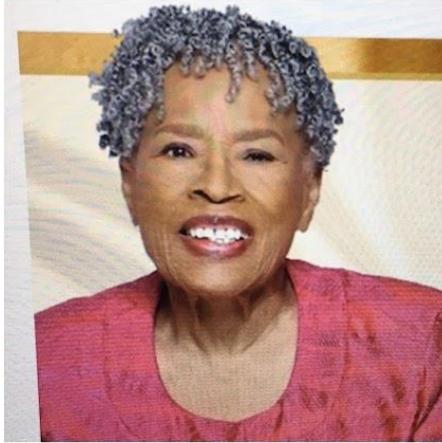
**Jasmine Felicia Crockett** is an American lawyer and politician serving as the U.S. representative for Texas's 30<sup>th</sup> congressional district since 2023. She represented the 100<sup>th</sup> district in the Texas House of Representatives from 2021 to 2023. Crockett is a candidate for U.S. Senate in Texas for 2026; **Colin Zachary Allred** is an American politician, civil rights lawyer, and former professional football player, who served as the U.S. Representative for Texas 32<sup>nd</sup> congressional district from 2019 to 2025; **Colin Luther Powell** was an American Army General, diplomat, and statesman who was the 65<sup>th</sup> United States Secretary of State from 2001 to 2005 and the highest-ranking Black American in the federal executive branch in American history, and first Black to hold the office until the election of Barack Obama as president in 2008. He was the 15<sup>th</sup> national security advisor, and the 12<sup>th</sup> chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; **Westley Watende Omari Moore** is an American politician, businessman, author, and former U.S. Army Officer, serving as the 63<sup>rd</sup> Governor of Maryland since 2023; **Eric Himpton Holder Jr.** is an American lawyer who served as the 82<sup>nd</sup> United States Attorney General from 2009 to 2015. Holder was the first African American to hold the position; **Sheila Jackson Lee** was an American lawyer and politician who was the U.S. Representative for Texas 18<sup>th</sup> congressional district from 1995 until her death in 2024.

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## *Influential Educators*



From Top left to right: **Ms. Opal Lee**, is an American retired teacher, counselor, and activist, often described as the "grandmother of Juneteenth"; **Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole** is an American anthropologist, educator, museum director, and college president, and the first female African American president of Spelman College.

**Dr. Fredrick DuBois Bowman** is an American biostatistician, currently serving as the 13th president of Morehouse College since July 15, 2025; **Dr. Wright Lassiter, Jr.** was an American educator, college president, college chancellor, and Baptist minister. Dr. Lassiter was an accomplished and humble educator who served Dallas for more than 30 years, as president of El Centro College and Chancellor of Dallas County Community College District, the district's first African American chancellor.

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### *Influential Educators*



**Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune** was an American educator, philanthropist, humanitarian, womanist, and civil rights activist. She founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935. She became the first Black woman to lead a federal agency when she was appointed by President Franklin Roosevelt as the secretary to lead the National Youth Association (NYA). She started a private school for African American students which later became Bethune-Cookman University.

**Dr. Mollie A. Johnson Williams** is an accomplished American Educator and college professor. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Texas. She has also served as an instructor for Prairie View A&M University's Master's Degree Program in Educational Psychology, Vice President of Student Affairs at Paul Quinn College, Counselor/Instructor at North Harris County Community College District and Counselor and Instructor of Human Development at Mountain View College, Dallas, Texas.

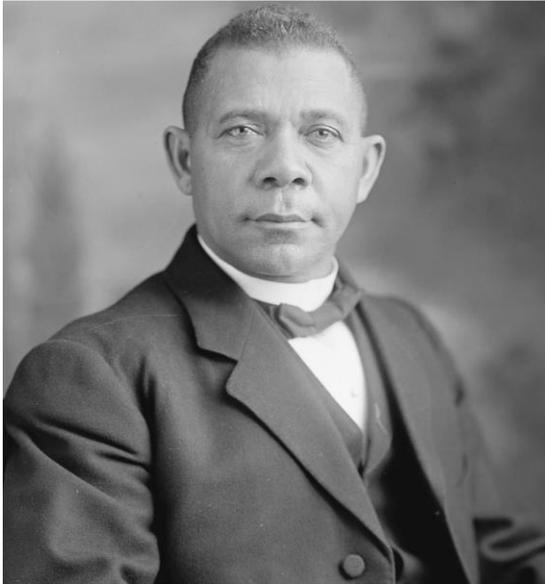
**Dr. Michael J. Sorrell** is the current and longest-serving president of Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas, having led the institution since 2007. He is credited with transforming the school into a nationally recognized, innovative work college.

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### *Influential Educators*



**Booker Taliaferro Washington** was an American educator, author, orator, and African American civil rights leader. Born into slavery on April 5, 1856, Booker and his family in Virginia gained freedom under the Emancipation Proclamation. He worked his way through college at Wayland Seminary. In 1881, he was named as the first leader of the new Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, an institute for black higher education. He attained national prominence for his Atlanta Address of 1895. Washington wrote an autobiography, *Up from Slavery* in 1901. Washington was a key proponent of African American businesses and one of the founders of the National Negro Business League. Because of his influential leadership, the timespan of his activity, from 1880 to 1915, has been called the Age of Booker T. Washington.

**William Edward Burghardt Du Bois** was an American sociologist, writer, historian, and Pan-Africanist civil rights activist. He completed his graduate work at Harvard University, where he was the first African American to earn a doctorate. Du Bois rose to national prominence as a leader of the Niagara Movement, a group of black civil rights activists seeking equal rights. He was a professor at Atlanta University. Du Bois was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909. His 1940 autobiography *Dusk of Dawn* is regarded in part as one of the first scientific treatises in the field of American sociology.

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## *Influential Clergy*



**Adam Clayton Powell** was an American Baptist pastor and politician, and the first African American to be elected to Congress from New York; **Dr. Tony Evans**, an evangelical pastor, author, former senior pastor at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, Dallas, Texas, and he holds the honor of writing and publishing the first full-Bible commentary and study Bible by an African American.

**Bishop T.D. Jakes** is a non-denominational Christian evangelical pastor, and motivational speaker, former senior pastor of The Potter's House, Dallas; **Andrew Young** is an American politician, diplomat, and activist. Beginning his career as a pastor, Young was an early leader in the civil rights movement, serving as executive director of the SCLC and close confidant to Dr. King.

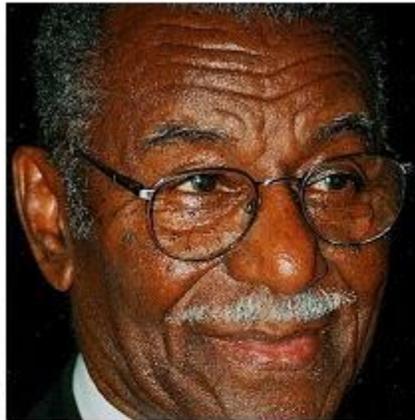
**Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie** is the President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ, USA, retired bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, author, and became the first woman to be elected as bishop in the denomination's history.

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## *Influential Clergy*



**Howard Washington Thurman** was an American author, philosopher, minister, theologian, Christian mystic, educator, and civil rights leader; **Freddie Lee Shuttlesworth** was an American Baptist minister and civil rights activist who led fights against segregation and other forms of racism, during the civil rights movement. He often worked with Dr. King and was co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

**Dr. E.K. Bailey** was a renowned African American pastor, author, and esteemed proponent of expository preaching who founded the Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, in 1975. He established the influential E.K. Bailey Expository Preaching Conference and left a lasting legacy in homiletics, often blending biblical narrative with the African American preaching tradition;

**Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III** is an American pastor and politician from Texas. He is the senior pastor for Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas. Haynes is a candidate in 2026 elections for the U.S. House of Representatives, seeking to represent Texas's 30<sup>th</sup> congressional district.

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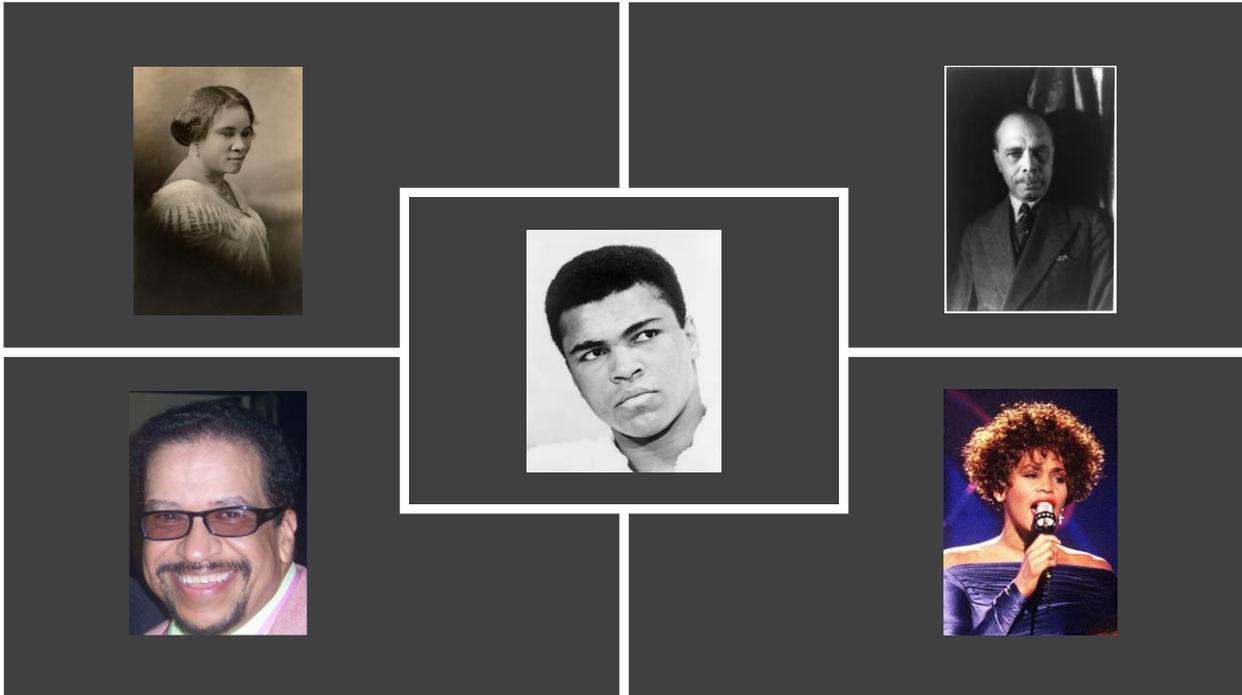
**Amanda Gorman** is an American poet, activist, and model. She rose to fame in 2021 for writing and delivering her poem “The Hill We Climb” at the inauguration of Joe Biden; **Donna Brazile** is an American political strategist, campaign manager, and political analyst, who served twice as acting Chair of the Democratic National Convention; **Oprah Winfrey** is an American talk show host, television producer, actress, author, and media proprietor. Globally, she is the richest Black woman. Dubbed the "Queen of All Media"; **George Washington Carver** was an American agricultural scientist and inventor who promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent soil depletion, one of the most prominent black scientists of the early 20th century; **Mae Carol Jemison** is an American engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut, the first African American woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 1992; **Dr. Benjamin Carson Sr.** is an American retired neurosurgeon, academic, author, and government official who served as the 17th United States Secretary of HUD from 2017 to 2021; **Mahalia Jackson** was an American gospel singer, widely considered one of the most influential vocalists of the 20th century. **Maya Angelou** was an American memoirist, essayist, poet, and civil rights activist; **Rev. James Cleveland** was an American gospel singer, musician, and composer. Known as the "King of Gospel.”

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**Madam C. J. Walker** was an American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist. Walker is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America in the Guinness Book of World Records; **Muhammad Ali** was an American professional boxer and activist, a global cultural icon, widely known by the nickname "**the Greatest**", he is often regarded as the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time.

**James Weldon Johnson** was an American writer and civil rights activist. Johnson was a leader of the NAACP and served as executive secretary. He wrote the lyrics for "Lift Every Voice and Sing", which later became known as the Black National Anthem; **Richard Lee Smallwood** was an American gospel artist who formed the Richard Smallwood Singers in 1977 in Washington, D.C.

**Whitney Elizabeth Houston** was an American singer, actress, film producer, and model. Commonly referred to as "the Voice" she is one of the most awarded performers of all time.

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**Shirley Ann Caesar-Williams** is an American gospel singer, who began her career in 1951, when she signed to Federal Records at the age of 12. Throughout her seven-decade career, Caesar has often been referred to as the “First Lady of Gospel Music and “The Queen of Gospel Music.” Her accolades include 12 Grammy Awards, 15 Dove Awards and 14 Stellar Awards.

**Sheila Crump Johnson** is an American billionaire businesswoman, co-founder of BET, and CEO of Salamander Hotels and Resorts.

**Tameka Mann** is an American gospel singer and actress. She began her career as a singer with the gospel group Kirk Franklin and the Family.

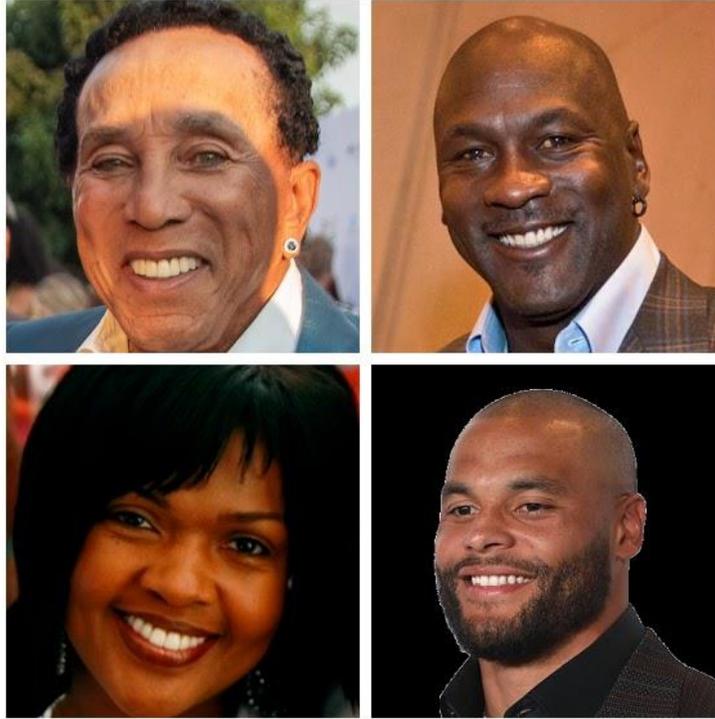
**Aretha Louise Franklin** was an American singer, songwriter and pianist. Honored as the “Queen of Soul”, she was twice named by *Rolling Stone* magazine as the greatest singer of all time.

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**William "Smokey" Robinson Jr.** is an American R&B soul singer, songwriter, and record producer. He was the founder and frontman of the pioneering Motown vocal group the Miracles, for which he was also chief songwriter and producer.

**Michael Jeffrey Jordan**, also known by his initials **MJ**, is an American businessman and retired professional basketball player who is a minority owner of the Charlotte Hornets of the NBA. He played 15 seasons in the NBA between 1984 and 2003, winning six NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls. By acclamation, Michael Jordan is one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

**Priscilla Marie Love**, known professionally by her stage name as **CeCe Winans** is an American gospel singer who has received 18 Grammy Awards, the most for any female gospel singer.

**Rayne Dakota Prescott** is an American professional football quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League (NFL).

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**Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson** is an American physicist and was the 18th president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is the first African American woman to have earned a doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Theoretical Elementary Particle Physics. She is also the second African American woman in the United States to earn a doctorate in physics; **Granville Tailor Woods** was an American inventor who held more than 60 patents in the United States. He was the first African American mechanical and electrical engineer after the Civil War. Self-taught, he concentrated most of his work on trains and streetcars. He invented and patented Tunnel Construction for the electric railroad system, and electrical rollercoasters; **Percy Lavon Julian** was an American research chemist and a pioneer in the chemical synthesis of medicinal drugs from plants. His work laid the foundation for the steroid drug industry's production of cortisone, and other corticosteroids and artificial hormones that led to birth control pills; **Dr. Patricia Era Bath** was an American ophthalmologist and humanitarian. She became the first female member of the Jules Stein Eye Institute, the first woman to lead a postgraduate training program in ophthalmology, and the first woman elected to the honorary staff of the UCLA Medical Center, and the first African American woman to serve on staff as a surgeon at the UCLA Medical Center.

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**Garrett Augustus Morgan Sr.** was an American inventor, businessman, and community leader. Among his most notable inventions were a protective 'smoke hood' that he notably used in a 1916 tunnel construction disaster rescue, a type of three-way traffic light invented in 1923, a hair-straightening cream, and other hair-care products.

**Diana Ross** is an American singer and actress. Known as the "Queen of Motown," she was the lead singer of the vocal group the Supremes, who became Motown's most successful act during the 1960s and one of the world's best-selling girl groups of all time. of all time.

**Michael Joseph Jackson** was an American singer, songwriter, dancer, and philanthropist. Dubbed the "**King of Pop**", he is widely regarded as one of the most culturally significant figures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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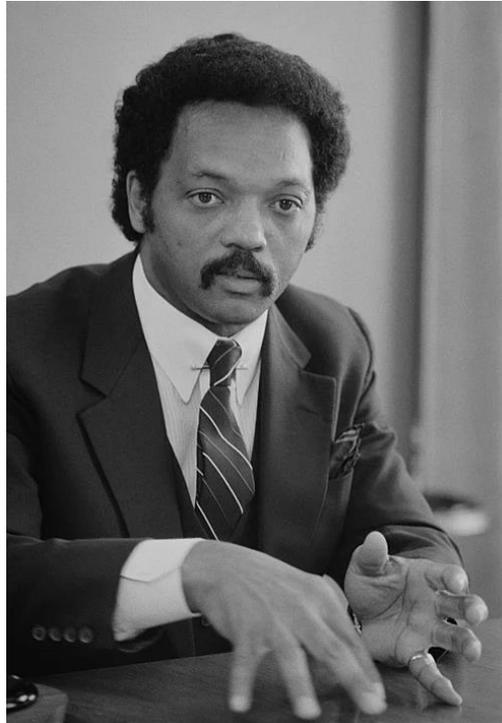


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*"If we have the courage and tenacity of our forebears, who stood firmly like a rock against the lash of slavery, we shall find a way to do for our day what they did for theirs."*

*-Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune*

