


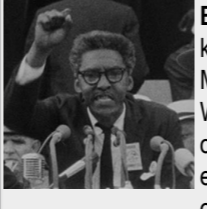
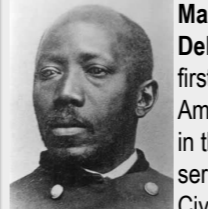


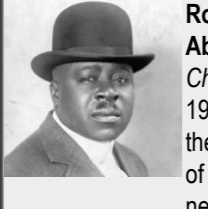




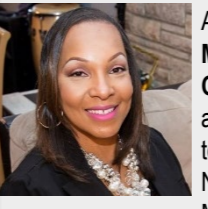

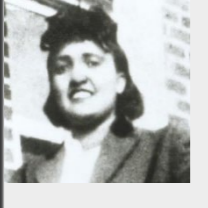
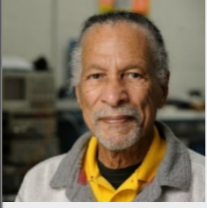
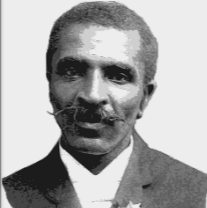
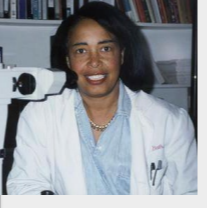
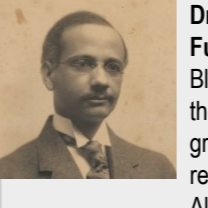

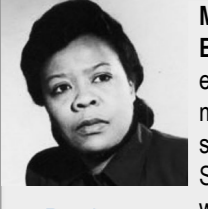
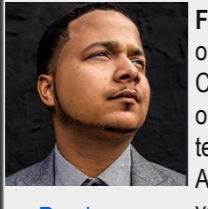
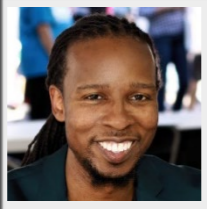
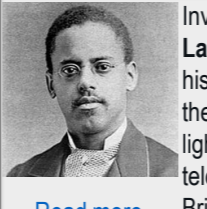
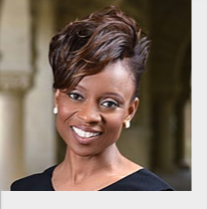


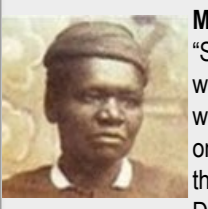


FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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	 <p>Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett is one of the key NIH scientists behind the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>In 1960, sprinter Wilma Rudolph became the first American woman to win 3 gold medals in 1 Olympic Game.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Brehanna Daniels is the first Black woman to work in a NASCAR pit crew (tire changer).</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Bayard Rustin, known as "Mr. March on Washington," was one of the most effective organizers of the Civil Rights Movement.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Martin Robison Delaney, was the first African American field officer in the U.S. Army, serving during the Civil War, and an abolitionist.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Bill Willis, of the Cleveland Browns, broke pro football's "color barrier" a full year prior to Jackie Robinson doing the same in major league baseball.</p> <p>Read more</p>
 <p>Bessie Coleman, an aviation pioneer, was the first licensed Black pilot in the world. She received her license in 1921.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Robert Sengstacke Abbott founded <i>The Chicago Defender</i> in 1905. It grew to have the highest circulation of any Black-owned newspaper in the U.S.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Amanda Gorman is a poet and activist. This year, she made history as the youngest presidential inaugural poet in U.S. history.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Marsha P. Johnson, a Black transwoman and LGBTQ activist, was a prominent figure in the Stonewall uprising of 1969.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Scientist Valerie Thomas invented the illusion transmitter. The 3D technology is used by NASA, in surgery, and in movies and TV.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Inventor Garrett Morgan is known for creating the three-light traffic light, an improvement on the two-light system.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Author Bebe Moore Campbell's advocacy work led to the creation of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.</p> <p>Read more</p>
 <p>Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler was the first Black female doctor in the United States. She practiced in the late 1800s.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Henrietta Lacks is known as the "mother of modern medicine." Her "HeLa cells" have been vital to medical research.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>James West, PhD invented the foil electret microphone. They are used in everything from telephones to computers.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>George Washington Carver developed more than 300 uses for the peanut alone, including soap, lotion, and paint.</p> <p>Read More</p>	 <p>Dr. Patricia Bath was the first Black female doctor to receive a medical patent in the U.S. for her laser technology for cataract surgery.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller was the first Black psychiatrist in the U.S. He did groundbreaking research on Alzheimer's disease.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Recently, Mickey Guyton became the first Black female solo artist to get a Grammy nod in a country category for song "Black Like Me."</p> <p>Read more</p>
 <p>Marie Van Brittan Brown created an early version of the modern home security system. She is also credited with the first closed circuit television.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Freddie Figgers operates Figgers Communication, the only Black-owned telecom company in America. He's the youngest person to get an FCC license.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>In 2016, author/historian Ibram X. Kendi became the youngest author to receive a National Book Award for Nonfiction.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Inventor Lewis Latimer is known for his contributions to the patenting of the light bulb and the telephone. He was a Bridgeport resident in the 19th century.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Dr. Jennifer Eberhardt's work has served as a foundation for educating law enforcement officers in implicit bias training.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Brian Michael Smith is the first Black trans man to be cast in a regular role on a TV series. He plays a firefighter in <i>Lone Star</i>.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Stephen Burrows is the first Black fashion designer to gain international fame after he won the Battle of Versailles in 1973.</p> <p>Read more</p>
 <p>Mary Fields, or "Stagecoach Mary," was the first Black woman to carry mail on a Star Route for the U.S. Post Office Department. She was born a slave.</p> <p>Read more</p>						

Black History Month recognizes and celebrates the achievements of the Black community and their contributions to this country. Black American history is indeed America's history. Check out our calendar to learn some history, old and new. There is much to learn in February, and beyond.

