

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Greenville Middle High School
2021**



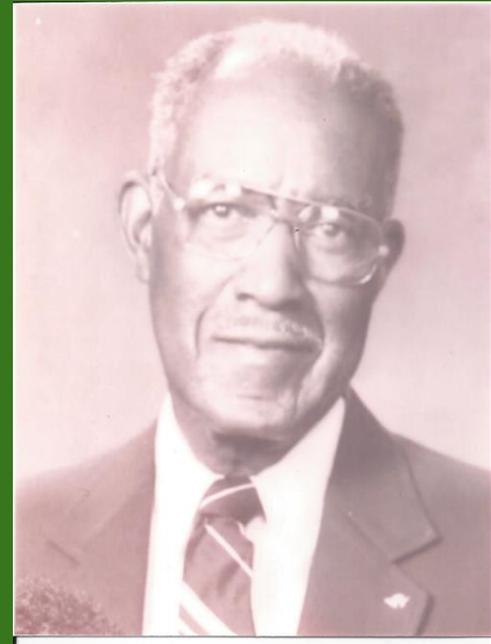
Carter G. Woodson

“Father of Black History”



Known as the “Father of Black History,” Carter G. Woodson holds an outstanding position in early 20th century American history. He founded Negro History week which has transformed into Black History Month.

Did you Know?



Mr. Richmond Hill was the first African American Mayor of a city in Georgia, right here in Greenville.

Barack Obama



Barack Hussein Obama II is an American politician and attorney. He served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017.

Kamala Harris is an American politician and attorney serving as the 49th and current vice president of the United States. She is the United States' first female vice president, the highest-ranking female official in U.S. history, and the first African American and first Asian American vice president.



Charlotta Bass

Before Kamala Harris, the first black woman to run for vice president was Charlotta Bass, who bid for the position in 1952 on the ticket of the left-wing Progressive Party, alongside presidential candidate and lawyer Vincent Hallinan.



Did you Know?



**Dr. Rubye J. Byrd- the first
African American female
Mayor of Greenville.**



Guion Buford was the first African American in space. STS-8 was the eighth NASA Space Shuttle mission and the third flight of the Space Shuttle *Challenger*. It launched on August 30, 1983 and landed on September 5, conducting the first night launch and night landing of the Space Shuttle program.



Mae Jemison was the 1st African American Woman in Space. STS-47 was the 50th Space Shuttle mission of the program, as well as the second mission of Space Shuttle *Endeavour*. The mission mainly involved conducting experiments in life and material sciences.



Victor Glover joined the International Space Station Expedition 64 (2018) as the first African American crew member to live on an ISS.



Maxie Cleveland "Max" Robinson, Jr.

Robinson is noted as the first African-American broadcast network news anchor in the United States on ABC World News Tonight.

Robinson was a founder of the National Association of Black Journalists.



Carole Simpson is an American broadcast journalist, news anchor, and author. She was the first African-American woman to anchor a major United States network newscast in 1975.



Did you Know?



Connie Parham was the first African American female police officer in the city of Greenville.

Nikki Giovanni

is an American poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator. One of the world's most well-known African-American poets, her work includes poetry anthologies, poetry recordings, and nonfiction essays.

She has won numerous awards, including the Langston Hughes Medal and the NAACP Image Award. She was nominated for a Grammy Award for her poetry album, *The Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection*.



Amanda Gorman is the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history, performing her poem, “The Hill We Climb” for President Joe Biden’s inauguration in 2021.

She was appointed the first-ever National Youth Poet Laureate. She is also the recipient of the Poets & Writers Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award, and is the youngest board member of 826 National, the largest youth writing network in the United States.



Did you Know?



**Kristian Ellis-Dancy is
Meriwether County's 1st
African American Coroner**

Kiko Davis



She is a major stockholder of the First Independence Bank as a trustee of the Donald Davis Living Trust, the tenth-largest African American-owned bank in the country. She is the first African American Woman to own a bank in the U.S.

Maggie Lena Walker was an African-American businesswoman and teacher. Walker was the first African-American woman to charter a bank and serve as its president in the United States.



Did you Know?



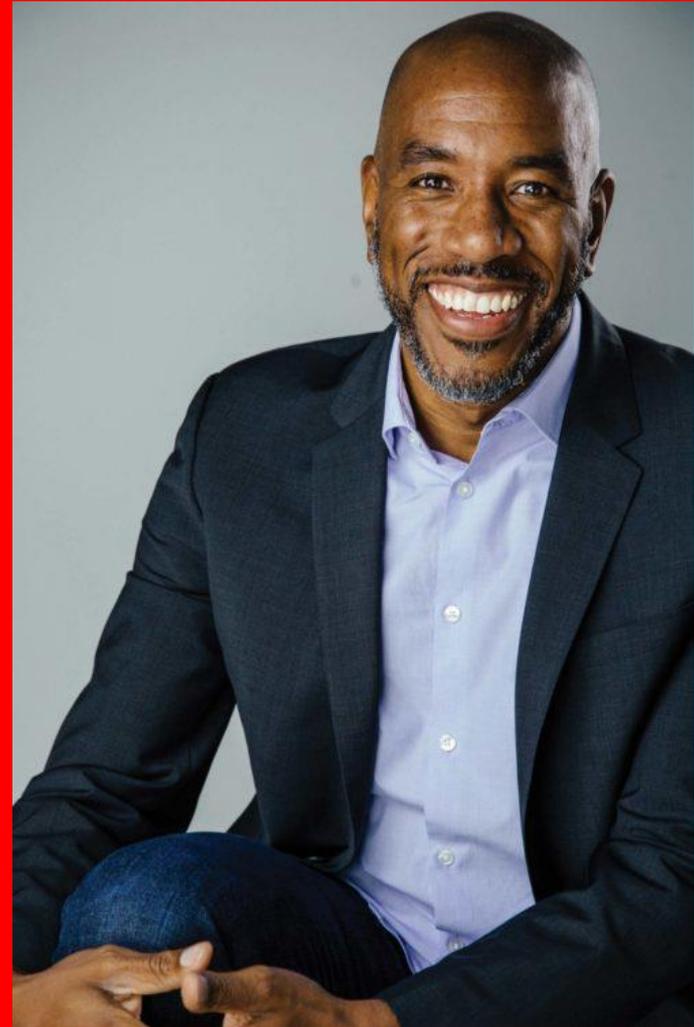
Josie Walls was the first African American Woman to be elected county commissioner.

Malik Ducard

**Global Head of Learning, Social
Impact, Family, Film & TV**

Google/YouTube

A huge literacy advocate, Ducard launched the YouTube Kids app and YouTube Learning, an effort designed to expand and enhance education on the platform. Under his stewardship, YouTube recently announced a \$20 million investment in educational videos and will soon roll out the YouTube Learning Fund focused on investing in educational content creators, aka EduTubers.



Did you Know?



Mario Alford is a wide receiver for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League (CFL).

He was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals (NFL) in 2015.

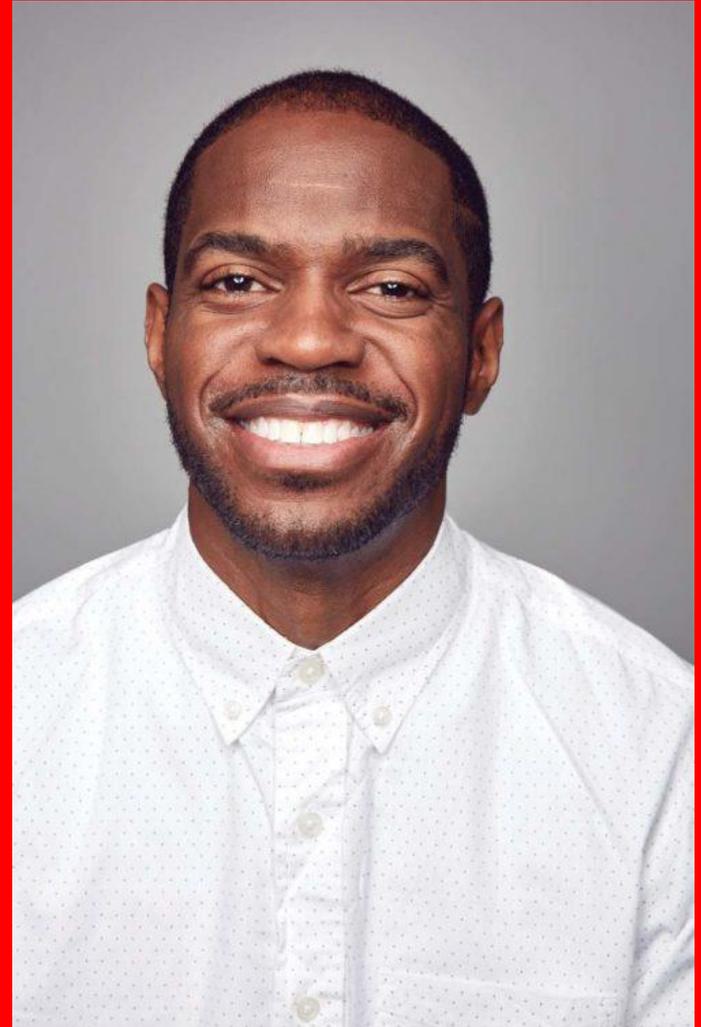


Xavier “X” Jernigan

Head of Cultural Partnerships

Spotify

A pop culture expert, he was recently installed on The Kennedy Center’s Hip Hop Culture Council, a new initiative to help expand its presence at the institution and deepen public knowledge of the genre. He’s also the host of “Showstopper,” a Spotify original podcast about memorable music moments in film and television.



Did you Know?



Kentavious Caldwell-Pope is a professional basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers. He won his first NBA championship with the Lakers in 2020.

Chadwick Boseman



was an American actor. His breakthrough performance came in 2013 as baseball player Jackie Robinson in the biographical film *42*. He continued to portray historical figures, starring in *Get on Up* (2014) as singer James Brown and *Marshall* (2017) as Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Boseman achieved international fame for playing superhero Black Panther in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) from 2016 to 2019. As the first black actor to headline an MCU film, he was also named to the 2018 *Time* 100.



BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH

It is the magic
within each of us
that gives us
the potential
to inspire
the world