

**THIS MONTH**

- Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
- Mental Health Month
- National High Blood Pressure Education Month
- National Nurse Week (May 4-10)
- National School Nurse Day (May 7)
- National Stroke Awareness Month
- National Women's Health Week (May 11-17)

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**1936**  
The National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses created the Mary Eliza Mahoney Award. The first recipient was Adah B. Thoms, who devoted her time and energies to gaining admittance for black nurses to the American Red Cross.

**1941**  
Lt. Della Raney Jackson became the first black nurse to enter military service during WWII.

“Nursing provides a place where you can teach, contribute part of who you are, make a difference and actually do.”

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**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

					<b>1</b> 1867: First four students enter Howard University. 1998: Eldridge Cleaver, Black Panther, author, dies.	<b>2</b> 1844: Inventor Elijah McCoy, “the real McCoy,” born. 1920: First Negro National League baseball game.	<b>3</b> 1964: Frederick O’Neal becomes first black president of Actors’ Equity Association.
<b>4</b> 1961: Freedom Riders begin protesting segregation of interstate bus travel in the South.	<b>5</b> 1950: Gwendolyn Brooks wins Pulitzer Prize in poetry for “Annie Allen.” 1988: Eugene Antonio Marino installed as first U.S. African American Roman Catholic archbishop.	<b>6</b> 1812: Physician, author, explorer Martin R. Delaney, first African American officer in Civil War, born. 1991: Smithsonian Institution approves creation of the National African American Museum.	<b>7</b> 1845: Mary Eliza Mahoney, America’s first black trained nurse, born. 1878: Joseph R. Winters patents first fire escape ladder.	<b>8</b> 1925: A. Phillip Randolph founds Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. 1983: Lena Horne awarded Spingarn Medal for distinguished career in entertainment.	<b>9</b> 1899: John Albert Burr patents lawn mower.	<b>10</b> 1950: Boston Celtics select Chuck Cooper, first black player drafted to play in NBA.	
<b>11</b> MOTHER’S DAY 1895: Composer William Grant Still, first African American to conduct a major American symphony orchestra, born.	<b>12</b> 1820: The New York African Free School population reaches 500.	<b>13</b> 1872: Matilda Arabella Evans, first African American woman to practice medicine in South Carolina, born.	<b>14</b> 1888: Slavery abolished in Brazil.	<b>15</b> 1820: Congress declares foreign slave trade an act of piracy, punishable by death.	<b>16</b> 1927: Dr. William Harry Barnes becomes first black certified by a surgical board. 1990: Sammy Davis Jr., entertainer, dies.	<b>17</b> ARMED FORCES DAY 1954: Supreme Court declares segregation in public schools unconstitutional in Brown v. Board of Education.	
<b>18</b> 1896: In Plessy v. Ferguson, Supreme Court upholds doctrine of “separate but equal” education and public accommodations.	<b>19</b> 1925: Malcolm X born Malcolm Little in Omaha, Nebraska.	<b>20</b> 1961: U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy dispatches U.S. marshals to Montgomery, Alabama, to restore order in the Freedom Rider crisis.	<b>21</b> 1833: African Americans enroll for the first time at Oberlin College, Ohio.	<b>22</b> 1921: <i>Shuffle Along</i> , a musical featuring a score by Eubie Blake and Noble Sissle, opens on Broadway.	<b>23</b> 1900: Sgt. William H. Carney becomes first African American awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.	<b>24</b> 1854: Lincoln University (Pa.), first black college, founded. 1954: Dr. Peter Murray Marshall installed as president of New York County Medical Society, becoming the first black to head an American Medical Association unit.	
<b>25</b> 1926: Jazz trumpeter Miles Dewey Davis born.	<b>26</b> MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED 1961: During Kennedy administration, Marvin Cook was named ambassador to Niger Republic, the first black envoy named to an African nation.	<b>27</b> 1919: Sarah “Madam C.J.” Walker, cosmetics manufacturer and first black female millionaire, dies. 1942: Dorie Miller, a ship’s steward, awarded Navy Cross for heroism during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.	<b>28</b> 1948: National Party wins whites-only elections in South Africa and begins to institute policy of apartheid.	<b>29</b> 1901: Granville T. Woods patents overhead conducting system for the electric railway. 1973: Thomas Bradley elected mayor of Los Angeles.	<b>30</b> 1965: Vivian Malone becomes first African American to graduate from the University of Alabama.	<b>31</b> 1870: Congress passes the first Enforcement Act, providing stiff penalties for those who deprive others of civil rights.	

