

THIS MONTH

American Diabetes Month

timeline >>

1982 Fostine Riddick became the first black nurse appointed to the board of trustees of a major academic institution, Tuskegee University, Alabama.

1991 Brig. Gen. Clara Adams-Ender became the first black woman and nurse to be appointed commander general of an Army post. As the highest-ranking woman in the Army, she commanded more than 20,000 nurses serving in the Persian Gulf War.

"My mother always told me to be proud of who I am. I'm an intelligent woman. I respect where I've been, where I'm going and I always have a dream."

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

2 1954: Charles C. Diggs elected Michigan's first African American congressman.
1983: President Ronald Reagan designates Martin Luther King Jr. Day a national holiday.

3 1981: Thirman L. Milner elected mayor of Hartford, Connecticut, becoming first black mayor in New England.
1992: Carol Moseley Braun becomes first black woman in Senate.

4 ELECTION DAY
1879: Thomas Elkins patents refrigeration apparatus.

5 1968: Shirley Chisholm of Brooklyn, New York, becomes first African American woman elected to Congress.

6 1900: James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson compose "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

7 1989: L. Douglas Wilder elected governor of Virginia, becoming nation's first black governor since Reconstruction.

8 1938: Crystal Bird Fauset elected state representative in Pennsylvania, becoming first black woman to serve in a state legislature.

9 1731: Mathematician, urban planner and inventor Benjamin Banneker born.
2000: Brown University names Ruth Simmons, Ph.D., president.

10 1983: Wilson Goode elected Philadelphia's first African American mayor.

11 VETERANS DAY
1989: Civil Rights Memorial dedicated in Montgomery, Alabama.

12 1941: Mary Cardwell Dawson founds the National Negro Opera Company.

13 1894: Albert C. Richardson patents casket-lowering device.

14 1915: Booker T. Washington, educator and writer, dies.

15 1881: Payton Johnson patents swinging chair.

16 1981: Pam Johnson named publisher of the Ithaca Journal in New York, becoming first African American woman to head a daily newspaper.

17 1980: Howard University airs WHHM, first African American-operated public radio station.

18 1797: Sojourner Truth, abolitionist and Civil War nurse, born.

19 1953: Roy Campanella named Most Valuable Player in National Baseball League for the second time.

20 1865: Howard Seminary (later Howard University) founded in Washington, D.C.
1923: Garrett A. Morgan patents traffic light signal.

21 1893: Granville T. Woods patents electric railway conduit.

22 1930: Elijah Muhammed establishes the Nation of Islam.

23 1897: A.J. Beard patents the Jenny Coupler, still used to connect railroad cars.
1897: John L. Love patents pencil sharpener.

24 1868: Pianist Scott Joplin, the "Father of Ragtime," born.

25 1975: Suriname gains independence from the Netherlands.

26 1970: Charles Gordone becomes first black playwright to receive the Pulitzer Prize (for No Place to Be Somebody).

27 THANKSGIVING DAY
1990: Charles Johnson awarded National Book Award for fiction for Middle Passage.

28 1960: Novelist Richard Wright dies.

29 1908: Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall born.

30 1897: J.A. Sweeting patents cigarette-rolling device.

