



HUD's Observance of Black History Month

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Black Americans in the Struggle for Excellence in Education

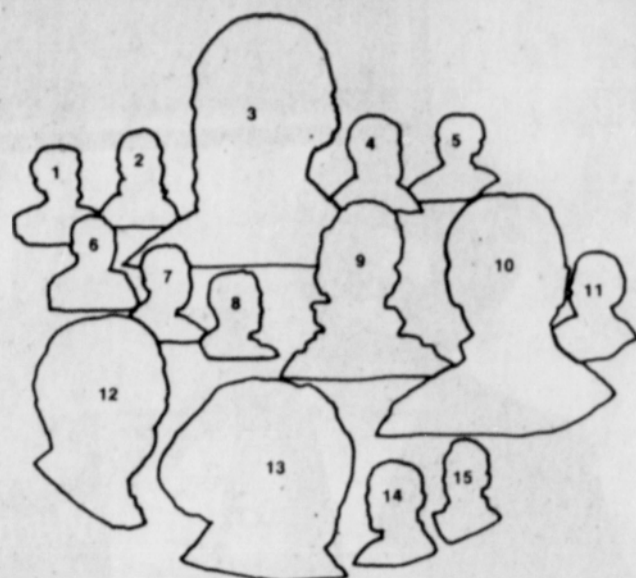
The Teacher

Teachers affect posterity,
They know not
Where their influence stops.

The fruits of their labor
Is never for naught,
Without them
Civilization would stop.

It takes great dedication,
Love and commitment,
To be one of quality.

And from them comes the leaders
Of Vision and Strength,
That will lead us to victory.



1. **John Mercer Langston** (1829-1897) The first Black elected to public office in the United States. He studied law and, in 1854, won his first jury trial. He served as a member of the Oberlin, Ohio Board of Education and Dean of Howard University School of Law.
2. **Fannie M. Richards** (1840-1923) First Black public school teacher in Detroit. She fought for integration of the public schools in Michigan and rendered 47 years service as one of three Black teachers in the integrated schools of the city.
3. **Peter Humphries Clark** (1829-?) Prominent leader in establishing public schools. He strengthened the course of study as principal of Gaines High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. Before the Civil War, Clark was active in the Underground Railroad.
4. **Francis L. Cardozo** (1836-1903) Remained in school until he was apprenticed to a carpenter at age 12. Working as a carpenter for nine years, he saved enough money to continue his education abroad. He served as director of the American Missionary Association Normal School, and professor of Latin at Howard University.
5. **William H. Croghan** (1841-1931) Appointed professor of Latin and Greek at Clark University in 1880. After 23 years service at the University, he became its president.
6. **Kelly Miller** (1863-1939) Attended Howard University, where he received his B.A. degree. After earning his M.A. degree from Johns Hopkins University, his teaching career at Howard University spanned 44 years.
7. **William Pickens** (1881-?) Scholar, educator and author. He earned his B.A. degree from Talladega College in Alabama. He was graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. degree from Yale University. He served as the dean at Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland.

8. **Booker T. Washington** (1856-1915) An outstanding leader and the builder of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Washington was consulted about Black Americans by Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.
9. **Hattie Quinn Brown** (1849-1949) Teacher and elocutionist. Utilizing her talents as a speaker and dramatic reader, she spread the name of Wilberforce University throughout the U.S. and Europe. A graduate of Wilberforce, Miss Brown later returned there to teach, and also taught at Allen University and Tuskegee Institute.
10. **Charles L. Reason** (1818-?) Educator and poet. His reputation as a scholar won him an appointment as professor of Belles Lettres at New York Central College. He served as Director of the Institute for Black Youth in Philadelphia, later reorganized as a State Teacher's College.
11. **Charlotte Hawkins Brown** (1853-?) Educator and founder of Palmer Memorial Institute in Sadalia, North Carolina. A graduate of Wellesley College.
12. **Mary McLeod Bethune** (1875-1955) Founded Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona Beach, Florida in 1904. A person of dynamic leadership, she also founded the National Council of Negro Women and received such honors as the NAACP's Spingarn Award.
13. **Frederick A. Douglass** (1817-1895) Escaped from bondage in 1838. Author of the classic *Narrative of an American Slave*. He was elected president of the Freedmen's Bank and Trust Company, Marshall of the District of Columbia, and Recorder of Deeds of the District.
14. **Mordecai Wyatt Johnson** (1890-?) Was educated at Morehouse College, the University of Chicago and the Rochester Theological Seminary. He became the first Black appointed president of Howard University.
15. **James Edwin Campbell** (1867-1895) Poet and educator, he accepted editorship of the *Pioneer* newspaper, also served as principal of West Virginia State College.

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