

Lifetime Achievement

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surrounded by social injustices in a deeply segregated town in the 1940s, he was expected to succeed through a value system of sheer determination and hard work.

Those lifetime values have served him throughout his career as a catalyst for change.

Herndon moved to Portland to attend Reed College under a scholarship. After graduating with a de-

gree in history in 1970, he went on to graduate studies in Liberia and Nigeria. Back on U.S. soil in the 1980s, he focused on education and became an activist working to solve issues affecting the African American community, culminating in his appointment as Director of Albina Head Start in Portland for more than four decades. Head Start's mission is to serve children and families by providing child growth and development services

and education to strengthen and enhance their abilities to successfully function in society.

Under his leadership, the organization has grown from 126 children and families in 1975 to serving more than 1,000 children at 25 sites today. He also served as President and Board Chair of the National Head Start Association from 1991 to 2013, where he provided leadership and support to Head Start programs across the nation.

His public service also includes


co-founding numerous community-based organizations such as the Black Educational Center, an independent primary school designed to meet the academic and cultural needs of black children. While no longer in service, at that time the center grew from a summer program to a full-time school serving kindergarten through fifth grade.

Herndon also helped co-found Black United Front, Oregon Human rights Coalition, Rainbow Coalition and the Black Unit-

ed Fund, Northeast Community Development, Youth Gang Task Force, Work Force Center and the Economic Development Alliance.

His work as a teacher, counselor, college instructor VISTA volunteer and activist has impacted countless families and young lives.

Herndon sums up his life's work in his typical understated fashion, "If we do this well then young children will have the possibility of living more independent and fulfilling lives."



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CALENDAR

April 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>8</p> <p><i>Trina Schart Hyman born, 1939</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant (1865)</i> <i>Margaret Peterson Haddix born, 1964</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Encourage a Young Writer Day National Sibling Day <i>U.S. Patent System established (1790)</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act, 1964 (1964)</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>☾ <i>Author Beverly Cleary born, 1916</i> <i>Space Shuttle Columbia First Launched, 1981</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>3rd President Thomas Jefferson born, 1743</i> <i>Lee Bennett Hopkins born, 1938</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Palm Sunday <i>Webster's Dictionary Published, 1828</i></p>
<p>15</p> <p>Income Tax Day <i>Boston Marathon bombings, 2013</i> <i>Leonardo Da Vinci born, 1452</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Garth Williams born, 1912</i> <i>Aviator Wilbur Wright born, 1867</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Richard the Lion-Hearted returned to England (1194)</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Paul Revere's Famous Ride (1775)</i> <i>Great San Francisco Earthquake In 1906</i> Pet Owner's Day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>○ Passover Begins at Sundown Humorous Day <i>Revolutionary War began (1775)</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Scientists Marie & Pierre Curie isolate radium (1902)</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>Easter Kindergarten Day <i>Barbara Park born, 1947</i></p>
<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day established 1970 Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day National Jelly Bean Day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Home Run Day, <i>Hank Aaron hits his first home run in 1954</i> <i>William Shakespeare born, 1564</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>Admin. Professionals/ Secretaries Day <i>Library of Congress established (1800)</i> Pigs-in-a-Blanket Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day Take your Daughter to Work Day World Penguin Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>☾ Arbor Day Hug a Friend Day National Pretzel Day <i>Seismologist Charles Richter born, 1900</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Tell a Story Day</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>James Monroe born, 1758 (5th President)</i></p>
<p>29</p> <p>Zipper Day (<i>patented by Gideon Sundback in 1913</i>)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>National Honesty Day <i>Anniversary Louisiana Purchase completed (1803)</i></p>	