

South Carolina
AFRICAN AMERICAN
HISTORY CALENDAR
2011



DEAR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND FRIENDS,

Achievement begins with a dream – a desire to look beyond the present and embrace a vision for a better, brighter future. In that context, the 13 extraordinary individuals, whose stories we are privileged to present in the following pages, are dreamers.

South Carolina is richer because of them.

Like its predecessors, the 2011 African American History Calendar is dedicated to honoring the achievements of African Americans with roots in South Carolina. It was originally conceived simply as a tool to assist the State Department of Education in meeting the statutory requirement to include African American history in the curriculum. Today, due to the accomplishments of those memorialized in its pages, the calendar has evolved into a virtual hall of fame with an educational purpose. Each year, its online information is accessed by thousands worldwide, spreading the benefits far beyond the classrooms of our state. And the unveiling of each calendar is an eagerly-awaited community event. Our community partners have been invaluable in the calendar's success and we appreciate their continuing commitment and support in this 22nd annual edition.

In many ways, the evolution of the Calendar parallels the evolution of AT&T and the communications industry. Expansion of the Calendar beyond the traditional printed version reflects citizens' increasingly mobile lifestyle and desire to connect with people and information anytime, anywhere. That is why AT&T continues to invest in bringing new technologies to South Carolina, delivering products and services such as wireless broadband and AT&T U-verseSM service. Competition has spurred our advancements in wireless, broadband and advanced digital entertainment, bringing choice and innovation to your doorstep. And that means everyone benefits.

The individuals featured in the 2011 African American History Calendar are shining role models for all our children. They recognized needs and opportunities, set lofty goals and committed themselves to making their dreams a reality. This Calendar is a celebration of their spirit, dedication and courage. It is also a tribute from a grateful State for their impact on lives and communities from the Upstate to the Low Country.

We hope you will enjoy and be inspired by their stories, as we have been.



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GOVERNMENT SERVICE PIONEER

Bertie Herbert Bowman is one of the longest serving African Americans on the United States Capitol staff. His book, *Step by Step: A Memoir of Hope, Friendship, Perseverance and Living the American Dream*, chronicles his rise from a farmer's son in the segregated South to hearing coordinator for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

As a runaway from Summerton more than 60 years ago, Bowman overheard the late U.S. Senator Burnet Maybank urging a crowd of white constituents, "If you all ever get up to Washington, D.C., drop by and see me." Bowman took those words to heart, and with one sack of flour and his meager savings pinned to his shirt, began his incredible journey to the nation's capitol. Amazingly, he called on Senator Maybank, who saw to it that Bowman had a place to stay and steady income with a job of sweeping the Capitol steps for two dollars a week.

From those humble beginnings, Bowman's 40 years of service in the federal government has included work on the Architect Committee, with the Secretary of the Senate and his current position the past 25 years. He also owns a limousine service and is an elected member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Senate Federal Credit Union, member of the District of Columbia Board of Funeral Directors, and remains active in numerous community volunteer organizations.

Bowman was the fifth of 13 children born to the late Robert and Mary Bowman. He grew up on a tenant farm in Summerton, worked hard with his siblings on farm maintenance and was educated in public schools in Clarendon County. As former President Clinton wrote in the foreword of *Step by Step*, "Bertie's life is a testament to the power and promise of the American Dream."



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						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Emancipation Proclamation issued in 1863
2 William Lloyd Garrison began publishing <i>The Liberator</i> , an abolitionist newspaper, in 1831	3 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was elected chairperson of the House Committee on Education and Labor in 1961	4 Grace Bumbry, opera singer, was born in 1937	5 Freedom Rides began in 1961	6 The World Slavery Convention opened in London, 1831 John Birks 'Dizzy' Gillespie, famed musician, died in 1993	7 Maria Anderson made her debut in the Metropolitan Opera House in 1955	8 Fannie M. Jackson, first African American woman college graduate in the US, born in 1836. Butterfly McQueen, actress, born in 1911
9 Fisk University established in 1866	10 Southern Christian Leadership Conference founded in 1957	11 Charles W. Anderson becomes first African American member of the Kentucky Legislature in 1936	12 Dancer Martha Graham was born in 1854	13 Don Barksdale became the first African American person to play in an NBA All-Star Game in 1954	14 John Oliver Killens, novelist, was born in 1916	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in 1929
16 Jefferson Franklin Long took an oath of office as first African American Congressman from Georgia, 1871	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) born in 1942	18 Robert C. Weaver became first African American president cabinet member in 1966	19 Reggie Jackson, baseball player, was born in 1946	20 Barack Obama sworn in as the first African American President in 2009 Barbara Jordan, congresswoman, born in 1936	21 William Bron Chapell, pioneer, was born in 1906	22 Nat Turner, leader of the Virginia slave revolt, was born in 1800
23 Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, pioneer in surgery, founded Provident Hospital in Chicago, IL, in 1889	24 Coach Clarence 'Big House' Gaines won record 800th college basketball game in 1990	25 Sojourner Truth addressed the first Black Women's Rights Convention, 1851	26 Bessie Coleman, first African American aviator, born in 1893 Angela Davis, activist, born in 1944	27 Leontyne Price, world-renowned opera singer, made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1961	28 Astronaut Ronald McNair died in Challenger explosion in 1986	29 Oprah Winfrey was born in 1954
30 William Wells Brown, novelist and dramatist, published first Black drama, <i>Leap to Freedom</i> , 1858	31 Jackie Robinson, first African American baseball player in the major leagues, was born in 1919					



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Bobby Gist

EDUCATOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COMMUNITY LEADER

Bobby D. Gist's career inspiration is his father's motto: "Make a positive difference in someone's life." As chair of the Columbia Housing Authority (CHA), he leads the Authority's efforts to provide affordable housing opportunities for hundreds of families. The CHA is nationally recognized for urban renewal and quality, affordable green housing in the Celia Saxon and Rosewood Hills communities.

His dedication to making a difference is also evident in his professional career as Executive Assistant to the President for Equal Opportunity Programs at the University of South Carolina. Gist is responsible for planning, developing and administering the University's system-wide Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action policies.

Gist previously served as the Deputy Commissioner for Compliance for the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission under then Commissioner, now Congressman, Jim Clyburn. Under his leadership, the commission successfully processed more than 10,000 complaints of illegal employment discrimination.

Gist's recognition during his career includes Advocate of the Year for Access and Equity in Higher Education and the Whitney M. Young Award for dedicated service from the Indian Waters Boy Scout Council. Recently honored by Benedict College for his community service, Gist has also served on numerous boards and commissions. He is a past president of the South Carolina Professional Association for Access and Equity, the Indian Waters Boy Scouts Council, The United Way of the Midlands Project Blue Print Committee, and the Clyburn Foundation Board. He serves as a Trustee at St. John Baptist Church and is on the Finance Committee and Development Board.

Gist received his Bachelor's degree from Benedict College and Master's degree from the University of South Carolina, and is a graduate of Leadership Columbia and the South Carolina Executive Institute. He and his wife, the former Beverley Ann Chavis, are the parents of three daughters.



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6 Jonathan Jasper Wright elected to South Carolina Supreme Court in 1870	7 Eubie Blake, pianist, was born in 1883	8 Oprah Winfrey became the first African American woman to host a nationally syndicated talk show in 1986	9 In 1995 Bernard Harris became the first African American astronaut to take a spacewalk	10 Roberta Flack, singer, was born in 1940	11 Clifford Alexander, Jr., became the first African American Secretary of the Army in 1977	12 Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809. Congress enacted the first fugitive slave law in 1793
13 Joseph L. Searles became the first African American member of the New York Stock Exchange, 1970	14 VALENTINE'S DAY Frederick Douglass was born in 1817	15 Henry Lewis was named director of the New Jersey Symphony in 1968	16 Joe Frazier became World Heavyweight Boxing Champion by a knockout in 1970	17 Michael Jordan, basketball player, born in 1963	18 Author Toni Morrison (born Chloe Anthony Wofford) was born in 1931	19 William "Smokey" Robinson was born in 1940
20 Frederick Douglass died in 1895	21 PRESIDENTS' DAY Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965	22 George Washington was born in 1732. Julius Winfield "Dr. J" Erving was born in 1950	23 W.E.B. DuBois born in 1868	24 In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first African American woman to receive an M.D. degree	25 Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) won World Heavyweight crown in 1964	26 Singer "Fats" Domino was born in 1928
27 Marian Anderson, opera singer, was born in 1902	28 Hattie McDaniel became the first African American to win an Oscar for her role as Mammy in <i>Gone With The Wind</i> in 1940					



Dorothy Harrison

BUSINESS AND CIVIC LEADER

Dorothy Golden Harrison made history in 2001 as the Chief Administration Officer for Charleston Water System, the first female and African American Officer in Charleston Water's 94-year history. At an early age, she knew that her life would be spent in service to others, and that has been the foundation of Harrison's professional and civic life.

During her 26 years in the banking industry, Harrison led the development of strategies to make loans and non-traditional banking services accessible to many Midlands and Lowcountry minority professionals, churches and small businesses. She was among the first African American Commercial Loan Officers and Vice Presidents in the state and was one of the first bankers in South Carolina to serve a dual role as a licensed investment broker and commercial banker.

Harrison was recently appointed to the College of Charleston's Foundation Board and the President's Advisory Council. She is the founding President of Teachers' Supply Closet, past president of the Charleston Chapter of the Links, Inc. and Trident Urban League. Harrison has also served on the boards of the Trident United Way, YWCA, Charleston Chamber of Commerce and the Coastal Community Foundation.

Her numerous awards and recognition for community service and business excellence include the Women Opening Doors award in 1991, the Key to the City of Columbia in 1992 and the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Exceptional Service to the State of South Carolina in 1994.

She and her husband, the Rev. Jerry Harrison Sr., are the parents of two children, Tsala and Hasani (Latrice) and two granddaughters, Amari and Yazmin Harrison.

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6 Arthur Mitchell, dancer and choreographer, was born in 1934	7 Slavery abolished in New York in 1799	8 MARDI GRAS Pearl Bailey was born in 1918	9 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Freedom's Journal</i> founded in 1827	10 Jackie Robinson made his professional baseball debut with the Montreal Royals in 1946	11 Charlie Pride, country singer, was born in 1938	12 Nat King Cole was born in 1919
13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> by Harriet Beecher Stowe was published in 1852	14 Selma march began in 1965	15 Marcus Garvey, Black nationalist, arrived in America from Jamaica, 1916	16 Clifton Wharton is sworn in as ambassador to Norway in 1961	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY Harriet Tubman died in 1913	18 Lorraine Hansberry's play, <i>Raisin in the Sun</i> , opened on Broadway in 1959	19
20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING Fannie Lou Hamer, activist, dies, 1977	21 Quincy Jones, composer and musician, was born in 1933	22 <i>Los Angeles Sentinel</i> founded by Leon H. Washington in 1933	23 Dr. Jerome H. Holland elected to the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange in 1972	24 Carole Gist was crowned first Black Miss USA in 1990	25 Garrett A. Morgan, scientist and inventor, was born in 1877	26 Blanche Kelso Bruce of Mississippi elected to full term in U.S. Senate in 1975
27 Dred Scott decision handed down by Supreme Court in 1857	28 First cadets graduate from flying school at Tuskegee Institute in 1942	29 Senate refuses to seat P.B.S. Pinchback of Louisiana in 1876	30 15th Amendment was enacted in 1870	31 Jack Johnson, first Black heavyweight champion, was born in 1878		



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Esau Jenkins

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER

Esau Jenkins, a Johns Island native, envisioned himself as his "brother's keeper", and his "charge to keep" manifested in a number of services designed to improve the economic, health, housing, political and social conditions of Sea Island residents in South Carolina.

During the late 1940's and early 1950's, Jenkins and his wife Janie purchased a few buses to transport their own and other Island children to a public school in Charleston, and other residents to jobs in the city. As workers made the morning commute, Jenkins and his wife taught them to read the section of the Constitution required for them to become registered voters. Jenkins and his wife also operated a vegetable and fruit stand, restaurant, a portion of Atlantic Beach for African American access to public beaches and were instrumental in organizing the Progressive Club of Johns Island. The Progressive Club, consisting of a community grocery store, gas station, and recreation/education center, also housed one of the citizenship schools established throughout the South during the civil rights movement.

In the late 1950's, Jenkins became president of the Citizens Committee of Charleston County and founded the C.O. Federal Credit Union to make low-interest loans accessible to African Americans. In collaboration with Church Women United, he created Rural Mission, Inc. to provide services for migrant and seasonal workers. He created the Rural Mission Health Planning Program in 1971, chartered as the Sea Island Comprehensive Healthcare Corporation in 1972, to provide low-income housing, a nursing home and a community health center for Sea Island residents. Jenkins died a few months later after seeing the fruition of his life's work. His famous motto, "Love is progress; hate is expensive," lives on through his family.



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					1 APRIL FOOLS' DAY Hampton Institute opened in 1868	2 John Thompson became the first African American coach to win NCAA basketball tournament, 1984
3 Carter G. Woodson, the father of African American history, died in 1950	4 Maya Angelou, author and poet, was born in 1928	5 Colin Powell was born in 1937	6 Robert E. Perry and Matthew Henson reached the North Pole in 1909	7 Billie Holliday, blues singer, was born in 1917	8 Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run in 1974	9 Civil Rights Bill granting citizenship passed in 1866
10 Richard Allen was made Bishop of the AME Church in 1916	11 Spelman College was founded in 1881	12 Free African Society organized in 1787	13 Thomas Jefferson was born in 1743	14 The first abolition society in the U.S. was founded in Pennsylvania, 1775	15 TAX DAY Jackie Robinson made his Major League debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947	16 Founding of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in 1960
17 Rev. Ralph David Abernathy died in 1990	18 Alex Haley won the Pulitzer Prize for <i>Roots</i> , 1977	19 Cheyney State College, one of the oldest Black colleges in the U.S., was founded in 1837	20 Harriet Tubman started working on the Underground Railroad, 1853	21 Pvt. Milton L. Olive, III, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1966	22 EARTH DAY GOOD FRIDAY Charles Mingus, bassist, composer, pianist and bandleader, was born in 1922	23 Granville T. Woods, inventor of over 40 products, was born in 1856
24 EASTER The United Negro College Fund was established in 1944	25 Ella Fitzgerald, singer, was born in 1917	26 William "Count" Basie, jazz pianist and musician, died in 1984	27 Coretta Scott King, activist and wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in 1927	28 Samuel L. Gravely became first African American admiral in the U.S. Navy in 1962	29 "Duke" Ellington, musician and composer, was born in 1899	30 Wallace Saunders wrote the song "Casey Jones" in 1900



Donella Brown Wilson

EDUCATOR/MENTOR

At age 101, Mrs. Donella Brown Wilson is a much sought after consultant on matters pertaining to the history and development of the Waverley community and City of Columbia, as well as chronicler of personal family histories. The Fort Motte, South Carolina native grew up on the land where her great grandparents once worked as slaves and where her grandmother taught her simple prayers and read to her from the Bible. During those times, Mrs. Wilson realized that she wanted to teach others to read, and taught herself to read by studying the pages of the Sears & Roebuck catalog by the light of an oil lamp.

Mrs. Wilson realized her dream by attending South Carolina public schools and earning her teaching credentials from Allen University in 1933. She retired in 1971 after achieving her goal of teaching children in the mostly rural counties of South Carolina to read. She and her husband, the late Rev. John R. Wilson, Sr., also an educator, purchased a home in Waverley, where both were active in community, civic, and religious affairs as teachers, mentors and advisors to persons throughout the state and beyond.

Mrs. Wilson cherishes the fact that she has voted in every election since 1947 and continues to promote the importance of voting to youth and other citizens. She is a life member of the N.A.A.C.P., South Carolina Education Association (SCEA), Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Union Baptist Church. She is also past national superintendent in the United Order of Tents, Inc.

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1 Howard University in Washington, D.C. opened in 1867	2 Elijah McCoy, inventor and holder of more than fifty patents, was born in 1844	3 James Brown, Godfather of Soul, was born in 1933 Sugar Ray Robinson, boxing champion, was born in 1920	4 Freedom Rides began in 1961	5 CINCO DE MAYO Gwendolyn Brooks became the first black Pulitzer Prize winner for <i>Annie Allen</i> in 1950	6 Civil Rights Act signed by President Eisenhower in 1960	7 J.R. Winters patented the fire escape, 1878
8 MOTHER'S DAY Rev. Henry McNeal died in 1915	9 Slaves in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina were freed, 1862	10 P.B.S. Pinchback, first black state governor, was born in 1837	11 Dancer Martha Graham was born in 1854	12 Robert Smalls seized Confederate warship in 1862	13 Boxer Joe Louis was born in 1914	14 In 1804, a slave known only as "York" accompanied Lewis and Clark on their expedition
15 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, founded at Indiana University, was incorporated in 1911	16 Sammy Davis Jr. died in 1990	17 Brown vs. Board of Education made "Separate But Equal" in public schools unconstitutional in 1954	18 Reggie Jackson, baseball player, was born in 1946	19 Malcolm X was born in 1925	20 Robert N.C. Nix was elected to U.S. Congress in 1958	21 Lowell W. Perry was confirmed as chairman of the Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in 1975
22 Claude McKay, poet, died in 1948	23 Bob Marley, reggae legend, died in 1981	24 Hal McRae was named manager of the Kansas City Royals in 1991	25 Madame. C.J. Walker, entrepreneur, died in 1919	26 Althea Gibson won the French Open, becoming the first black tennis player to win a major tennis title, 1956	27 Louis Gossett Jr., actor, was born in 1936	28 Eliza Ann Gardner, Underground Railroad conductor, was born in 1831
29 Thomas Bradley was elected mayor of Los Angeles in 1973	30 MEMORIAL DAY Countee Cullen, poet, was born in 1903	31 NAACP held first conference (as the National Negro Committee) in 1909				



Jeffery Livingston

EDUCATOR, INVESTMENT BANKER, ENTREPRENEUR

Jeff Livingston is widely regarded as one of the most inspiring young voices in the education industry. At 39, Livingston has already experienced successful careers as an investment banker and Internet entrepreneur. As Senior Vice President of Applied, Career and College Readiness for McGraw-Hill Education, he shares his passion for transforming lives through educational opportunity. Livingston is responsible for all publishing operations in Advanced Placement, Fine Arts, Health, Technology Education, Vocational Education, Adult Basic Education, Workforce Preparedness and Career and College Readiness.

As an entrepreneur, he used his expertise in instructional technology and marketing to launch Achieva.com, the largest provider of online tests and college preparatory for American high schools. He also served as president and chief operating officer of the company. As an investment banker at Merrill Lynch in New York and Atlanta, Livingston at 24 was one of the youngest people ever to be named as a company Vice President. As an educator, Livingston taught Biology for a semester at his high school alma mater. He views his current position as a platform to continue writing and speaking about the importance of providing the best education possible to every student.

Livingston received his Bachelor's degree in government and economics from Harvard University in 1992, graduating with honors after completing his degree in only three years. While at Harvard, Livingston served on the student advisory committee to the Kennedy School of Government's Institute on Politics and as student editor of the *Harvard Political Review*. He attended high school in South Carolina and was named a National Merit Scholar and received the Advanced Placement award from the state.

Livingston resides in Columbus, Ohio with his wife Sahily Artiles, a former director of English language interpretation for the Cuban ministry of foreign investment.

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5 In 1955, Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded his doctorate from Boston University.	6 Congress of Racial Equality founded in 1942.	7 Pulitzer Prize winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks was born in 1917.	8 Supreme Court banned segregation in Washington, D.C. restaurants in 1953.	9 Meta-Vaux Warick Fuller, sculptor, was born in 1877.	10 Hattie McDaniel, first Black person to win an Oscar (for Best Supporting Actress in <i>Gone With The Wind</i> , 1940), was born in 1898.	11 Hazel Dorothy Scott, classical pianist and singer, was born in 1920.
12 Medger Evers, civil rights activist, was assassinated in 1963.	13 Thurgood Marshall appointed to U.S. Supreme Court in 1967.	14 FLAG DAY Harold D. West was named president of Meharry Medical College, 1952.	15 Errol Garner, singer and musician, was born in 1923.	16 Denmark Vesey led slave rebellion in South Carolina in 1822.	17 Thomas Ezekiel Miller, congressman, was born in 1849.	18 Nannie Burroughs founded National Training School for Women, 1909.
19 FATHER'S DAY Tennessee University opens as Tennessee A&I State College in 1912.	20 Dr. Lloyd A. Hall, pioneer in food chemistry, was born in 1894.	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER Arthur Ashe, tennis champion, led UCLA to NCAA tennis championship, 1965.	22 Joe Louis became youngest world heavyweight boxing champion in 1937.	23 Track star Wilma Rudolph was born in 1909.	24 John R. Lynch became first African American to preside over deliberations of a national political party in 1884.	25 Joe Louis defeated Primo Carnera at Yankee Stadium in 1935.
26 James Weldon Johnson died in 1938	27 Paul Laurence Dunbar, poet and novelist, was born in 1872.	28 Organization for Afro-American Unity founded in 1964.	29 James Van Der Zee, photographer, was born in Lenox, MA in 1886.	30 Lena Horne, actress, vocalist and activist, was born in 1917.		



Dr. Louis Lynn

ENTREPRENEUR AND HORTICULTURIST

Dr. Louis B. Lynn's horticultural enterprise, ENVIRO Ag Science, Inc., established in 1985, is the largest African American-owned landscape firm in South Carolina. His company's construction division has completed a number of showcase projects including the Columbia Convention Center, the University of South Carolina Colonial Center, and BMW Manufacturing. Other clients include Ft. Jackson, Shaw Air Force Base, Fort Gordon and the Savannah River Nuclear site. As a research scientist, Lynn worked at Monsanto developing the Roundup® herbicide.

Early in his entrepreneurial career, Lynn was challenged to own a socially responsible firm and from a public perspective to "pay his civic rent." His civic engagement includes election to six four-year terms on the Clemson Board of Trustees since 1988. Additionally, he has served on the boards of the S.C. Workforce Investment, the State Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, the S.C. Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the Palmetto Agribusiness Council, the Midlands Business Leadership Council, the State Museum Foundation, the S.C. Horticulture Society and the S.C. Commission of Higher Education.

A devout Christian, Dr. Lynn considers his business as his ministry, and that desire to use his vocation to advocate his faith has led to his pursuit of a certificate in Market Place Ministry at Columbia Bible College. Dr. Lynn often shares his faith by leading community prayers for Clemson vs. USC football games, the Mayor's Inauguration, the Governor's Prayer Breakfast, and numerous business events. His business mission statement is Proverbs 16:3, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."

The Darlington County native was in the second freshman class to integrate Clemson University, where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Horticulture. He earned his Ph.D in Horticulture at the University of Maryland.

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					1 Carl Lewis, athlete, was born in 1961	2 Civil Rights Act of 1964 signed. Thurgood Marshall was born in 1908
3 First African American baseball player in the major leagues, Jackie Robinson, was named to Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Tuskegee Institute established in 1881	5 Arthur Ashe won the men's Wimbledon singles championship in 1975.	6 Althea Gibson won Wimbledon in 1957	7 Margaret Walker, writer, was born in 1915	8 Venus Williams wins Wimbledon in 2000	9 Francis L. Cardozo installed as S.C.'s Secretary of State in 1868
10 Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, was born in 1875	11 Civil rights activist W.E.B. Dubois founded the Niagara Movement in 1905	12 Bill Cosby, entertainer, was born in 1937	13 Continental Congress excluded slavery from Northwest Territory in 1787	14 George Washington Carver National Monument dedicated in Joplin, MO in 1951	15 Pompey Lamb, noted spy, aids the American Revolutionary War effort, 1779	16 V. A. Johnson, first Black female to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court, was born in 1882
17 Billie Holliday, singer, died in 1959	18 Lemuel Hayes, first Black Congregationalist minister, was born in 1753	19 Patricia R. Harris named Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in 1979	20 First U.S. victory in Korea was won by African American troops in the 24th Infantry Regiment, in 1950	21 The 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868	22 Abraham Lincoln read the first draft of the Emancipation Proclamation to his cabinet in 1861	23 Louis Tompkins Wright, physician, was born in 1924
24 Mary Church Terrell, educator, died in 1954	25 Garrett T. Morgan, inventor of the gas mask, rescued six people from a gas-filled tunnel in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1916	26 President Truman banned discrimination in the armed services in 1948	27 Inventor A.P. Abourne was awarded patent for refining coconut oil in 1880	28 The 14th Amendment was adopted in 1868	29 The first National Convention of Black Women was held in Boston in 1895	30 Adam Clayton Powell Jr., activist and politician, was elected congressman from Harlem in 1945
31 Whitney Young, an executive director of the National Urban League, was born in 1921						



Beatrice McKnight

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Beatrice Taylor McKnight has dedicated her life to improving the conditions of African Americans in South Carolina by fighting to protect civil rights, creating employment opportunities, and promoting civic responsibility. Her pioneering work has been chronicled in *Southern Women at the Millennium: A Historical Perspective*.

McKnight's passion to seek civil rights for all people took her beyond South Carolina as she participated in the 1963 March on Washington that culminated with the prophetic "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Another civil rights milestone, according to McKnight, was witnessing the inauguration of President Barack Obama, the nation's first African American president.

She was instrumental in the fight to desegregate Richland District 1 schools resulting in the first 22 African American students enrolling in 1964. She also worked to galvanize the Welfare Rights Organization to help enroll those who were eligible, and dispel the negative stereotypes associated with welfare.

As program director of the Columbia Urban League, she has assisted thousands of single mothers and youths with employment and career awareness opportunities. She is also engaged in national, state and local politics, working diligently to register citizens to vote. She was among a group of registered voters who challenged Columbia's election system in the early 1980s, contending the former system diluted the ability to elect a black at-large candidate.

McKnight is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and serves as president of the class of 1956. She attended Allen University and Columbia College and received certificates from Atlanta University, Benedict College and Management Training of Columbia.

She is a member of Rock Hill AME Church and is the mother of three children, Shari (deceased), Andre and Martin Luther McKnight, and the grandmother of four.

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	1 Whitney Young named executive director of the National Urban League in 1961 Benjamin E. Mays was born in 1895	2 James Baldwin, writer, was born in 1924	3 The Congress of African Peoples convention was held in Atlanta in 1970	4 "Long" John Woodruff won an Olympic gold medal in the 800-meter run in 1936	5 Edwin Moses and Evelyn Ashford won gold medals in Olympic track & field in 1984	6 Voting Rights Act signed by President Johnson in 1965
7 Ralph J. Bunche, diplomat and first African American winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was born in 1904	8 Matthew A. Henson, explorer and first to reach the North Pole, was born in 1865	9 Jesse Owens won four Olympic gold medals in 1936	10 Clarence C. White, composer and violinist, died in 1880	11 Thaddeus Stevens, abolitionist, died in 1868	12 Frederick Douglass' home in Washington D.C. was declared a national shrine in 1922	13 <i>Baltimore Afro-American</i> Newspaper was founded in 1892
14 Ernest Everett Just, scientist, was born in 1883	15 Liberia established by freed American slaves in 1824	16 Louis Lomax, author, was born in 1922	17 Marcus Garvey was born in 1887	18 The first African American admitted to the University of Mississippi, James Meredith, graduated in 1963	19 Benjamin Banneker published his first Almanac in 1791	20 Richard Allen chaired the first National Negro Convention in Philadelphia in 1830
21 William "Count" Basie, jazz pianist and musician, was born in 1904	22 John Lee Hooker, blues singer and guitarist, was born in 1917	23 National Negro Business League founded in 1900	24 Edith Sampson was appointed first African American delegate to the United Nations by Harry S. Truman, in 1950	25 Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters organized in 1925	26 William Dawson elected Black Democratic Party vice-presidential candidate in 1943	27 W.E.B. DuBois died in 1963
28 March on Washington in 1963	29 Charlie "Bird" Parker, jazz musician, was born in Kansas City in 1920	30 Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first African American astronaut in space in 1983	31 Eldridge Cleaver was born in 1935			



Jasper Salmond

EDUCATOR AND CONSULTANT

"Think global, act local" is the personification of Jasper Salmond's life as an educator, military veteran and international business consultant. For almost 60 years he has worked to uplift others, having learned the value of sharing, caring and giving back during the Great Depression.

Salmond served as a teacher in Richland School District One, military duty in Frankfurt, Germany, junior high school assistant principal and principal of three elementary schools. As a United Nations contact for Wilbur Smith Associates, an international consulting firm, Salmond has traveled throughout the nation and to Kuwait.

He has served as a leader on the Palmetto Health Alliance, Richland School District One, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Benedict College, Midlands Technical College, Greater Columbia Community Residents Council, Carolina First Bank, United Way of the Midlands, the Cultural Council, and as president of the South Carolina School Boards Association. He also serves as chairman of the Board of Deacons at First Calvary Baptist Church.

Salmond's awards and recognition include the Order of the Palmetto, World Affairs Global Award, Alpha Phi Alpha Man of the Year, and the Charles Drew Award. He is a lifetime member of Alpha Phi Alpha and the N.A.A.C.P. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Benedict College and was cited as one of "the five men of the decade" by *Columbia Metropolitan* magazine in 2000. He is also a 2010 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Hall of Fame inductee.

Salmond received his Bachelor's degree from Benedict College, his Master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University and completed further studies at Atlanta University, the University of South Carolina, and Xerox Management Training School.

He and his wife of 56 years, his college sweetheart Thelma Brooks Salmond, have two children, nine grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

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				1 General Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. named Commander-in-Chief of North American Air Defense Command in 1975	2 Frank Robinson, professional baseball player, named MVP of the American League, 1966	3 Charles Houston, NAACP leader, was born in 1895
4 Louis Latimer, inventor and engineer, was born in 1848	5 LABOR DAY George Washington Murray was elected to Congress from South Carolina in 1895	6 The National Black Convention met in Cleveland in 1848	7 Integration in public schools began in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore in 1954	8 Althea Gibson became the first African American athlete to win a U.S. national tennis championship in 1957	9 Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915.	10 Mordecai Johnson, first Black president of Howard University, died in 1976
11 "Duke" Ellington won Spingarn Medal for his musical achievements in 1959	12 Jackie Robinson, first Black baseball player in the major leagues, was named National League Rookie of the Year in 1947	13 Alain L. Locke, philosopher and first Black Rhodes Scholar, was born in 1886	14 U.S. Cabinet member Constance Baker Motley was born in 1921	15 Dr. Mae Jemison became first African American female astronaut in space in 1992	16 Claude A. Barnett, founder of the Associated Negro Press, was born in 1889	17 United States Constitution signed in 1787
18 Booker T. Washington delivered "Atlanta Compromise" address in 1895.	19 Atlanta University was founded in 1865	20 First episode of <i>The Cosby Show</i> aired in 1984	21 F.W. Leslie, inventor, patented the envelope seal in 1891.	22 Ralph Bunch awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1950	23 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN John Coltrane, innovative and famed jazz musician, was born in 1926	24 Nine African American students integrated Little Rock High School in 1957
25 Barbara W. Hancock became the first African American woman named a White House fellow, 1974	26 Bessie Smith, blues singer, died in 1937	27 <i>Memphis Blues</i> published in 1912	28 <i>Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World</i> published in 1929.	29 ROSH HASHANAH Hugh Mulzac, first African American captain of a U.S. merchant ship, launched with the 'Booker T. Washington' in 1942	30 Johnny Mathis, singer, was born in 1935	



Yelberton Watkins

GOVERNMENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Yelberton R. Watkins is Chief of Staff for the House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (D-South Carolina), the third-ranking member of the House of Representatives. Watkins has served in this capacity for almost 18 years.

As Chief of Staff, Watkins is responsible for the overall management of the Majority Whip's office, where he leads a team of legislative, policy, communications, and outreach professionals. He has extensive interaction with members of Congress, senior White House officials, and industry representatives.

Highly regarded in Washington, Watkins has been featured in *National Journal* magazine in its annual edition of top Capitol Hill aides. For the past four years, he was named by *Roll Call* newspaper as one of the top 50 staffers on the Hill. In 2007, he was named a prestigious Liberty Fellow.

In 1995, as a delegate of the American Council of Young Political Leaders, he traveled to the former Soviet Union, as Official International Observer for the Russian legislative elections. In 1999, he was a member of the American delegation to the American Council on Germany Young Leaders Exchange. In 2001 he was a delegate to the Transatlantic Forum in Munich, Germany. He has participated in official delegations to Gambia, Israel, Singapore, Brazil, Taiwan, France, Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Colombia and Morocco.

Active in the civic life of Washington, he is a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, and the board of directors of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Watkins previously served on the board of trustees of Washington's historic Shiloh Baptist Church.

A native of Columbia, Watkins is the son of Romeo and Annette Caughman Watkins. He graduated from W. J. Keenan High School as Salutatorian, received his Bachelor's degree in Biology from Duke University and his Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University.

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						1 Colin Powell was appointed first African American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1989
2 Thurgood Marshall was sworn in, becoming the first African American Supreme Court Justice in 1967	3 Nat King Cole was the first Black performer to host his own television show in 1956	4 National Black Convention met in Syracuse, N.Y. in 1864	5 Congresswoman Yvonne Burke was born in 1932	6 Fisk Jubilee Singers began national tour in 1871	7 Toni Morrison became first African American to win Nobel Prize in literature	8 YOM KIPPUR Jesse Jackson was born in 1941
9 O.B. Clare patented the rail trestle in 1888	10 COLUMBUS DAY Singer Ben Vereen was born in 1946	11 A. Miles patented the elevator in 1887	12 Richard ("Dick") Gregory was born in 1932	13 Arna W. Bontemps, noted poet, was born in 1902	14 Martin Luther King, Jr. awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1964	15 Clarence Thomas confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1992
16 John Brown led attack on Harper's Ferry in 1859	17 Capital Savings Bank opened in Washington, D.C. in 1888	18 Novelist Terry McMillan was born in 1951	19 The U.S. Navy was opened to African American women in 1944	20 John Merrick organized North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1898	21 "Dizzy" Gillespie was born in Cheraw, S.C. in 1917	22 Clarence S. Green became the first African American certified in neurological surgery
23 The NAACP petitioned the United Nations about racial injustice in 1947	24 Jackie Robinson died in 1972	25 Benjamin O. Davis became the first African American general in the U.S. Army in 1940	26 Inventor T. Marshall patented the fire extinguisher in 1872	27 D. B. Downing, inventor, patented his street letter box in 1891	28 Founder of The Underground Railroad, Levi Coffin, was born in 1798	29 The Supreme Court ordered end to segregation in schools "at once" in 1969
30 Richard Arrington was elected the first Black mayor of Birmingham, Ala., in 1979	31 HALLOWEEN Ethel Waters, actress and singer, was born in 1900					



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Helen Nelson Grant

ATTORNEY AND BUSINESS EXECUTIVE

Anthony Grant

BANK EXECUTIVE AND ENTREPRENEUR

Anthony (Tony) and Helen Nelson Grant are a husband and wife team who epitomize success in their professional and personal lives. He is the founder and CEO of Grant Business Strategies, Inc. (GBSI), a strategic and financial advisory firm and she serves as vice chairman and secretary.

Helen Nelson Grant was the first African American and the youngest person to hold the position of chairman of the board of trustees of her alma mater, Columbia College, South Carolina. She also serves as Of Counsel to The Charleston Group in Fayetteville, North Carolina. A former partner in the law firm Gergel, Nickles & Grant, Grant earned her Juris Doctor degree from Duke University in 1984.

Tony Grant's background as a pioneering banking executive and business entrepreneur is reflected in GBSI's \$800 million in commercial financing for diverse organizations ranging from churches and office buildings to national religious organizations and university campuses. He has previously held executive positions at Bank of America and NationsBank.

The parents of four are active in the community. She serves on the Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties, board of directors for the Richland Memorial Hospital Center for Cancer Treatment and Research, Richland County School District One Blue Ribbon Steering Committee and the Duke University School of Law Advisory Board.

A former chair of the state's Commission on Racial Relations, Tony Grant received the Order of the Palmetto for his achievements and dedicated service to improving the quality of life of South Carolinians. Grant serves as chairman of the Business Advisory Board at his alma mater, South Carolina State University, treasurer on the board of trustees of the Columbia Urban League and is active in several other organizations.



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		1 First issue of <i>Ebony</i> published in 1945. First issue of <i>Crisis</i> published in 1910	2 President Ronald Reagan signed law designating the third Monday in January Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983	3 South Carolina State College was established in 1896	4 T. Elkins patented the refrigerating apparatus in 1879	5 Walter E. Washington elected Mayor of Washington, D.C. in 1974
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Absalom Jones, minister, was born in 1746	7 David Dinkins elected first Black Mayor of New York City in 1989	8 ELECTION DAY Edward W. Brooke was elected first Black U.S. Senator (R- Mass.) in 85 years in 1966	9 Benjamin Banneker, surveyor, was born in 1731	10 Andrew Hatcher was named associate press secretary to President John F. Kennedy, becoming the first Black press secretary in 1960	11 VETERAN'S DAY Nat Turner, leader of a Virginia slave revolt, was hanged in 1831	12 In 1775, General George Washington issued an order, later rescinded, which forbade recruiting officers to enlist Blacks
13 Dwight Gooden won baseball's Cy Young Award in 1985	14 Booker T. Washington died in 1915	15 In 1979, the Nobel Prize in economics was awarded to Professor Arthur Lewis of Princeton	16 "Father of the Blues," W.C. Handy, was born in Florence, Ala. in 1873	17 Omega Psi Phi was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1911	18 Abolitionist and orator Sojourner Truth was born in 1787	19 Roy Campanella was named the National League MVP for the second time in 1953
20 Garrett T. Morgan patented the traffic signal in 1923	21 Shaw University was founded in 1865	22 Alrutheus A. Taylor, teacher and historian, was born in 1893	23 J.L. Love put patents on the pencil sharpener in 1897	24 THANKSGIVING Scott Joplin, composer, born in 1868	25 Luther "Bill" Robinson, dancer, died in 1949	26 Sojourner Truth, evangelist, died in 1883
27 Richard Wright, author, died in 1960	28 Ernie Davis became the first African American to win the Heisman Trophy in 1961	29 Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was born in 1908	30 Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm was born in 1924			



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Maurice Williams

VOCALIST AND SONGWRITER

Maurice Williams, songwriter and vocalist from Lancaster, South Carolina, influenced the direction and sound of early Rock 'n' Roll and Rhythm & Blues with his groundbreaking hits *Stay* and *Little Darlin'*.

Williams formed his first R&B vocal group in the 1950s, The Royal Charms, later known as the Gladiolas. The group performed Williams' first hit as a songwriter, *Little Darlin'*, in Nashville. The song was also recorded by The Diamonds, a Doo-Wop group, and climbed to number five on the pop charts.

In 1960, The Gladiolas changed their name to Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs, the same year Williams wrote and recorded *Stay* in Columbia. The song propelled the group to national stardom and performances on *American Bandstand* and the *Merv Griffin Show*. Williams' other television appearances included *Rock & Roll Graffiti* on TNT, and *Doo-Wop 51*, a PBS special. The classic *Stay* has been recorded by a variety of artists, most notably Jackson Browne, whose version hit number one in 1976 and earned Williams another gold record. *Little Darlin'* and *Stay* were both featured on the soundtracks of movie classics *American Graffiti* and *Dirty Dancing*.

Williams is an inductee in the Doo-Wop and Vocal Group Hall of Fame, and the South Carolina Music Entertainment Hall of Fame. He also received the Order of the Palmetto Award in 2001 and the Hennessy Privilege Award in 2004. He is one of a few South Carolinians to have performed in both the Apollo Theater in Harlem and the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Williams recently celebrated his 50th year in music with another studio recording, *Little Darlin' --50 Years-- the Beginning*. In May, the Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees in Sanford, North Carolina honored Williams for his humanitarian efforts and his contributions to the Boys & Girls Home of Waccamaw.



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				1 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a public bus in 1955	2 Historian Charles Wesley was born in 1891	3 First issue of <i>North Star</i> newspaper published in 1847
4 American Anti-Slavery Society organized in 1833	5 Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, founded National Council of Negro Women, 1935	6 In 1971 Lewis Franklin Powell was confirmed as U.S. Supreme Court justice	7 Lester Granger was named executive director of the National Urban League in 1941.	8 Entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. was born in 1925	9 Entertainer Redd Foxx was born in 1925	10 Ralph J. Bunche became the first Black person awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1950
11 P.B.S. Pinchback became the first African American governor of an American state, Louisiana, in 1872	12 Joseph H. Rainey (S.C.) first African American elected to Congress in 1870	13 First Black women complete officer training for the WAVES, 1944	14 Congressman John Langston was born in 1829	15 Maggie Lena Walker, banker, died in 1934	16 Andrew Young of Georgia named ambassador and chief delegate to the United Nations in 1976	17 Noble Sissle, lyricist and bandleader, died in 1975
18 The 13th Amendment was ratified in 1865	19 Carter G. Woodson, historian, was born	20 HANUKKAH BEGINS South Carolina seceded from the Union in 1860	21 Motown Records established in 1959 by Berry Gordy, Jr.	22 Historian, and author of <i>Destruction of Black Civilization</i> , Dr. Chancellor Williams was born in 1898	23 Alice H. Parker patented the gas heating furnace in 1919	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Irwin C. Mollison, first African American Judge of the Customs Court, was born in 1898
25 CHRISTMAS In 1971 Rev. Jesse Jackson organized Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity)	26 KWANZAA BEGINS In 1924, DeFord Bailey, Sr. became the first African American to perform on the Grand Ole Opry	27 Pioneer of blood plasma research, Dr. Charles Richard Drew, established a blood bank in New York City in 1941	28 HANUKKAH ENDS Earl "Fatha" Hines, famed jazz musician and father of modern jazz piano, was born in 1905	29 Thomas Bradley was born in 1917	30 Blues composer and singer Bo Diddley born in 1928	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Odetta Felious Gordon, folk singer and activist, was born in 1930



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