



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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South Carolina
AFRICAN AMERICAN
HISTORY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					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						