Ann Pringle Washington

South Carolina African American History Calendar 2008

Ann Pringle Washington is a remarkable woman who is deeply rooted in her beloved Lower Richland community. She is the textbook case for building a successful small business.

Pringle is the third of five children born to Annie Briggs and Andrew Blease Pringle, Sr. Pringle was raised on the family's cotton farm in Eastover, South Carolina where she witnessed entrepreneurship and independence.

In 1993, Pringle, along with her devoted husband and business partner, Richard, founded what is now a thriving, diverse business known as KOLORPRO Promotions, Inc. This business began as a small "Mom and Pop," but has grown into a thriving corporate business with three successful divisions: Promotions, Training, and Consulting/Rural Development.

As the leading founder, Pringle has consistently sought to grow her community, in concert with growing KOLORPRO- a concept that has rejuvenated Lower Richland County. Ann has facilitated the development of the Lower Richland Cultural Center, the Eastover-Lower Richland Business Association (ELRBA), and the Lower Richland Cooperative.

Pringle is a graduate of Columbia College, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Affairs, and has done graduate studies in business administration at Webster University. She has always had a passion for success and continuously demonstrates her devotion to KOLORPRO and the community, while balancing an equally successful environment at home and with family.

Pringle holds many leadership roles in the community including serving as Chair of Midlands RAC, Carolinas Minority Supplier Development Council, Chair of the board for Palmetto Richland Hospital and the Eastover-Lower Richland Business Association. She currently serves on the boards of directors for Palmetto Health Alliance and Palmetto Health Foundation. Her experience has benefited many young promising entrepreneurs through her past affiliation with Junior Achievement.

Pringle has been the recipient of many honors and awards. She was honored by the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Business Woman and as the Small Business Person of the Year, by IMARA magazine with the Business Achievement Award, by her Columbia College Alumnae Association with the Career Achievement Award. She was also honored by the Business and Professional Women's Association with the Outstanding Business Achievement Award, which was in conjunction with the US Small Business Administration.

Ann and her husband Richard are the proud parents of two adult children, Ebonia and Ricard.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 First issue of Ebony published in 1945. First issue of Crisis published in 1910.
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends 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** Absalom Jones, minister, was born in 1746.	**7** David Dinkins elected first Black Mayor of New York City in 1989.	**8** 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** Scott Joplin, composer, born in 1868.	**25** Luther "Bill" Robinson, dancer, died in 1949.	**26** Sojourner Truth, evangelist, died in 1883.	**27** Thanksgiving 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.						