

# WILLIAM H. CARSON, M.D. Psychiatrist, Clinical Researcher, CEO

Dr. William H. Carson grew up in Columbia, South Carolina, inspired by his parents to succeed at whatever he chose to do.

"My parents raised my sister and me with limitless expectations," said Dr. Carson, whose parents were public school teachers. "My father gave me the best piece of advice when he said, 'You'll never know if you don't try.'"

While a grade school student in South Carolina's public school system, Carson developed a keen interest in science.

"My elementary school teachers were so influential," he remarked. "They instilled in me a desire to excel."

He shared his passion for science with Dr. C. E. Morgan, his family's physician, and he began to think about a career in medicine.

"Dr. Morgan knew I was a serious student and he told me that I would make a good doctor," Dr. Carson recalled.

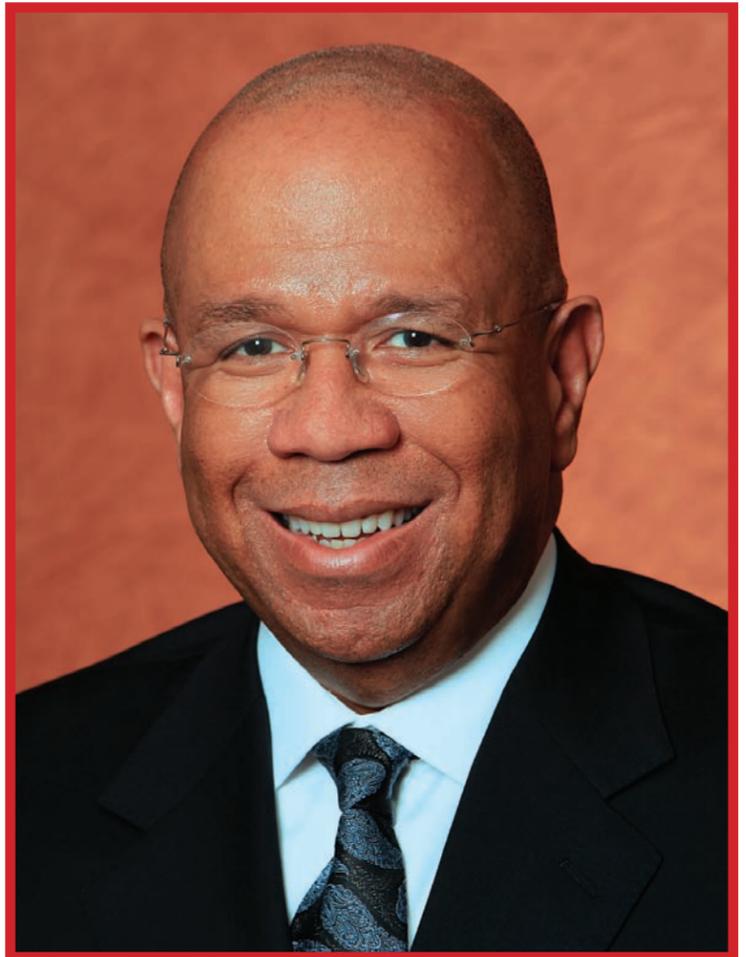
After graduating from A.C. Flora High School, he went on to receive his A.B. degree in history and science from Harvard University. Later, he earned his M.D. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where he received the Ivan Shalit Award as the Best Medical Student for Clinical Care.

Today, Dr. Carson can reflect on a highly accomplished career. As a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina, he taught emerging physicians and cared for patients with mental illness. As a clinical researcher, he led the development of ABILIFY®, a drug that has helped millions who live with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major depressive disorder. And as a CEO since 2010, he heads Otsuka Pharmaceutical Development & Commercialization, Inc., a leader in the global clinical development of healthcare products.

Dr. Carson said gaining approval for ABILIFY makes him most proud. "ABILIFY has benefited so many more patients than I could have cared for as an individual psychiatrist," he said.

He calls South Carolina "home," and a springboard for a life well lived.

"I have led exactly the life I thought I would have," Dr. Carson said, "and yet, a life I could never have dreamed of."



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Howard University in Washington, D.C. opened in 1867	2 <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b> 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 <b>CINCO DE MAYO</b> Gwendolyn Brooks became the first black Pulitzer Prize winner for Annie Allen in 1950	6 Civil Rights Act signed by President Eisenhower in 1960	7 J.R. Winters patented the fire escape, 1878	8 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 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 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 <b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b> 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 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 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 Countee Cullen, poet, was born in 1903	31 NAACP held first conference (as the National Negro Committee) in 1909	