

South Carolina

# AFRICAN AMERICAN

History Calendar

2015

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# DEAR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND FRIENDS,

History is far more than dates and places. It is actually the story of people whose ideas, perseverance, and achievements infuse those dates and places with new significance that transforms our world and inspires future generations.

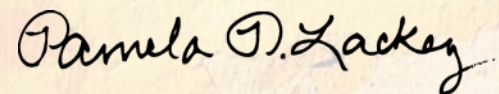
The 2015 Edition of **The South Carolina African American History Calendar** honors the achievements of African Americans with South Carolina roots. The extraordinary individuals featured in the 2015 Edition have excelled in many fields, including education, medicine, business, community service, performing arts, sports and the military. Some will likely be familiar to you, while others are unsung heroes. Yet all have played an invaluable role in weaving the rich tapestry of who we are as South Carolinians, and our State's heritage is richer because of them.

Originally conceived as a tool to assist the State Department of Education in meeting the statutory requirement to include African American history in the curriculum, the Calendar has become a virtual Hall of Fame, combining recognition with education. Each year, the Calendar is accessed online by thousands worldwide, spreading the benefits far beyond local classrooms and reflecting how advanced technology is reshaping our world.

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Our community partners have been invaluable in the Calendar's success over the years, and we appreciate their continuing commitment and support in this 26th annual edition. The individuals featured in the 2015 Edition of the calendar are role models through their integrity, vision, and dedication to excellence. We are privileged to present their stories and hope you will find them as inspiring as we do.

**Pamela Lackey**



President, AT&T South Carolina



# RESOURCES

**Abraham, Henry J. and Perry, Barbara A.**

Freedom and the Court – Civil Rights and Liberties in the United States (1994)

**Ayazi-Hashjin, Sherry**

Rap and Hip Hop: The Voice of a Generation (1999)

**Baker, Augusta**

The Black Experience in Children's Books (1971)

**Baker, Augusta and Greene, Ellin**

Storytelling: Art and Technique (1987)

**Collier-Thomas, Bettye and Franklin, V.P.**

My Soul Is a Witness: A Chronology of the Civil Rights Era, 1954-1965 (2000)

**Flanders, Julie**

The Story of Music: Gospel, Blues and Jazz (2001)

**Gardner, Michael R.**

Harry Truman and Civil Rights: Moral Courage (2002)

**Gates, Jr., Henry Louis**

African American Lives (2004)

**Hopkinson, Deborah**

The Band of Angels (1999)

**Igus, Toyomi**

I See the Rhythm (1998)

**Joynson, Sandra E.**

Standing on Holy Ground (2003)

**Kelley, Robin D. G.**

Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination (2003)

**Marable, Manning**

Black Leadership in the 20th Century (1998)

**McFadden, Grace Jordan**

The Oral Recollections of Black South Carolinians Videotape Series,  
University of South Carolina: Instructional Services Center (1980)

**McGill, Alice**

In the Hollow of Your Hand: Slave Lullabies (2000)

**New York Public Library – The Schomburg Center**

African American Desk Reference (2002)

**Ochiai, Akiko**

Harvesting Freedom: African American Agrarianism in Civil War Era  
South Carolina (2004)

**Painter, Nell Irvin**

Southern History: Across the Color Line (2001)

**Payne, Charles M. and Green, Adam**

Time Longer Than Rope: A Century of African American Activism 1850-1950 (2003)

**Rollins, Charlemae H.**

Christmas Gif': An Anthology of Christmas Poems, Songs, and Stories,  
Written By and About African-Americans (1993)

**South Carolina Arts Commission**

South Carolina Shared Traditions: 15 Years of the Jean Laney Harris Folk  
Heritage Awards (2002)

**South Carolina Arts Commission**

Traditional Music from the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor (2002)  
To request a copy, contact Craig Stinson at [CStinson@arts.state.sc.us](mailto:CStinson@arts.state.sc.us)

**South Carolina ETV**

Gullah Traditions: Fa De Chillun (1994)  
Palmetto Special: Gullah Culture (1990)  
Tales from the Land of Gullah For Kids (1999)

**Weatherford, Carole Boston**

The Sound That Jazz Makes (2000)

**Williams, Juan**

This Far by Faith: Stories from the African American Experience (2003)

**Williams, Sheron**

Imani's Music (2002)



## Mary M. Bethea

Entrepreneur, Mentor and Author

**M**ary Magdalene Bethea was born November 1, 1921, in Charleston, South Carolina. She was raised by her parents, Esau and Mary Washington, along with her two sisters and two brothers. Inspired by her parents to pursue dreams of economic independence, Bethea enrolled at Poro Beauty School in Columbia after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Benedict College. The only beauty school owned by and operated for African Americans in the state of South Carolina, Poro Beauty School not only inspired her love of cosmetology as a career, but also became the place where she met her future husband, Moses Bethea.

On January 16, 1956, she opened Bethea's Waverly School of Beauty Culture in Columbia, SC. It became a destination for many African American beauticians who received training and later created their own businesses. During her 28-year stint as owner, operator, and instructor, Bethea's business acumen and mentorship of the students at Waverly School of Beauty Culture earned her the 1975 "School Owner of the Year" award from the Bronner Brothers International Beauty Trade School Show, one of the most prestigious awards in the Beauty Trade industry. Her creation of a Black-owned business, following in the footsteps of individuals such as Madame C.J. Walker, deserves to be remembered in an age of increasing numbers of African American female entrepreneurs. Bethea's contributions are a reminder of how African Americans invested dollars into the growth and advancement of their communities and serves as an inspiring story of perseverance and determination.

Bethea is the author of *The Waverly School of Beauty Culture: A Historical and Pictorial Account from 1956-1984*. She has one son, Moses Bethea, Jr. who is married to Velma G. Bethea. Mary Bethea is the grandmother of Ashleigh and Christopher Bethea and great-grandmother of four.



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				<p><b>1</b>      <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b></p> <p>1808 – Legislation passed declaring the transatlantic slave trade is no longer legal on North American soil</p> <p>1863 – The 1st all-Black South Carolina Volunteer Regiment comprised of enslaved people was inducted into the United States Army</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>1954 – Hall of Famer and famous University of South Carolina basketball player, Alex English was born in Columbia, SC</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>1993 – John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, famed musician, died.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>1973 – Baltimore Ravens Wide Receivers Coach and past NFL player, Bobby Engram was born in Camden, SC</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>1971 – The Office for Minority Student Affairs at USC is officially organized to represent the needs of the University's African American students and protest discriminatory treatment of the University's minority population</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>1963 – In his final speech as Governor, Fritz Hollings states that "the day of segregation has passed"</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>1944 – Joseph "Smoking Joe" Frasier is born in Beaufort, SC. He would later become an Olympic gold medalist and heavy weight champion</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>1943– Harvey Gantt, the first African American admitted to Clemson University and the first black mayor of Charlotte, NC was born in Charleston, SC</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>1963 – Donald Russell is inaugurated as Governor of South Carolina and holds the first integrated inaugural reception in South Carolina's history</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>1963 – The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals orders Clemson University to admit Harvey Gantt allowing him to become the first African American to enroll at Clemson University</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>2000– More than 46,000 protesters rally in a march on the state capitol at Columbia, SC to protest the Confederate battle flag flying atop the statehouse dome. NAACP chair Kweisi Mfume, the main speaker at the event, called it the greatest civil rights rally since the 1960s</p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>      <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>1963 – Federal District Court Judge C.C. Wyche signs the order admitting Gantt to Clemson University</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>1963 – Accompanied by Matthew Perry, Harvey Gantt arrives at Clemson University and enrolls</p> <p>1986 – Astronaut Ronald McNair died in Challenger explosion</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>1872 – African American clergyman and politician, Francis L. Cardozo is elected the State Treasurer of South Carolina</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>



## Tyrone Corbin

NBA Basketball Player and Coach

**T**yrone Corbin, currently a lead assistant coach with the Sacramento Kings of the NBA, was born December 31, 1962 in Columbia, South Carolina to Mary and the late Arthur Corbin.

A 1981 graduate of A.C. Flora High School in Columbia, SC, he helped his team win the state basketball championship the year before he entered DePaul University in Chicago, IL. He played from 1981 to 1985 at DePaul, the first three years under Hall of Fame coach Ray Meyers. Corbin finished seventh on DePaul's career scoring list, was a two-time honorable mention AP All-America selection and an ALL-NIT choice in 1983. He was invited to the 1984 Olympic trials. He graduated from DePaul in 1985 with a degree in Computer Science.

Drafted as the 35th pick in the 1985 NBA draft by the San Antonio Spurs, Corbin played as a small forward for 16 seasons in the NBA with nine different teams (San Antonio, Cleveland, Phoenix, Minnesota, Utah, Atlanta, Sacramento, Miami and Toronto). After retiring as a player in 2001, he spent two seasons as a mentor for young players with the North Charleston Lowgators of the NBDL (NBA Development League).

Corbin was hired by the general manager of the New York Knicks, Scott Layden, as a manager of player development for the 2003-04 season. In 2004, Corbin became an assistant coach with the Utah Jazz under Hall of Fame coach Jerry Sloan and succeeded Sloan as Head Coach in 2011. He joined the Sacramento Kings in 2014.

Described as goal-oriented, Corbin attributes the foundation of his beliefs to his mother. Her philosophy includes: "You can achieve anything you want in life, but you have to count on yourself." Corbin and his wife Dante are the proud parents of two wonderful children, TyJha 27 and Tyrell 21.



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1  1834 – Henry McNeal Turner is born in Hannah Circuit near Newberry, SC	2 <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>  1915 – Ernest E. Just, biologist, received the Spingarn Award for pioneering research on fertilization and cell division	3	4	5  1961 – The South Carolina Council on Human Relations Student Council hosts its first student workshop at Allen University	6  1870 – African American lawyer Jonathan Jasper Wright is elected to the South Carolina Supreme Court during Reconstruction	7  1967 – Actor, comedian, and author Chris Rock was born in Andrews, SC
8  1968 – Police officers opened fire during a demonstration on South Carolina State University's campus in Orangeburg, SC. This event known as the Orangeburg Massacre left 28 students injured and three dead	9	10  1960 – John McCray wrote to Mayor Lester Bates requesting improved bus facilities after a visit to the Greyhound station on Blanding Street in Columbia, SC	11	12 <b>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b>  1909 – Georgetown, SC native William A. Sinclair, who was born enslaved in 1858 and who later earned a theology degree from Howard University, helps create the NAACP	13	14 <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> 1874 – Charlotta Amanda Bass, the first African American woman to run for national office as a Vice Presidential candidate was born in Sumter, SC 1960 – Allen University & Benedict College students begin to hold rallies to protest school & community (de)segregation 1969 – Black Students at the University of South Carolina burned a Confederate flag between the Russell House patio and the main library
15	16 <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</b>  1955 – NAACP lawyers file the lawsuit, Fleming v South Carolina Electric & Gas in response to Sarah Mae Fleming being expelled from a bus	17 <b>MARDI GRAS</b>	18 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>  1961 – Arrest of student demonstrators forces the Greyhound bus terminal in Columbia to serve customers equally	19	20	21
22	23	24	25  1963 – Supreme court rules in Edwards v. SC that civil disobedience is declared a legal act performed by citizens of the state to express grievances	26	27	28



**A** leader in the church and community, the Rev. Dr. William P. Diggs contributed decades of his life for the betterment of the lives of South Carolinians. He was born in Columbia, South Carolina in 1926 and reared in Rock Hill. He earned several degrees: a Bachelor of Arts from Morehouse College; a Master of Arts in Sociology from Atlanta University; a Master of Divinity from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

He helped organize South Carolina's first sit-in demonstrations, held Feb. 12, 1960 in Rock Hill, primarily involving students from Friendship Junior College. As pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, SC for more than fifty years, he facilitated: the purchase of additional property; establishment of a highly acclaimed preschool ministry; a federally operated credit union; and purchase of commercial property that includes barber shops, beauty salons and a restaurant.

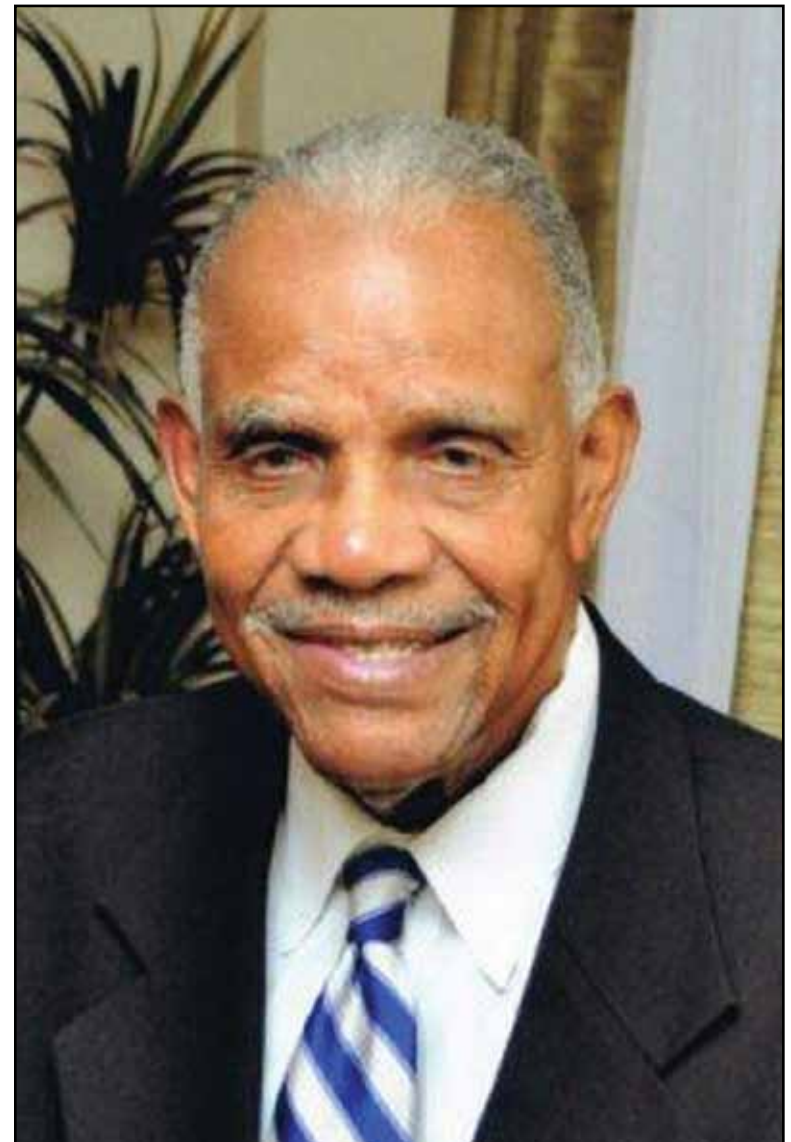
In addition, he has contributed his time and expertise to many institutions and organizations. He served as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Friendship, Benedict and Morris colleges for an aggregate of twenty-four years. Diggs has served as board member of Friendship, Benedict and Morris colleges; Morehouse School of Religion; the Interdenominational Theological Center; Nannie Helen Burroughs School; the Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity; and the Florence Mayor's Human Relations Committee. He has also served as president of the Florence Branch of the NAACP.

He is a recipient of numerous awards and honors including: the Order of the Palmetto; SC Black Hall of Fame; The Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce "Building the Bridges Humanitarian Award"; and seven honorary degrees.

Diggs retired from the pastorate in December 2013. He has been married to Clotilda Daniels Diggs for 62 years, and the couple has two adult children — Mary Lynne and William, Jr. (Lennette). They have one grandson, William III.

## Rev. Dr. William P. Diggs

*Religious Leader, Civil Rights Activist and Educator*





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1	2  1960 — Allen University & Benedict College students conduct first sit-in in Columbia at Woolworth and S.H. Kress Department Stores	3	4	5  1960 — South Carolina Student Movement Association was formed by students from Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, and South Carolina State University	6	7  1960 — The South Carolina Council on Human Relations announced the group's support of the student-led sit-in movement
8 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS</b>	9	10  1960 — Charles Barr, Milton Green, Richard Counts, Johnny Clark, and one unidentified student shop at Taylor St. Pharmacy & are later arrested for criminal trespassing	11	12  1974 — Booker T. Washington High School student body, alumni, and faculty were distraught over the decision to sell the school to the University of South Carolina without plans to relocate the historic African American landmark. Frankie B. Outten, representing the faculty, presented to Richland County School District One Board of Commissioners "A Testimonial to Booker T. Washington High School"	13  1968 — South Carolina State University students demonstrate at the South Carolina State House in response to the Orangeburg Massacre	14  1960 — Simon Bouie & Talimadge Neal sat in a restaurant booth in Eckerd's Drug Store and waited for service. They were arrested for criminal trespassing & convicted
15  1960 — Members of the SC Student Movement Association held a protest in Columbia, SC designed to take place at the same time as one happening on the same day in Orangeburg, SC. Eleven students were arrested over the course of two days	16	17 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>	18	19	20 <b>SPRING BEGINS</b>	21
22	23  1931 — Ernest A. Finney, Jr., the first African American Supreme Court Justice appointed to the South Carolina Supreme Court since the Reconstruction Era was born	24  1961 — In response to the Lennie Glover stabbing, African American students led a boycott of Main Street businesses in Columbia, SC. The "Easter Lennie Glover No Buying Campaign" featured daily picketing and sit-ins	25	26  1950 — Singer, Teddy Pendergrass was born in Kingstree, SC	27	28  1984 — Benjamin Elijah Mays, educator, social activist, mentor to Dr. King, and the president of Morehouse College died in Atlanta, GA
29 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	30	31				



## Brig. Gen. Calvin H. Elam

*Air National Guard Brigadier General (Retired),  
Financial Advisor and Business & Civic Leader*

**B**rigadier General Calvin Elam was born in Greenwood, South Carolina. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1980 and remained on active duty until 1986. He joined the South Carolina Air National Guard in 1986, and became a commissioned officer two years later after graduating from the Air National Guard's Academy of Military Science.

While serving his country, Elam also earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business in Marketing, and graduated from the United States Air Force's War College. He became the first African American to be promoted to the rank of General in the South Carolina National Guard and served as Assistant Adjutant General for Air at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina. He commanded more than 1,500 base personnel and 24 F-16CJ fighter jets and received several military awards for outstanding achievement, including the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Palmetto Cross (the state's highest military award).

Elam currently serves on or has served on the Palmetto Health and the Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and Claflin University Board of Trustees. In 2013, he was named Distinguished Trustee of the Year by the SC Hospital Association.

He is CEO and Senior Financial Consultant of Elam Financial Group and the author of *Self-Reliance: What Do You Mean You Didn't Know?* Elam is a member of Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, SC, where he serves on the Board of Trustees.

He and his wife Mary Elam have three children — April, Erin and Forbes.



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			1 <b>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</b>	2	3 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>PASSOVER BEGINS</b>	4
5 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11 <b>PASSOVER ENDS</b>  1877 – Reconstruction came to an end in South Carolina
12	13	14 1868 – SC voters approved constitution, 70,758 to 27,228, and elected state officers, including the first black cabinet officer, Francis L. Cardozo, secretary of state. New constitution required integrated education and contained a strong bill of rights section: "Distinctions on account of race or color, in any case whatever, shall be prohibited, and all classes of citizens shall enjoy equally all common, public, legal and political privileges."	15 <b>TAX DAY</b>	16	17 1911 – Senator Isaiah DeQuincey Newman was born in Clyde Township, SC. Newman was the first African American to serve in the South Carolina Senate since Reconstruction  1968 – Malcolm X gave an address at the Mosque in Columbia, SC	18  1963 – Brown vs. SC Forestry Commission case opens
19	20 2010 – Steve Benjamin wins election with 56% of the vote becoming Columbia's first African American mayor	21	22 <b>EARTH DAY</b>	23	24	25  1968 – Robert Kennedy spoke at the University of South Carolina about the national government's role in eliminating racial discrimination
26  1938 – Jasper Cureton, the first African American appellate judge in South Carolina since reconstruction was born in Walhalla, SC	27	28	29	30		

**D**r. Terry K. Hunter, a native of Tallahassee, Florida, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education from Florida A & M University; a Master of Fine Arts degree in Printmaking and Drawing from Ohio State University, and a doctorate in Art Education from Florida State University.

A renowned artist, administrator, arts advocate, curator and educator, he has significantly influenced the landscape of the arts in South Carolina. As an artist, Hunter wants his art work to engage viewers in reflective thought relative to their own experiences. He has participated in more than 60 group and solo exhibitions throughout the United States. The South Carolina Art Education Association named him the 2005 Arts Advocate of the Year, and later the 2011 Art Educator of the Year. His exhibition, "The Grid Turns the Corner," a midcareer retrospective of his drawings and prints, traveled to seven cities in three states. In 2011, he was awarded The Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for Individual Artist and Educator, South Carolina's highest honor in the arts.

Hunter has shared his expertise with and mentored students in grades K-12, Higher Education, Adult Art Education and Arts Education for older adults. He is a former Professor of Art and Director of the Arthur Rose Museum at Claflin University and former Professor of Art at South Carolina State University. He is currently Executive Director of the Fine Arts Cultural Enrichment Teaching Studios (FACETS), a professional development institute in the arts associated with Clemson University. He has been engaged as a consultant and/or master teacher with the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the State Department of Education and the South Carolina Arts Commission. Hunter also served as Chair of the Design Committee for the South Carolina African American History Monument Commission, which produced the first monument of its kind in the country on the Statehouse grounds. Recently designated Visiting Artist/Scholar by Ohio State University, he also serves as Director of the Upper Room Graphic Editions Studio (URGES) Printmaking and Drawing Workshop and Coordinator of Arts Run the Spectrum (ARTS).

He is married to S.C. House District 66 Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter.

## Terry K. Hunter, PhD

*Artist and Educator*



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					1	2  2000 – South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges signs a bill to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday an official state holiday. South Carolina is the last state to recognize the day as a holiday
3  1898 – Septima Poinsette Clark, commonly referred to as "The Mother of the Movement" was born in Charleston, SC  1933 – James Brown often referred to as "The Godfather of Soul" was born in Barnwell, SC	4	5 <b>CINCO DE MAYO</b>	6	7	8	9  1750 – The South Carolina Gazette reports that Caesar, a South Carolina slave has been granted his freedom and lifetime annuity in exchange for his cures for poison and rattlesnake bites  1862 – Slaves in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina were freed
10 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	11	12  1862 – Robert Smalls seized Confederate warship	13  1862 – Enslaved ship pilot and future SC politician Robert Smalls liberates 16 slaves by piloting a stolen Confederate Ship called the Planter through enemy territory  1872 – Matilda Evans was born in Aiken, SC. Evans moved to Columbia, SC and began her own practice, becoming the first licensed African American female physician in the state	14	15	16 <b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b>
17	18	19	20  1963 – Over 1,000 University of South Carolina students support an anti-integration rally in Columbia by marching to the State House	21	22	23
24	25 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	26  1956 – Althea Gibson won the French Open, becoming the first black tennis player to win a major tennis title	27	28	29	30  1822 – The Denmark Vesey "conspiracy" is uncovered and curtailed by authorities in Charleston, SC
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## Brooklyn Mack

Ballet Star

**B**rooklyn Mack has gone from Elgin, South Carolina to the pinnacle of international ballet.

Born in 1987, he is the first African American man to win a senior gold medal at the Varna International Ballet Competition in Varna, Bulgaria — the oldest professional ballet competition in the world. The recognition, in the 2012 competition, came after a series of other high-profile awards, including the 2005 Kirsti Paakenen Encouragement Prize; the 2006 USA International Ballet Competition Silver Medal; the 2007 Princess Grace Awards Fellowship Winner; Silver Prize at the 2009 Helsinki International Ballet Competition; the 2011 Boston International Ballet Competition Bronze Medal and Mariu Leipa Prize; and the 2011 Korean International Dance Competition's Silver Medal.

Mack did not initially set out to become one of the world's best dancers when he began dance training at the age of 12 with the Pavlovich Dance School under Radenko Pavlovich and Milena Leben in Columbia, SC. Initially interested in football, Mack started taking ballet lessons to improve his game and as a bargaining chip to get his mom to agree to let him play football. In the process, Mack realized how much he enjoyed ballet dancing and, by age 15, took up ballet full-time. He attended the prestigious Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, D.C., on a full scholarship. Afterwards, he joined the Joffrey Ballet in Chicago as an apprentice; in 2005, he joined the American Ballet Theater Studio Company in New York City; and, in 2006 the Orlando Ballet in Florida. After three seasons in Florida, he joined The Washington Ballet, where he was chosen the lead dancer at age 25.

Mack often visits South Carolina and shares his experiences and expertise with school children. Each year he participates in the Life Chance Gala, a classical ballet fundraiser in Columbia, SC, to benefit such charities as the Harvest Hope Food Bank.



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	1	2	3	4	5 <small>1963 – Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman announces that the NAACP will stage massive demonstrations in eight S.C. cities unless negotiations begin to "solve racial differences"</small>	6 <small>1939 – Marian Wright Edelman, the first African American woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar and founder of the Children Defense Fund, was born in Bennettsville, SC</small>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <small>1910 – William D. Crum, a S.C. physician is appointed minister to Liberia</small>
14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15	16	17	18	19 <small>1963 – Mayor Lester Bates announces his belief that there is no need for a bi-racial committee to negotiate integration process in public schools</small>	20
21 <b>FATHER'S DAY SUMMER BEGINS</b> <small>1832 – Joseph Hayne Rainey was born into slavery in Georgetown, SC. Rainey was the first African American to serve in the United States House of Representatives, the second African American to serve in Congress, the first African American presiding officer of the US House of Representatives</small>	22 <small>1964 – The Supreme court reverses the convictions of Simon Bouie, Tallmadge Neal and Charles Barr and two others in trespassing cases</small>	23 <small>1951 – SC District Court ruled in favor of the Clarendon County School board that segregation is inequality</small>	24 <small>1954 – Sarah Mae Flemming, a young African American domestic worker was hit by a Columbia bus driver for sitting in the front and ejected from the bus on the corner of Main and Washington Streets</small>	25	26	27
28	29 <small>1937 – James Roland Clark, M.D., recognized as an expert on sickle cell anemia and one of the founders of the Columbia Area Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation (CASCAF) was born in Columbia, SC</small>	30				



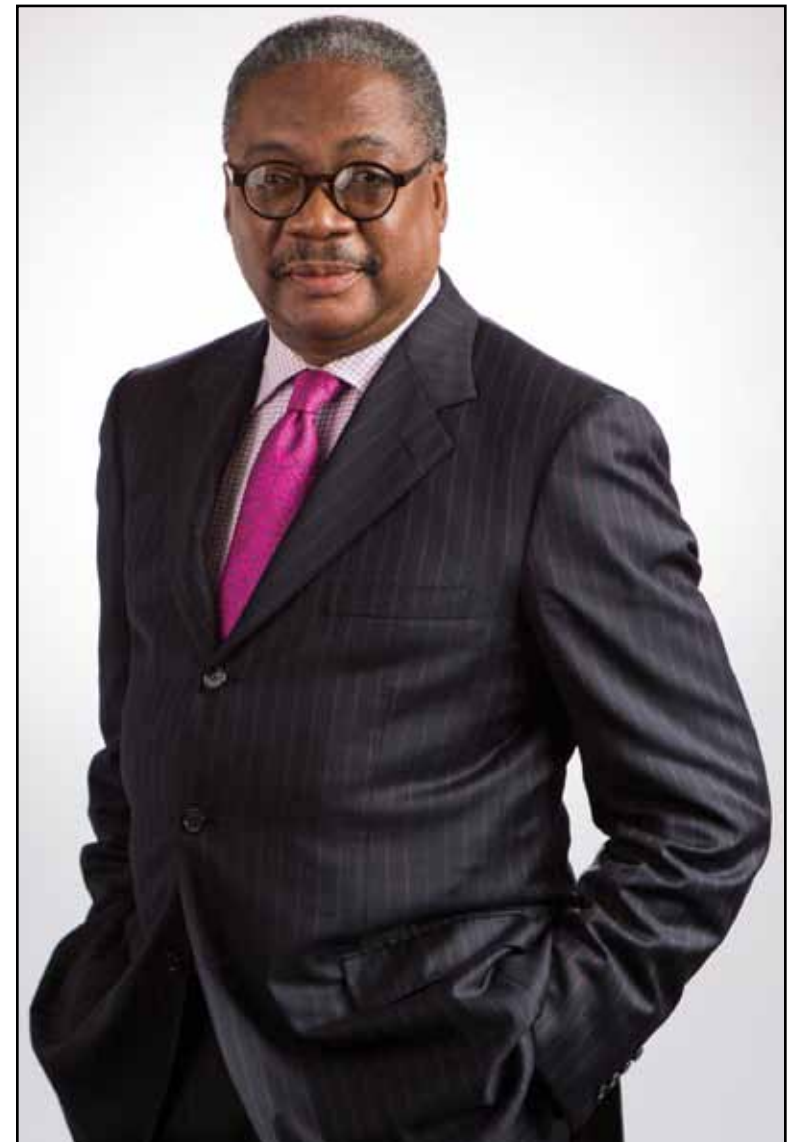
## Dr. David E. Rivers

*Professor and Public Administrator*

**D**avid Rivers is currently the Director of Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). Since 1995, he has served MUSC in many capacities, promoting partnerships between academic institutions, government agencies and elected officials, business and industry, faith-based groups and community activists. Under his leadership, the PICO initiative has conducted dozens of Community Leaders Institutes nationwide to address health disparities and produced nationally televised dialogues on health, energy and national security issues. Rivers also currently serves as Advisory Board Chairman for the ongoing National Conference on Health Disparities (NCHD).

Before arriving at the Medical University, he earned undergraduate and graduate degrees and completed coursework toward a doctoral degree at Georgia State University. He is a graduate of the National Urban Fellows Program in Public Administration at Yale University and the Riley Institute Diversity Leadership Program at Furman University. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Allen University in Columbia, SC.

Rivers holds many distinctions. He was Atlanta's first African American Commissioner of Budget and Planning and the first African American to hold a citywide elective office in Charleston, SC. He is Chairman of the James E. Clyburn Research and Scholarship Foundation and President of the Jonathan Green Foundation. He is a member of the Boards of Directors and Advisory Boards for such organizations as the National Forum for Black Public Administrators; the Center for Latino Community Health in Long Beach, CA; the National Urban Fellows; the Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corporation on Johns Island, SC; and, the Trustee Board of Allen University. He is the father of one son, Darwin Rivers.





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			1	2	3	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>
5  1947 – Camden, SC native Larry Doby was signed to the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first African American to play in the American League and the first African American to hit a home run in an All-Star game	6  1868 – The South Carolina House became the first and only legislature to have a black majority, 87 blacks to 40 whites	7	8	9	10  1910 – Civil Rights leader and businessman, Esau Jenkins, was born on Johns Island, SC  1963 – In the case of Brown vs. SC Forestry Commission, Judge Martin orders all state parks to desegregate within 60 days. Instead, the South Carolina Forestry Commission closed all state parks  1875 – Mary McLeod Bethune is born in Mayesville, SC	11
12	13	14  1929 – Dr. Noble P. Cooper, the first African American accepted into the S.C. Dental Association was born in Columbia, SC	15	16	17	18
19	20  1966 – South Carolina state parks are reopened as fully integrated facilities after closed by the South Caroling Forestry Commission in response to Brown vs. Forestry Commission	21  1940 – Congressman James Clyburn was born in Sumter, SC  1949 – Luther J. Battiste III was born in Orangeburg, SC. He and his partners formed the first racially integrated law firm at the partner level in South Carolina and in 1983 he was elected as one of the first two African Americans to Columbia City Council	22	23	24	25  1963 – Robert Anderson applies as a transfer student to the University of South Carolina
26	27  1907 – Anna May Manigault-Hurley, operator of Manigault-Hurley Funeral Home, Inc., one of the biggest black owned businesses in the state, was born in Columbia, SC	28	29  1963 – The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees announces it will comply with the order to desegregate	30	31	



**D**r. Bertha Maxwell-Roddey was born June 10, 1930 in Seneca, South Carolina. Roddey graduated from Oconee County Training School and received degrees from several colleges: a Bachelors of Arts from Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina, a Master of Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a doctorate from Union Graduate School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She worked in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System in North Carolina as a teacher and principal and was the first African American to serve as an administrator in a predominately white school. She became the first chair of the Afro-American and African Studies Department at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC-C).

She started the first Head Start program in Charlotte, NC; co-founded the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts and Culture; founded and served as the first chair of the National Council for Black Studies; and co-founded the Theodore and Bertha M. Roddey Foundation. She has served on more than 50 boards and commissions and received numerous awards for her dedication. Her most cherished awards include the Thurgood Marshall Award of Education, Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Elizabeth Catlett-Delta Legacy "Women Making a Difference," and Eagle Fly Free Award from the Institute for the Advancement of Multicultural & Minority Medicine.

Actively involved in the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Maxwell-Roddey served as Charlotte Alumnae Chapter President, National First Vice-President, and the 20th National President. She worked with Habitat for Humanity, leading the process of building more than 350 houses in the United States, the Caribbean, and Africa.

She retired from academics as the Frank Porter Graham Professor Emeritus at UNC-C. She is married to Theodore Roddey. She is the mother of one daughter, Tawanna Proctor and has four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Bertha Maxwell-Roddey, PhD

*Educator and Civic Leader*



# AFRICAN AMERICAN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>1894 – Benjamin Elijah Mays, educator, social activist, mentor to Dr. King, and the president of Morehouse College was born in Epworth, SC</p> <p>1963 – The "Committee of 85" in Columbia votes to urge the city council to adopt a non-discriminatory hiring policy</p>
2	<p>3</p> <p>1921 – South Carolina's first African American federal judge, Judge Matthew J. Perry, was born in Columbia, SC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1810 – Robert Purvis, the "President of the Underground Railroad", was born in Charleston, SC</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1955 – Jonathan Green one of the most important painters of the southern experience was born in Gardens Corner, SC</p>
9	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1965 – Tony Award winner and Academy Award nominated actress Viola Davis was born in St. Matthews, SC</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1922 – One of the first African American models in the United States, Ophelia DeVore-Mitchell was born in Edgefield, SC</p> <p>1963 – Leading Columbia merchants announce removal of segregation signs from fountains, restrooms, and dressing rooms</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1883 – Ernest Everett Just, scientist, was born in Charleston, SC</p>	<p>15</p>
16	<p>17</p> <p>1849 – Archibald Grimke, one of the first African Americans to attend Harvard Law School was born near Charleston, SC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1939 – Maxine Brown, R&amp;B and soul singer was born in Kingstree, S</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
23	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1927 – Althea Gibson, first black Wimbledon champion was born in Clarendon County, SC</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1963 – A bomb explodes near University of South Carolina student Henri Monteith's home</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1963 – Sumter NAACP chairman James T. McCain serves as a key organizer for the March on Washington</p>	<p>29</p>
30	<p>31</p> <p>1885 – Edwin DuBose Heyward, author of <i>Porgy</i> was born in Charleston, SC</p>					



## Willie R. Rogers

Public School Educator; Richland District 2

**W**illie R. Rogers, oldest son of sharecroppers Willie and Cleo Rogers, was born in Olanta, South Carolina. His parents instilled in their five children a strong Christian belief, moral values and a thirst for education. Rogers joined the U.S. military and later graduated from Benedict College and became a schoolteacher in Richland County, South Carolina. During his 33 years as an educator, he served as an assistant principal, principal, and Director of Adult and Continuing Education. Rogers finished his career in the Richland County School District as Assistant Superintendent.

Recognized as a champion of education, constant advocate for the unemployed and undereducated, underserved and underprivileged, Rogers had many accomplishments that can best be measured by the impact he had on Richland County residents. He was the creator of the Adult and Continuing Education program model which brought national recognition to South Carolina and is still proven to be effective today. In addition to providing service in the education arena, he also served Richland County and the City of Columbia in other capacities. Rogers served on Richland County Council, and advised and mentored numerous political leaders in Columbia.

Richland County honored Rogers with an education center named for him, the "W.R. Rogers Center for Adult and Continuing Education in Richland 2." Such an honor shows the impact this man from humble origins had on the citizens of South Carolina, and Richland County in particular. Never forgetting his humble roots, Rogers jokingly told people that the most important things in his life were his family, his faith, education, and his cows in Sumter. But, he would never tell which order he placed them. He was survived by his wife, Shellie Rogers and three children, Abigail, Wilfred and adopted son David.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  1869 – Anna DeCosta Banks, RN, a pioneer in the nursing profession was born in Charleston, SC	3  1865 – U.S. Army commander in South Carolina ordered Freedmen's Bureau to stop seizing abandoned land	4	5
6	7 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	8  1957 – Althea Gibson became the first African American athlete to win a U.S. national tennis championship	9  1739 – Stone Rebellion occurs in South Carolina. It is considered the largest slave rebellion on North American soil that took place prior to the American Revolution  1963 – Columbia experiences its first protest marches in over a year, as 23 blacks are arrested during a demonstration along Main Street. The next day, 60 blacks march along the same street but avoid arrest	10	11 <b>PATRIOT DAY</b>	12  1963 – As protests continue in Columbia, the "Committee of 85" adopts a resolution calling on motel, hotel, and theater owners to desegregate
13 <b>GRANDPARENT'S DAY ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS</b>	14	15 <b>ROSH HASHANAH ENDS</b>	16	17 <b>CONSTITUTION DAY</b>	18  1917 – Willis H. Crosby, the first black disk jockey (DJ) in the upstate of South Carolina was born in Anderson County, SC	19
20	21	22  1979 – Matthew Perry becomes the first African American federal judge in South Carolina	23 <b>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN</b>	24	25	26
27  1935 – Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, the only woman to pitch for Negro Major League was born in Ridgeway, SC	28	29	30			

**D**rs. Harry and Evaretta Rutherford were a husband and wife team who devoted their lives to the success of students, teachers, and administrators, especially in Richland County School District One and at Benedict College in Columbia.

Born in Columbia, South Carolina, Harry Rutherford graduated from Booker T. Washington High School (BTW) in Columbia, SC in 1928; earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics at Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina; a master's degree from New York University; and, doctorate from Harvard University.

Evaretta Sims Rutherford, born in Washington, D.C. on August 24, 1910, attended Howard University and later moved to Columbia, South Carolina and taught English, Latin and French at BTW. She married Harry Rutherford in 1939. She received a master's degree from New York University and doctorate from Harvard University.

The Rutherfords left a legacy of contributions to educational reform and social justice issues. Harry co-founded the Richland Teachers Council Federal Union to provide loans to African American teachers who could not obtain them from other lending institutions. He served as principal at BTW from 1950-1964 and later as assistant superintendent in the Washington DC school system.

Evaretta Rutherford was chairman of the Department of Education at Benedict College before accepting a position as Professor of Education at Howard University in 1963. She later became the chair of Howard's Department of Education. She also served as a Fulbright Professor in India and South Africa and wrote or co-authored six books in the field of African studies.

The 119th Session of the 2011-2012 SC General Assembly named the interchange at the intersection of Interstate Highway 77 and SC Highway 555 in Richland County in honor of the Rutherfords. Evaretta Rutherford died in 1978 and Harry Rutherford died in 1980. They are survived by two sons, Drs. William and Harry Rutherford.

## Harry Rutherford, PhD and Evaretta Rutherford, PhD

*Educators and Community Activists*



# AFRICAN AMERICAN

## History Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 <small>1873 – Henry E. Hayne, the black Republican Secretary of State of South Carolina, registered as a student in the medical department of the University and was the first official matriculation of an African American student in the University of South Carolina</small>	8 <small>1941 – Civil rights leader, Jesse Jackson, is born in Greenville, SC</small>	9	10
11 <small>1975 – Kimberly Clarice Aiken, the first African American Miss America from South Carolina and Human Rights Advocate was born in Columbia, SC</small>	12 <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	13	14 <small>1963 – South Carolina officially "runs out of courts" as the U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear Clemson University's appeal</small>	15 <small>1960 – Students from Allen University &amp; Benedict College formed the Student Conference for Human Rights in order to facilitate cross-campus &amp; city-wide organizing 1967 – Winnsboro, SC native Sergeant First Class Webster Anderson of the 101st Airborne Division successfully defends his artillery position from a sustained enemy attack. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor</small>	16	17 <small>1871 – President Grant suspended the writ of habeas corpus and declared martial law in nine South Carolina counties affected by Ku Klux Klan activities</small>
18	19	20	21 <small>1917 – John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie was born in Cheraw, SC</small>	22	23	24
25	26 <small>1868 – B.F. Randolph, State Senator and Chairman of the State Republican Party, was assassinated in daylight at Hodges Depot in Abbeville, SC</small>	27	28	29	30	31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b>



**R**obert L. Satcher, Jr., MD, PhD is recognized for his varied career interests and notable successes. Born September 22, 1965 in Hampton, Virginia, he graduated from Denmark-Olar High School in Denmark, South Carolina in 1982; earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1986, a PhD in chemical engineering in 1993 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); and an MD from Harvard Medical School in 1994.

Satcher served as an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery and adjunct professor in Biomedical Engineering at Northwestern University. He was accepted into the astronaut candidate training program by NASA and in 2009 made his first trip to space aboard the space shuttle Atlantis, during which he completed two spacewalks.

In 2011, he returned to clinical practice at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. His work at M.D. Anderson includes a Global Oncology project, with plans to build a Cancer Center in sub-Saharan Africa. He received an AT&T grant to extend M.D. Anderson's specialized surgical expertise to rural and underserved communities. Satcher co-founded the Telehealth Research Institute, a collaborative endeavor between Rice University, the National Space Biomedical Research Institute, and M.D. Anderson, to create a consortium of physicians with academic and industry researchers to improve access to specialized health care by pairing the latest in research and technology for the remote delivery of medical services.

He is a member of several organizations, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, Doctors United in Medical Missions, and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. He has provided services to Big Brother for the Youth at Risk Counseling Program; National Society of Black Engineers; and underserved areas, including Nicaragua, Venezuela, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, and Gabon. Dr. Satcher has two children.

## Robert Satcher, MD, PhD

*Orthopaedic Oncology Surgeon, Astronaut and Engineer*






# AFRICAN AMERICAN

## History Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>ALL SAINTS' DAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS</b>	2	3 1896 – South Carolina State College (now known as South Carolina State University) is established 1970 – Herbert Fielding, James Felder, & I.S. Leavy Johnson elected to the S.C. House of Representatives as first African Americans since reconstruction 1998 – South Carolina removed its anti-miscegenation law	4	5 1974 – Juanita Goggins of Rock Hill, SC becomes the first black woman elected to the State Legislature	6 1992 – Congressman James Clyburn becomes the first black US Representative elected to office since Reconstruction	7
8 1983 – I. DeQuincey Newman because first African American elected to S. C. Senate since Reconstruction	9	10 1939 – 29 representatives from SC branches met in the library at Benedict College and founded the South Carolina NAACP State conference of branches	11 <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b>	12	13	14
15	16 1873 – Richard T. Greener, first Black graduate of Harvard University, is named professor of Metaphysics at the University of South Carolina	17	18 1963 – The annual meeting of South Carolina Council on Human Relations is held in the newly desegregated Downtowner Hotel in Columbia	19	20	21
22	23	24 1874 – Robert B. Elliott is elected Speaker of the lower house of the South Carolina legislature during Reconstruction	25	26 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	27	28 1872 – The South Carolina General Assembly met in Columbia and names four blacks to the seven-man governing board of the University of South Carolina: Samuel J. Lee, J.A. Bowley, Stephen A. Swails and W.R. Jervey
29	30					



**B**orn in New Haven, Connecticut, Dr. David Swinton received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from New York University in 1968; a Master of Arts in Economics in 1971 and a Doctor of Philosophy in Economics from Harvard in 1975. His professional experiences include: Director, Southern Center of Studies in Public Policy at Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia; and Dean, School of Business at Jackson State University.

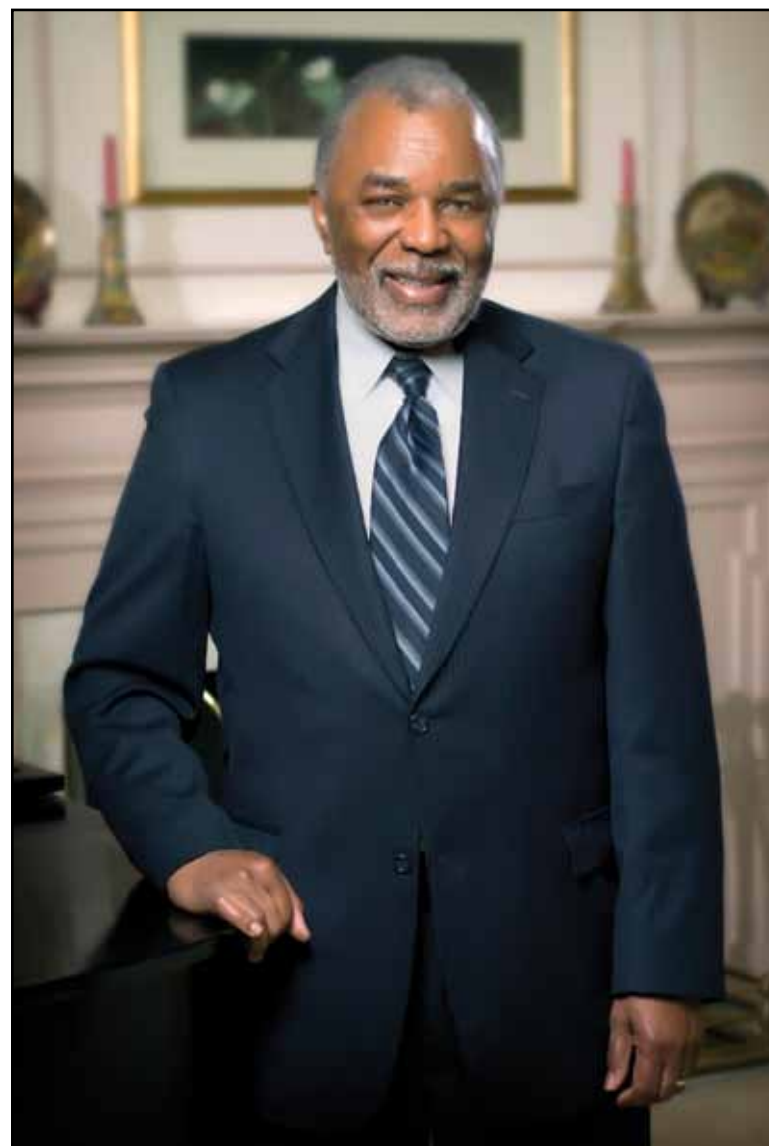
Swinton has published articles in the National Urban League's *The State of Black America*, and journals such as *American Economics Review*, *Journal of Urban Analysis*, and *The Review of Black Political Economy*. He has also provided expert testimony on African American economic issues at local and national levels. In 1998, Swinton became the first African American Chairman of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce. He has served as an Economic Advisor to the National Urban League, and member of the Board of Economists of *Black Enterprise Magazine*. He has served on and chaired many non-profit boards.

In 1994, Swinton was elected the 13th President of Benedict College. He has overseen the accreditation of seven schools and programs, has renovated and refurbished all existing campus facilities and has acquired over 120 acres of new land for campus use. He oversaw the construction or acquisition of new campus facilities, including Benedict's athletic complexes, six dormitories and a dozen other new buildings. He led redevelopment of the neighborhood immediately surrounding the College.

Swinton's honors/awards include: the NEA's Samuel Z. Westerfield Award; Lifetime Achievement Award in Education; Order of the Palmetto; and induction into the SC Black Hall of Fame. Swinton served as the primary negotiator for MSIs/HBCUs for the 2014 Title IV Issues for the U.S. Department of Education. He also served as the UNCF Member President. He is married to Patricia Lewis Swinton. They have six children and 16 grandchildren.

## David Holmes Swinton, PhD

President, Benedict College



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## History Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 1899 – Modjeska Monteith Simkins, known as the "matriarch of civil rights activists" in South Carolina was born in Columbia, SC 1902 – Annie Green Nelson, South Carolina's first known, published, female African American author, was born in Darlington County, SC 1935 – Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, founded National Council of Negro Women
6 <b>HANUKKAH BEGINS</b>  1870 – Joseph H. Rainey, first Black in the South Carolina House of Representatives is sworn in	7 <b>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>  1950 – Casey Manning, the first African American member of the University of South Carolina's basketball team was born in Dillon, SC	8	9	10	11	12  1963 – Five movie theaters in Columbia agree to admit one black couple each
13 1962 – The Edwards vs. SC trial begins which was in reaction to 187 petitioners consisted of African American high school and college students who peacefully assembled at the Zion Baptist Church in Columbia, SC in March 1961. The students marched in separate groups of roughly 15 to South Carolina State House grounds to peacefully express their grievances regarding civil rights of African Americans	14	15	16	17	18  1959 – South Carolina was declared an "independent commonwealth." <b>BLACKS IN CONFEDERACY:</b> Confederacy was the first to recognize that Blacks were major factors in the war conference of branches	19
20  1860 – South Carolina seceded from the Union becoming the first state to secede  1963 – Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman announces more demonstrations will be held despite the objections from the "Committee of 85"	21  1865 – South Carolina issues one of the first set of black codes "to regulate the relations of persons of color". Among the codes included those of illegal interracial marriages, master apprentice relations and service contracts	22 <b>FIRST DAY OF WINTER</b>	23  1863 – Robert Blake, powder boy aboard the USS Marblehead, was the first Black awarded the Naval Medal of Honor "for conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and integrity at the risk of his own life" in a battle that occurred off the coast of South Carolina on this day	24	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  1971 – Rev. Jesse Jackson organized Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity)	26 <b>KWANZAA BEGINS</b>
27	28	29	30	31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>		



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