

VIEWS FROM JACKSON STREET

FEBRUARY 2024



Since 1970 we have enjoyed the “Views from Jackson St”. We may have moved our physical location but not our services.

We've relocated to
701 S. Central Ave.
Phoenix, Az 85004

See our attached flyer of programs that will resume on
March 1, 2024

Celebrate
Black
HISTORY
month

Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

How To Support the Black Community with Your Dollars and Voice

Celebrating resilience, strength, and triumph: honoring the rich tapestry of Black history.

As Americans, we continue to witness injustices impacting the black community from people and institutions of power. Local First Arizona calls on our community members to stand up for justice and equity. It's all our responsibility to work toward peace and justice and to end racist practices that target communities of color. We ask our community to take these actionable steps in support of black communities. These are all actions in YOUR full control – you can start today, you can start tomorrow – the important thing is to start.

1. Use the power of your dollars and support black-owned businesses in Arizona. You can support businesses through [Archwood Exchange](#) and others that promote and support local companies right here. Support black artists and musicians whenever possible.
2. [Move your money out of banks](#) that have consistently red-lined black families from receiving home loans and have invested in private prisons and detention centers – all systems that have disproportionately impacted black communities across the country.
3. Read and educate yourself about Black history in the United States and read books written by black authors. Do so by purchasing books from local bookstores like [Grassrootz Books and Juice Bar](#) and [Palabras Bilingual Bookstore](#).
4. Elect leaders that represent diverse communities and reach out to your elected officials and demand they fight for policies that help black communities including criminal justice reform, mandatory minimum sentencing, and divestment from large financial institutions.
5. Finally, speak out and speak up. Have hard conversations with friends, family, and loved ones. It's on us.

BLACK HISTORY

Reverend Leon Howard Sullivan
Founder
Opportunities Industrialization Centers



John Hanson
Claimed as the First African American President of the United States



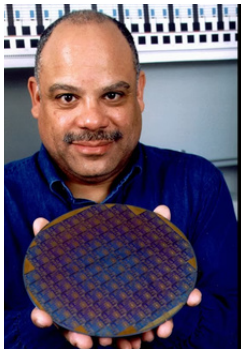
Ella Baker
Essential Activist
Civil Rights movement



Alice Coachman
First African American Female to win Olympic Gold Medal



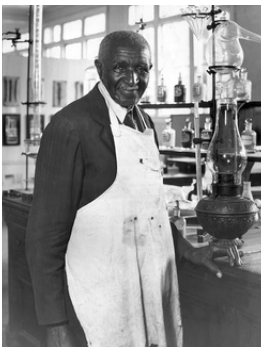
Gil Scott-Heron
Writer, Spoken Word, Musician
"Godfather of Rap"



Mark E. Dean
Top Engineer at IBM
Developed Printing



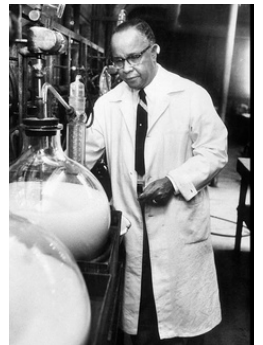
Benjamin O. Davis Jr
Commanded the Tuskegee Airmen



George Washington Carver
Agricultural Chemist
Discovery of Uses for the Peanut



Gwendolyn Brooks
First African American Author
to Win the Pulitzer Prize



Percy L. Julian
"Soybean Chemist"
Developed Innovative Drugs/Chemicals

BLACK HISTORY



Sarah Boone
Inventor of Ironing Board
First African American Woman To
get a Patent



Jane Bolin
First African American
Female Judge



Robert Sengstacke Abbott
Trailblazing Publisher



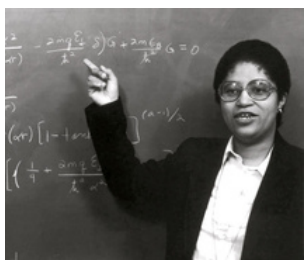
Sharon McDougle
Behind the NASA
Spacesuit Team



Daniel Williams
One of the First Open-
Heart Surgeries



Gladys Mae West
Developed the GPS



Shirley Ann Jackson
Invented Technology for
the Touch-Tone Phone



Charles R Drew
Pioneered in the Field of
Blood Transfusions and
Blood Storage



Ethel Waters
First African
American with own
TV show



Vivien Thomas
Helped Invent Heart Surgery



Sarah Breedlove Walker
Cosmetic Empire

ARIZONA BLACK HISTORY



Cloves Campbell Sr.
First African American
Member of the Arizona Senate



Dr. Winston Hackett
First African American Doctor
in Arizona



Helen K Mason
Founder of
Black Theater Troop



William E. Burt
Okemah Community
Historian



Veora Johnson
First African American
Woman to Hold Admin
Credentials in Education



Lincoln and Eleanor Ragsdale
Leaders in the Civil Rights
Movement in Arizona



**Frederick "The Fox"
Snowden**
First African American
Head Coach at a
Major University



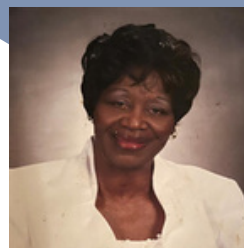
Ethel Maynard
First African American
Woman Elected to the
Arizona Legislature



Morrison Warren
Phoenix's First
African American
City Council Member



Mary Green
First African American
Resident
of Phoenix



Elbertzena Fontenot
Fonder of Elba House



Bestenia Campbel
First African American
Pharmacist in Arizona

ALUMNI Spotlight



I remember as a young child my dream has always been aviation. I have always been fascinated with anything that flies, particularly Airplanes since the age of 3. The love for aviation, I believe, started when I used to fly to the East Coast during the summer months with my family as a young kid to visit my Grandmother. I remember being that child in

Grammar School, who always wanted to make paper airplanes during free-time in class. During class recess, I would always look up to the sky to see the airplanes flying above. I remember telling my friends and teachers in Elementary School that I wanted to be a Pilot when I grew up.

Upon graduating from Jr. High School, and the onset of summertime, I wanted to work and needed a job. The organization that helped and provided me with my first job experience was OIC. OIC provided me with the mentorship that I aspired to as a young man on how to navigate the challenges of life as a young African American teenager. Throughout my tenure working through the OIC Programs, OIC taught and motivated me that I could be whatever I wanted to be, just as long as I put my mind to it. OIC helped me to develop a strong foundation of professional, interpersonal and social skills which is required as a young person matriculating in society as well as the workforce. My first real job interview was with OIC, in which I remember having to wear a suit and tie to the interview. I have always been inspired and feel forever appreciative and grateful for the opportunities that OIC provided me as a young man.

I attended South Mountain High School, where I had the opportunity to enroll in the Aerospace Magnet Program. That program provided me with the opportunity to study Aerospace and take flight instruction while in high school, resulting in earning my Private Pilot's License at the age of 18. While at South Mountain High School, I played Varsity Football and earned the Title of All-City Running Back my Senior Year in addition to graduating within the top 5% of my Senior Graduating Class. After High School I went on to attend an Historically Black College/University (HBCU) Morehouse College and graduated with a Business Marketing Degree.

After graduating from Morehouse College, I joined the workforce, however, I remained passionate about Aviation! As a result, I held steadfast to my dream to become a Professional Airline Pilot. I enrolled in additional flight school courses to pursue my childhood dream. Fast forward to 2023, I earned the title of Captain for an Airline, flying an Embraer 175 Jet Aircraft. In addition, on September 8, 2023, I had the opportunity to fly my parent's on a round trip flight from Houston, Texas to Atlanta, Georgia. This was an awesome opportunity for my parents and an experience that I will never forget. All that I can say is that dream's do come true. As a man of Christian Faith, I am a testament that with God's help, all things are possible! I would like to thank OIC and Dr. Gene Blue for helping, inspiring and motivating me to achieve my dreams.

I would like to impart a message to the younger generation(s). Hold on to your dreams and don't let anyone else's perception of you create your reality, in other word's don't let anyone tell you that you can't achieve your dreams. Stay true to yourself, work hard, stay humble, have hope and compassion and keep the faith.

~ John B. Hart, Jr.



Cptn. John B. Hart Jr.

Professional Airline Pilot



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