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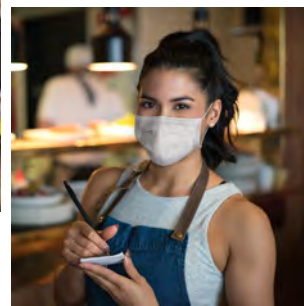
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"Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope."

The **2022** theme is "both a tribute to the ceaseless work of **caregivers and frontline workers** during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history."



(CNN) A critical care nurse was the first person in New York and among the first people in the United States to get a shot of the coronavirus vaccine authorized by the US Food and Drug Administration. Sandra Lindsay, an ICU nurse at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in Queens, New York City, was administered the vaccine during a live video event at about 9:20 a.m. ET on Monday, December 14, 2020. Dr. Michelle Chester, the corporate director of employee health services at Northwell Health, delivered the Pfizer shot.



Caregivers and Frontline Workers!



*More than 3,600 U.S. Healthcare workers died from COVID within the first year.

*Special Thanks to all of you who continually contribute to the newsletter.

*Please submit your Article & **Credit** by the First Sunday of each month.

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Women's History Month

Every year, March is designated Women’s History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women’s contributions in American history.

Did You Know? Women’s History Month started as Women’s History Week . . .

Women’s History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a “Women’s History Week” celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women’s Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women’s History Week celebrations the following year.

In 1980, a consortium of women’s groups and historians—led by the National Women’s History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women’s History Week.

Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women’s History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as “Women’s History Month.” Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women’s History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month.”



From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

President Jimmy Carter's Message designating March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's History Week

The National Women’s History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme.



THE NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY ALLIANCE

CELEBRATE WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH & WEBINAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

11 AM PDT & 2 PM EDT

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION : [HERE](https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org)

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President's Message

Greetings in the month of March, this month has always been extra special to me, it's the birthday month for me, my wife and three of my sisters (one deceased), to a number of my nieces, and nephews. I guess you can say it's a family affair.

As we move away from the month of February the month when we celebrate Black History it is important to continue to remember that black history and all history is important if we are to know and understand how we got to where we are today. I would advise you to not be distracted by terms such as Critical Race Theory and understand what it means because some groups are using it as a way to eliminate or dilute the teaching of Black History in schools.

War and Peace. The invasion of Ukraine by Russia is another example of the unstable world we live in. It seems almost unconscionable that a major military power can invade and destroy a small country like Ukraine and the only help it can get is humanitarian and military aid from other major military powers. In the meantime, over a million of its citizens have had to evacuate to other countries, and even in the mist of evacuation we hear of blatant discrimination against minority students who are being denied access to transportation out of Ukraine. Dr. M. L. King spoke of one day being judged by the content of your character, and not the color of your skin, that day may never come.

The world is watching the events that is unfolding in Ukraine, we all need to keep the Ukrainian people and everyone that is involved in the events that is taking place there in our prayer.

After a mild Winter we are nearing spring, another wonderful time of the year, enjoy it because we are in for a brutal and hot summer. Prepare to do your outdoor chores in the morning time, so you can avoid the afternoon heat.

Be safe, be aware of what is happening in this state your country and the world, things are happening and all is not good.

Quote: Every human has four endowments- self-awareness, conscience, independent will and creative imagination. These give us the ultimate human freedom... The power to choose, to respond, to change.—Stephen R. Covey

Submitted by

Arthur Jarvis, President

All Members Take Note:

Club Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2022

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

Host: RAFMAN Raynard Graham
Golden Corral
8032 International Dr. Orlando

3:00 PM — Club Meeting

L. Claudia Allen Senior Center
1840 Mable Butler Ave.
Orlando, FL 32805

Keep Safe!

Entertainment News and More.....From Simon

Spring is in the air and I am ready. Enough of the cold weather for me! As well, time is springing forward and will bring much more daylight. Thank heavens for that also. So, I hope that you are ready to get out and about and enjoy the warmer weather and the long days.

Here is more reading enjoyment and enlightenment for you. Hope that you will enjoy it:



First Female Commanding Officer for the *USS CONSTITUTION*

The *USS CONSTITUTION*'s first female commanding officer took charge of Old Ironsides during a change-of-command ceremony on Friday, Jan. 21, at noon. The *CONSTITUTION*'s 76th commanding officer, Cmdr. John Benda, was relieved by Cmdr. Billie J. Farrell. As the 77th commanding officer of *USS CONSTITUTION*, Farrell is the first woman to serve as captain in the ship's 224-year history, dating back to 1797.

Farrell previously served as the executive officer aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser *USS VICKSBURG (CG-69)*. She is a native of Paducah, Kentucky, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy as well as the University of Arkansas.

Cmdr. Billie Farrell (L), the commanding officer of the *USS CONSTITUTION* standing with Capt. Dave Snee (R), son of retired Navy Force Master Chief Tom Snee, past NED for the FRA.



The first female commissioned officer to serve aboard *USS CONSTITUTION* was Lt. Cmdr. Claire V. Bloom, who served as an executive officer and led the historic 1997 sail, the first time Old Ironsides had sailed under its own power since 1881.

The first female crew member was Rosemarie Lanam, an enlisted sailor, who joined *USS CONSTITUTION*'s crew in 1986. Today, women comprise more than one-third of the 80-person crew.

I grew up in middle America in the 1970s, when sports were separated by gender, but almost everything else was gender-neutral — the science fair, spelling bee, student council, etc. As this country continues to struggle with being politically correct, it is great to see progress being made in the military. For many decades women have been so important to the armed forces that Farrell's promotion seems a long time coming. There is a certain symbolism in having a woman at the helm of the nation's oldest commissioned vessel, giving women a place in the very heart of Navy history. We've certainly come a long way since the days of the WAVES and SPARs we've published articles about recently! I know I join many of our Shipmates in wishing Billie J. Farrell success in her new position.

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In Loyalty, Protection and Service,
William D. Stevenson, Editor-in-Chief

I'll see you soon.

Peace *Simon*

HISTORY OF THE NAVY RESERVE

BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS ETHAN MILLER, ALL HANDS MAGAZINE

Since its establishment on March 3, 1915, millions of individuals across the country have answered the call and chosen to serve in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

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Initially founded to ready America for potential involvement in World War I, the Naval Reserve Force was first only open to Navy veterans — within a year, however, general enlistment requirements were constructed and the public's involvement skyrocketed. By the end of the war, the number of serving Naval Reservists grew to 245,789, counting for 54 percent of the total U.S. Naval Force at the time - by the end of World War II that number climbed to 3 million, or 84 percent of all Sailors serving at the time.

In the 104 years since, the Naval Reserve has mobilized their support in nearly every global conflict — more than 100,000 Reserve Sailors returned to active duty at the start of the Korean War, 40 Navy Reserve Training ships were activated during the Cold War, and more than 70,000 Reserve Sailors served around the world in the Global War on Terror following the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Throughout the past century, the Navy Reserve has been on the forward edge of military progress. Their mission in support of our nation's active duty forces has led to reforms and advances across the fleet. As long as there are citizens who feel the call to serve their country, the Navy Reserve sails on.



Sailor Charles Walter David Jr. Gave His Life to Save Fellow Americans

PROFILE <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/profiles>

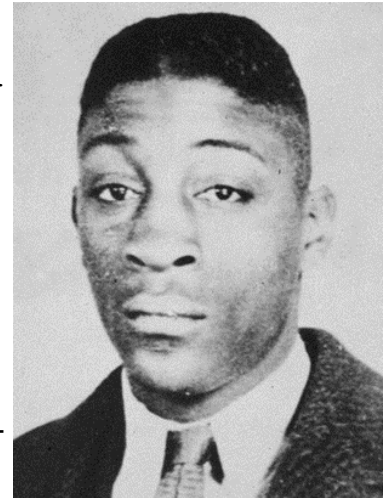
Coast Guardsman Charles Walter David Jr. volunteered to rescue sailors from the doomed USAT *Dorchester* and also saved the lives of two of his own shipmates.

October 5, 2020

Image: Charles Walter David Jr. courtesy of the US Coast Guard.

Charles Walter David Jr. was born on June 20, 1917 in New York, New York. Little is known about his childhood, but as an African American man, he would have had few economic opportunities. In March 1941, he decided to enlist in the US Coast Guard despite having a wife and three-year-old son. In the segregated American military, David was assigned to do menial work in ship kitchens. Nevertheless, he labored diligently and was promoted to mess attendant first class.

After the United States entered World War II, David was assigned to the Coast Guard cutter SCGC *Comanche*. Aboard the *Comanche*, David was responsible for maintaining officers' quarters, but in his off-duty hours he entertained the crew by playing his harmonica.



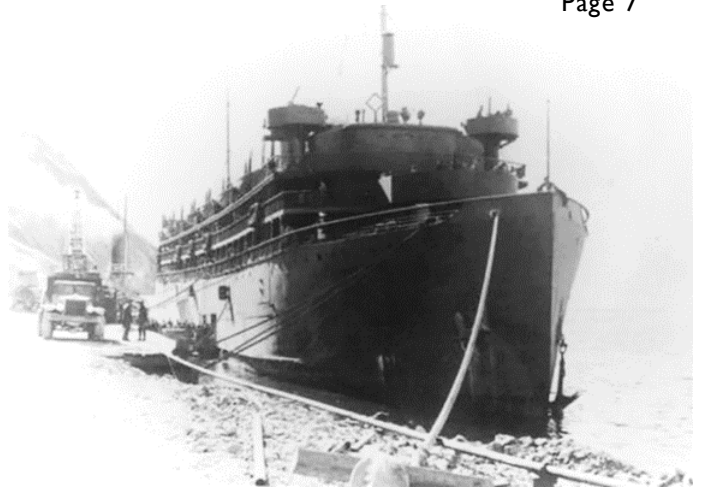
The USCGC *Comanche*. Courtesy of the US Coast Guard.

At 12:55 a.m. on February 3, 1943, the *Comanche* and three other cutters were escorting three transport ships carrying US troops and civilian contractors from the United States to Greenland. Off the coast of Greenland, the German submarine *U-233* torpedoed the USAT *Dorchester*, which was carrying more than 900 men. The *Dorchester* rapidly began sinking and panic spread among the soldiers aboard. Hundreds were forced to jump into the frigid ocean because not all the lifeboats could be launched in time. Aboard the *Dorchester*, four Army chaplains—Methodist minister the Reverend George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Catholic priest Father John P. Washington, and Reformed Church in America minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling—guided soldiers trapped below deck to escape hatches. The chaplains passed out life vests and when the supply ran out, they gave their own life vests to men who had none. When the chaplains had done all, they could, they linked arms to pray and sing hymns as the *Dorchester* slipped beneath the waves, less than 20 minutes after the torpedo struck the former civilian ocean liner.



USAT *Dorchester*. Courtesy of the US Coast Guard.

Sailors aboard the other vessels in the convoy watched the tragedy unfold. The captain of the *Comanche* chose to ignore the obvious danger of another torpedo attack and maneuvered his ship to pick up survivors. Even so, hundreds of men from the *Dorchester* died within minutes from exposure in the cold water. The men aboard lifeboats faced a similar fate if they could not be quickly hauled aboard the *Comanche*.



The *Comanche*'s crew lowered rope climbing nets to the lifeboats, but many of the *Dorchester*'s survivors were too weak from the cold to climb to safety. Ten-foot waves also threatened to toss soldiers into the icy water if they slipped or if their lifeboats capsized.

Witnessing the crisis, David and several other men voluntarily climbed down into the lifeboats where they helped lift the shivering men up onto the *Comanche*'s deck. Even though David was one of the lowest ranking men on his ship and his own nation considered him a second-class citizen, he willingly put his life at risk to save his fellow Americans. During the precarious operation, the *Comanche*'s executive officer, Lieutenant Langford Anderson, fell overboard. Without hesitation, David dived into the deadly waters to save Anderson. David then helped lift a second shipmate, David Swanson, back onto the *Comanche* when Swanson had grown too weak from helping other men. Swanson recalled that David was a "tower of strength" who shouted encouragement to his fellow sailors during the harrowing ordeal. In addition to the two men whom David single-handedly saved, he and his shipmates successfully rescued 93 survivors from the *Dorchester*.

Charles Walter David Jr.'s widow and son receiving David's Navy and Marine Corps Medal from Rear Admiral Stanley Parker and Lieutenant Langford Anderson. Courtesy US Coast Guard.

Although the *Comanche* and other ships rescued a total of 230 men from the *Dorchester*, nearly 700 others lost their lives. Shortly after David's heroics, he contracted pneumonia from his time in the water. Fifty-four days later, on March 23, 1943, he succumbed to the illness in a hospital in Greenland. His crewmates did not learn of his death until weeks later. The Coast Guard posthumously awarded David the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. David's widow and young son received the medal from Rear Admiral Stanley V. Parker and Lieutenant Anderson, the man David had pulled to safety. In 2010, the US Coast Guard named a Sentinel Class cutter in David's honor.



MIGHTY HISTORY

The only all-Black, all-female battalion that served overseas during WWII

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For troops on the frontlines, receiving mail from home is a welcome reprieve from the stress and dangers of combat. During WWII, it was the job of units like the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion to make sure that mail sent from the states got to the troops overseas. What made the 6888th unique was that it was the only all-Black battalion of the Women's Army Corps to serve overseas during the war.



Because of the high demand for frontline troops, the Army had a significant shortage of soldiers who could manage postal services in theater. In 1944, Black civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune lobbied First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt for “a role for Black women in war overseas.” Her efforts were joined by Black newspapers who called for the Army to give Black women the opportunity to support the war effort in a more direct role.

The 6888th during the Joan of Arc parade in Rouen (U.S. Army)

The Army responded by creating the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion in the Women's Army Corps. Nicknamed the “Six Triple Eight”, the unit's motto was “No mail, low morale.” The battalion was made up of 855 women, both officers and enlisted. Most of them worked as postal clerks. However, the women also filled other positions like cooks and mechanics. Because of this, the 6888th was a self-sufficient unit.



The 6888th left the United States for Europe on February 3, 1945. Twelve days later, the women arrived in Birmingham, England where they found the backlog of mail that they were responsible for. In the temporary post office, a converted aircraft hangar, mail was stacked to

the ceiling. Some letters were postmarked as early as 1943. Part of the problem was that mail was commonly addressed with only a soldier's first name or even a nickname.

The Army gave the 6888th six months to sort through the backlog of mail and sent a white officer to the unit to tell them how to do the job right. The 6888th's commander, Major Charity Adams Earley responded by saying, "Sir, over my dead body." The women devised their own system to sort the mail. Working in three shifts, seven days a week, each shift handled an estimated 65,000 pieces of mail. They completed their six-month tasking in just three months. After they cleared the enormous backlog of mail in Birmingham, the women of the 6888th were sent across the Channel to France in May, 1945. The unit was camped in Rouen where they given another backlog of mail, some of which was postmarked 1942. According to Army historians, the military police of the 6888th were not allowed to carry weapons. As a result, the MPs were trained in jujitsu to deter "unwanted visitors."

The first Black female service members to arrive in Europe were the women of the 6888th (U.S. National Archives and Records Administration)

In May 1945, the women of the 6888th marched in a parade ceremony in honor of Joan of Arc through the marketplace where the saint was burned at the stake. By 1945, the women had cleared the Rouen backlog of mail and were sent to Paris. Upon their arrival, they marched through the city and were welcomed enthusiastically by the Parisians. They were even housed in a hotel where the staff treated them like top-tier guests.

With the war over on all fronts, the 6888th was cut by 300 women with 200 set to be discharged in January 1946. In February 1946, the women that remained were sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey where the unit was disbanded. There was no public recognition for the unit's service.

In 2009, the 6888th was honored at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. Seven years later, the 6888th was inducted into the U.S. Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame. In 2018, a monument to the women of the 6888th was erected at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. When asked about her service by the American Veterans Center, 6888th veteran Anna Mae Robertson said with a chuckle, "I was doing the best I could."

The 6888th marches in formation (U.S. Army)





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Navy recovers F-35 from bottom of South China Sea

The U.S. Navy has retrieved the F-35C Lightning II plane that crashed in January in the South China Sea.

A team made up of divers from the 7th Fleet's Task Force and a Navy salvage and diving team recovered the wreckage from the bottom of the South China Sea, about 12,400 feet below the surface, the Navy said in a press release Thursday.

© Provided by CBS News Navy F-35 plan recovered from South China Sea, Mar. 3, 2022. / Credit: Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy

The team used a vehicle operated remotely to rig and lift the aircraft with a crane lifting hook attached to the ship, the Picasso.

The F-35 had a landing mishap on deck while USS Carl Vinson was conducting routine flight operations in the South China Sea in late January.

The pilot ejected from the aircraft and was recovered by a U.S. military helicopter. Seven sailors were also injured. Afterward, a photo and video of the jet that crashed were shared on social media, both of which were later determined by the Navy to have been shot by someone who was on the USS Carl Vinson.

The F-35 will now go to a military installation that's close by for the ongoing investigation into the crash, as well as the leak of the photo and video.

Reporting by David Martin and Eleanor Watson.



SHELLY CAYETTE BECOMES FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO SERVE AS EVP, CCO FOR NBA TEAM

by [Atiya Jordan](#) January 28, 2022 · <https://www.blackenterprise.com>

(Image: Cleveland Cavaliers)

The Cleveland Cavaliers have named the first Black woman to serve as executive vice president and chief commercial officer for an NBA team, according to News 5 Cleveland.

Meet **Shelly Cayette**, the woman making monumental strides and looking forward to paving the way in her new role.

“Look, I’ve got to tell you—part of me would like to see the day when I’m not making history,” Cayette-Weston told Crain’s Cleveland Business’ Joe Scalzo. “It’s nice to know that I’m the first, but hopefully I can open doors so there aren’t any more firsts. The goal is to do away with firsts.”



Cayette joined the Cavs in 2012. She most recently served as the team’s senior vice president of global partnerships, and brings ample leadership experience into her new role. She will oversee all corporate and ticket sales revenue and strategy, sports programs, and membership sales and services. As chief commercial officer, Cayette also will oversee all revenue generation from corporate partners and ticket sales and service across the Rock Entertainment Group family of teams and properties.

This past November, Cayette was listed in *Sports Business Journal*’s 40 Under 40 class of 2021.

“Shelly Cayette is both a game-changer and a leader of the highest caliber,” said **Nic Barlage**, the Cavs’ president of business operations and Rock Entertainment Group chief operating officer, in a statement. “This promotion is a reflection of not only those qualities and the business success she has generated, but the person she is and how she has impacted so many other members of our organization, our community and our industry.”

A St. James, LA, native, Cayette played college basketball at Tulane University before embarking on her career as a marketing coordinator for Harrah’s Casino, in New Orleans. Her marketing experience led her to work for the New Orleans Hornets in 2007. Five years later, she moved to Cleveland to become the Cavs’ vice president of partnership marketing and strategy.



Karmyn Norwood
Air Mobility and Maritime Missions
Vice President, Program Management



Karmyn Norwood is the site vice president for the Air Mobility & Maritime Missions (AMMM) Line of Business (LOB) for Lockheed Martin Corporation. In this capacity, she is responsible for the Marietta site operations enabling program execution of multi-billion-dollar platforms. Her focus is to optimize the workforce and manage the plant's physical footprint to drive affordability and efficiency to ensure long term viability and competitiveness.

Previously, Ms. Norwood was the C-130 Production Operations director and Meridian Site general manager at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. She managed the day-to-day operations of the Meridian plant, including Meridian's manufacturing and deliverables to the C-130 Program. She worked closely with leaders at the Marietta, Clarksburg, Johnstown, and Pinellas's facilities to achieve program level commitments and drive affordability.

Prior to this role, Karmyn served as director of Operations within Technical Operations at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, responsible for more than 7,000 engineers accountable for the design, development, integration, production, and sustainment of military aircraft for the United States and countries around the world. Ms. Norwood also served as Director of F-22 Program Operations, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the F-22 Program. In this role, she was responsible for leading the merger of two multi-billion programs to reduce costs, streamline processes and to strengthen the workforce. This merger resulted in the formation of the Integrated Fighter Group.

A Lockheed Martin employee since 2002, Ms. Norwood has held various leadership roles of increasing responsibility, including director-level positions on the F-22 Program and Engineering and Technical Operations. Her 20-year career, including time in the U.S. Government demonstrates diverse experiences in the federal government, commercial, and aerospace industries.

Ms. Norwood holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Jackson State University (Jackson, MS), a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from George Mason University (Fairfax, VA). She is currently pursuing an Executive MBA at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She is also a graduate of the Defense Acquisition University Program Management Institute. Ms. Norwood is a recipient of the 2015 Black Engineer of Year Special Recognition Award.

Ms. Norwood is a member of the Jackson State University Computer Science Engineering and Technology Advisory Board where she provides student development opportunities as well as guidance on future industry opportunities in support of the board's strategic vision. In addition to giving back to her alma mater, Karmyn is dedicated to ensuring a pipeline of diverse talent is developed through Science, Engineering, Technology and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives for Lockheed Martin's future workforce requirements.

To Diversify The Engineering Sector, \$5M Has Been Pledged Toward HBCUs' Schools Of Engineering

Samantha Dorisca

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On a mission to diversify the engineering sector, \$5 million has been pledged towards 15 accredited Historically Black College and Universities' (HBCUs') Schools of Engineering.

Los Angeles Sentinel reports LADWP Board of Water and Power Commissioners has signed a five-year agreement with Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering to house technical and scientific research at HBCUs.

“As LADWP attracts top scientific talent for our next generation, we must also keep equity in mind to ensure we are reaching potential candidates who may not have been traditionally represented in our ranks and in the utility industry,” said Monique Earl, LADWP Senior Assistant General Manager and Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, according to Los Angeles Sentinel.

“Refocusing our recruitment programs to engage with HBCUs and other educational institutions championing diversity is key to creating robust pathways to employment for underrepresented groups and ultimately transforming our workplace to a more inclusive one.”

Collaboration To Establish Long Term Relationships With HBCUs

The commitment will spearhead ongoing relationships with HBCUs and research projects to support city and state mandates. In addition, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will work alongside research teams and curriculum developers at the institutions. The gesture will provide training for various fields to manage the Los Angeles water and power systems.

The institutions are: Alabama A&M University, Florida A&M University, Hampton University, Howard University, Jackson State University, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Prairie View A&M University, Southern University, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, University of the District of Columbia and Virginia State University.

“This initiative is an example of what the Department’s development of a Racial Equity Action Plan and the creation of an Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are meant to do—to create opportunities where there may not have been before,” said Martin L. Adams, LADWP General Manager and Chief Engineer, according to Los Angeles Sentinel. “This partnership with AMIE to engage HBCUs at the research level will also further strengthen our ability at LADWP to attract top talent from the nationally recognized programs for future employment at LADWP.”

How the Stop Woke Act threatens my education

I first came across the concept of intersectionality in a sophomore writing class. The understanding that being a Black woman, or a Black gay woman, meant being faced with multiple, intersecting oppressions empowered me and encouraged me to take more political science classes. I am now majoring in criminal justice and minoring in political science at Florida Atlantic University, as a direct result of having taken this transformative class.

HB7/SB148, also known as the “Stop Woke” Act, is a threat to my education, my high school sister’s education, and the education of people like us. That’s why I call it the “Destruction of Education Act” instead.

This bill would prevent students in K-12 schools and through university from learning about the discrimination and oppression that impact our own lives, just because it may make white students “uncomfortable.” It would block teachers from being trained on issues of systemic racism, diversity, and inclusion, causing teachers to be less prepared to teach students who experience racism and exclusion on a daily basis. The bill says that it is not possible to be discriminated against on the basis of ethnicity or gender — when we know that isn’t true. It redefines who is worthy of an education that caters to their comfort, and whose experience — like mine — matters so little that it cannot be truly taught or valued at all.

I am a Black student. I go to school to learn the history of discrimination and oppression so I can fight these forces in my own life. That is the value of an education for me, and this bill is trying to take that away from me. It is trying to take away my chance at liberation.

There is no way I can study political science and criminal justice without studying race — specifically, without studying the historical and present systems that oppress Black people and people of color. Can I truly say I’m a political science minor if I can’t learn about the historical and present efforts to lock Black people out of political power? Can I truly study criminal justice without



By Brianna Beadle

learning about the ways the criminal justice system disproportionately targets Black people for mass incarceration? To undermine my education in this way is an injustice. That’s why I and other students like me are working with the Florida Student Power Network to challenge this bill.

Education shouldn’t be about avoiding the difficult truths and rewriting history to try to make white people feel better. It should be about owning all of our history, all of our diversity, and giving us the tools to build a world free from oppression. That can only happen if our students learn the truth and our teachers are prepared to teach it. It can only happen without these constant efforts to undermine the education we receive in our schools,

with bills like this being pushed all across the country. As students, we deserve an education relevant to our lives that helps us know our own stories, our own histories, to ground us as we prepare for the rest of our lives.

Instead, we get bills like this that show us there is a fear of us knowing our own histories. This bill was introduced because politicians like Ron DeSantis are afraid of what people of color can do once we become educated about race and systems of oppression in this country. Education is our key to taking action to end these systems of oppression. These politicians are afraid

that once we know the truth, once we fight back, they will lose power. How powerful must we be that legislators are this afraid of us knowing the truth?

Instead of prioritizing these fearmongering bills, prioritize us. Invest in us. Give us the schools that we deserve, the education that we deserve. Give us funding, resources, and a full curriculum where we can see ourselves and learn from our histories. Make sure we are *all* protected from discrimination in our schools. Let our education be a source of knowledge, power, and liberation for each one of us.

Brianna Beadle is a youth leader at Florida Rising and a criminal-justice major at Florida Atlantic.

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Raye Jean Montague

Interview Date: March 12, 2018

Profession/ Category: ScienceMakers

Occupation(s): Engineer

Birthplace Born: 1/21/1935 · Birth Location: Little Rock, Arkansas

Favorites: Color: Blue · Food: Chili · Time of Year: Summer

· Vacation Spot: Karaca Island · Quote: The Best Is Yet To Come



Biography

Engineer Raye Jean Montague was born on January 21, 1935 in Little Rock, Arkansas to Rayford Jordan and Flossie Graves Jordan. Montague graduated from Merrill High School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in 1952, and enrolled at Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal College (now called The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff). Initially, Montague aspired to study engineering, but received her B.S. degree in business because the engineering program did not accept African American students.

In 1956, Montague joined the U.S. Navy in Carderock, Maryland, and was stationed at David Taylor Model Basin (now the Naval Surface Warfare Center). Montague worked as a clerk typist for several years, before becoming a digital computer systems operator and a computer systems analyst at the Naval Ship Engineering Center in Washington D.C. Montague was promoted to program director of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) integrated design, manufacturing, and maintenance program; and she also served as the division head of the Navy's computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing program. In 1971 Montague became the first person to design a naval ship using a computer, producing the first draft for the FFG-7 Frigate in under nineteen hours. Montague was the U.S. Navy's first female program manager of ships and the first program manager of the information systems improvement program. Over the course of her career, Montague worked on the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower as well as the Navy's first landing craft helicopter-assault ship. She retired from the U.S. Navy in 1990.

In 1972, Montague received the U.S. Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and was also nominated for the Federal Woman of the Year Award by the secretary of the Navy. In 1982, Montague became the first female engineer to receive the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Achievement Award. She also received the National Computer Graphics Association Award for Advancement of Computer Graphics in 1988. Montague was the first woman to serve on the board of directors for the Numerical Control Society; and she also held memberships with LifeQuest of Arkansas, The Links Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Arkansas Association of University Women, and the American Contract Bridge League. Montague was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame in 2013, and Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame in 2018. In May of 2018, she was conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Montague passed away on October 10, 2018.

Raye Jean Montague was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 20, 2017.

Atherine Lucy Foster, first Black student at the University of Alabama, dies at 92

Atherine Lucy Foster, center, discusses her experience at the University of Alabama at a news conference in 1956 with Ruby Hurley, right, a regional NAACP official, and attorney Arthur Shores.

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Atherine Lucy Foster, who endured death threats and racist taunts as the University of Alabama's first Black student but later became a much-honored alumni, has died at 92.

University officials announced her death in a statement. Her daughter, Angela Foster Dickerson, said her mother died Wednesday morning but did not state a cause.



Foster in 1956 briefly attended classes at the then all-white university. She was expelled three days later after her presence brought protests and death threats. A graduate student studying education, Foster had faced hostile crowds hurling racially charged threats and debris.

The university later celebrated Foster's legacy, her role in desegregating the institution and her bravery at a time when much of the Deep South was still segregated.

Foster's determination to attend the university came six years before James Meredith arrived at the all-white University of Mississippi in 1962, sparking a night of deadly rioting as angry white people armed with rocks, bottles and guns clashed with federal marshals. Thousands of federal troops were dispatched to quell the violence, which left two dead and hundreds injured, but Meredith emerged from the shelter of a dormitory the next day to become the first Black person to attend the university, ending a century of white privilege.

Foster's death comes less than a week after University of Alabama officials dedicated the campus building where she briefly attended classes in her honor. During the ceremony, she was also proclaimed a "master teacher."

"If I am a master teacher, what I hope I am teaching you is that love will take care of everything in our world, don't you think?" Foster said at the dedication ceremony last week.

"It's not your color. It's not how bright you are. It's how you feel about those that you deal with," Foster said.

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In 2019, she was awarded an honorary doctorate by the university, where she had returned and earned a master's in education in 1992.

"Dr. Foster will always be remembered as one who broke barriers, reminded us of the respect due to every individual and lived a life of strength in steadfast service to her students and community," University President Stuart R. Bell said in a statement.

Autherine Lucy Foster—

A plan for the building to also keep the name of one-time Gov. Bibb Graves, who was a leader of the Ku Klux Klan, was abandoned after heavy criticism.

“It felt that even her [Foster’s] legacy, no matter what accolades she had previously as a Black woman, it did not matter. She had to share the indignity of being on a building name hyphenated with a Klansmen,” Hilary Green, an associate history professor at the university, told AL.com.

Trustees decided instead to rename the classroom building solely for Foster, and it will be known as Autherine Lucy Hall.

Foster’s family wanted to use her maiden name since she was known as Autherine Lucy while originally on campus.

After Foster left the campus in the 1950s, Black students did not return until 1963, when Gov. George Wallace made his infamous stand in the door to prevent two Black students from entering. The National Guard later pushed Wallace aside.

A Times staff writer contributed to this report.

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[Pray for me] that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19

Catherine and I were good friends in high school. When we weren't talking on the phone, we were passing notes in class to plan our next sleepover. Sometimes we rode horses together and partnered on school projects.

One Sunday afternoon, I started to think about Catherine. My pastor had spoken that morning about how to have eternal life, and I knew my friend didn't believe the Bible's teachings the way I did. I felt a burden to call her and explain how she could have a relationship with Jesus. I hesitated, though, because I was afraid she would reject what I said and distance herself from me.

I think this fear keeps a lot of us quiet. Even the apostle Paul had to ask people to pray that he would "fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19). There's no getting around the risk involved with sharing the good news, yet Paul said he was "an ambassador"—someone speaking on behalf of God (v. 20). We are too. If people reject our message, they're also rejecting the One who sent the message. God experiences the sting along with us.

So what compels us to speak up? We care about people, like God does (2 Peter 3:9). That's what led me to finally call Catherine. Amazingly, she didn't shut me down. She listened. She asked questions. She asked Jesus to forgive her sin and

decided to live for Him. The risk was worth the reward.

By Jennifer Benson Schuldt

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:18—20

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.



REFLECT & PRAYERS

Whom might God want you to speak to on His behalf? What's stopping you? What effect would prayer have on this situation?

Dear Father, give me the courage to reach out to people who don't know You. Give me wisdom to know when and how to start conversations about You.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

Paul's instructions on prayer in Ephesians 6:18–20 addressed the reality of spiritual warfare and the Ephesian believers' need for spiritual armor. The spiritual conflict before them was made all the more daunting because of the rampant idolatry and occult practices that prevailed in their community (see Acts 19:19, 25–27). In Ephesians 6:10–17, the apostle described for this church family the challenges they faced and the resources available to them. Nevertheless, even with the elements of spiritual armor in place, Paul made it clear that prayer is a key component for living out their faith in such a harsh place. In battling spiritual forces, we need to enlist the aid of the greatest spiritual power in the universe—the true and living God Himself.

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