

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



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NEWSLETTER**

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Although we at Assetcoin Capital Fund celebrate our beautiful blackness all 365 days of the year including leap year. Thanks to our ancestors, the month of February shines a light so bright on Black history that no one can ignore it anymore and we love it! For the month of February, we want to take you back to the origin of Black History and highlight some of the many legends that paved the way for so many of us.




The celebration of Black History Month began as *“Nego History Week”* which was created in 1926 by Carter Godwin Woodson - the second African American to receive a doctorate from Harvard after W.E.B. Du Bois. As a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher, Woodson dedicated his career to the field of African American history and lobbied extensively to establish Black History Month as a nationwide celebration.


Chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, *President Gerald Ford designated the month of February as Black History Month in 1976* to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans.

Throughout this month, we encourage you to take time to highlight America’s black doctors, scientist, tech’s, journalist, educators, writers, scholars, entrepreneurs, business owners, nurses, soldiers, entertainers, and artist.

African American Innovators




Augustus Jackson
Modern Day Ice Cream

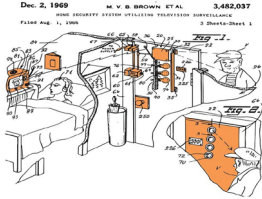


Augustus Jackson is the *inventor of modern-day ice cream!* He created the idea of adding salt to ice and developed techniques to control the custard while it was still freezing.

Next time you enjoy a nice scoop of ice cream, thank Augustus!



Marie Van Brittan Brown
Security System



Marie Van Brittan Brown was the *inventor of the first home security system!* She was able to patent it in 1966 and her invention influences our modern-day security systems.

Her original invention was comprised of peepholes, a camera, monitors, and a two-way microphone.

Thank you, Marie!



Sarah Boone **Ironing Board**

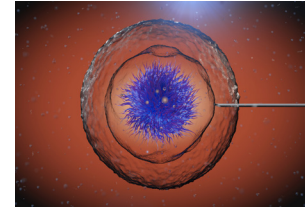


Talk about black women looking out! In 1892, Sarah Boone *patented a design improvement for the ironing board*. Sarah improved upon the original design made by Elijah McCoy, a Canadian-born Black inventor.

Her design improvements made it easier to iron garments, particularly women’s clothing. Sarah Boone was also one of the first black women in the U.S to get a patent.



Jane Cooke Wright **Cancer Cell Testing**



Jane Wright grew up with a keen eye for the medical field! Her father, Dr. Louis Wright, was the first Black doctor appointed to a staff position at a municipal hospital in New York City.

After her father died, Wright became the head of the Cancer Research Foundation at age 33. She *created an innovative technique to test the effect of drugs on cancer cells* by using patient tissue rather than using lab mice!



Frederick M. Jones **Portable Air Conditioning Unit**



Frederick M. Jones was a creator of many things such as the movie ticket dispenser, truck refrigeration, and more! He is also known for *creating portable air conditioners*.

Although he was not the creator of the first air conditioning unit, his invention was used largely in-field military hospitals to keep wounded soldiers comfortable as they recovered from injuries sustained while fighting.



Shirley A. Chisholm **1st Elected to Congress** **1st to Run for President**



Garnering 67% of the votes and making history as the *first Black woman elected to Congress in 1969*, Shirley Anita Chisholm overcame a mountain of obstacles.

In 1972, Chisholm announced she would run as the Democratic nominee for President. In 1974, a Gallup poll reported Chisholm as one of 10 most admired women in America, beating out Coretta Scott King and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis at the time. While Chisholm didn’t win the race, she made history as the first Black woman to run for President, raising her national profile and bringing with it a larger national conversation around gender discrimination.



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DREAM LIKE MARTIN
LEAD LIKE HARRIET
FIGHT LIKE MALCOM
THINK LIKE GARVEY
WRITE LIKE MAYA
BUILD LIKE MADAM C.I.
SPEAK LIKE FREDERICK
EDUCATE LIKE W.E.B
BELIEVE LIKE THURGOOD**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.”

— Carter G. Woodson

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