

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
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# Chancellor's Report

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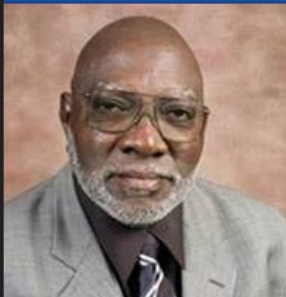
*It is simply service that  
measures success.*

*George Washington Carver*



**SU**ALGC Celebrates  
**Black History**

**From the Desk of the  
Chancellor-Dean**

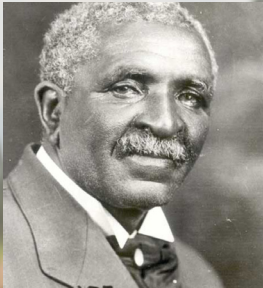


*Dr. Bobby R.  
Phillips*

February is always an exciting month in the archives of black history. It gives me great pleasure to join with others throughout the nation and the world in recognizing and giving appreciation for the great pillars of society that have given so greatly of themselves for the betterment of mankind. This is especially true for people of color. As the Chancellor of the SU Agricultural Land-Grant Campus, I often highlight the importance of service as being the foundation of our land-grant mission of teaching, research and extension. As you read, you will find that the people we have highlighted here in this report, beginning with George Washington Carver - the greatest agricultural scientist that ever lived - have held service as the cornerstone of all their work. We here in the Agricultural Land-Grant Campus have implemented service as our mandate going forward, not just for ourselves but also for the students we train and the clientele we serve. So, as you read this Chancellor's Report, please take into account that we all are seeking service, from the Chairman of the Board, to the students that have not yet been born but who's journeys' will take them through the Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus. Join Us in Celebrating Black History!

*Bobby R. Phillips*

# *George Washington Carver*

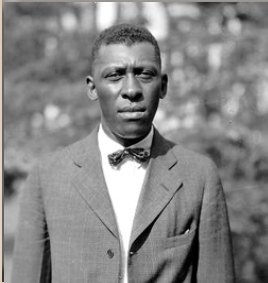


Hometown: Diamond, MO  
Profession: Agriculturalist  
Historical Significance:  
Crop rotation theory and extensive  
agricultural research

George Washington Carver is perhaps one of the most prolific figures in agriculture and in the scientific community. Born in the 1860's Carver was an accomplished scientist, inventor, and teacher. In 1891, he became the first black student to attend Iowa State University where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Botany. Carver is known for hundreds of discoveries and scientific uses of products and inventions from peanuts, sweet potatoes and cotton. While did not invent peanut butter, as most people believe, he did develop over 300 products from his research on the peanut crop. One of Carver's most significant contributions is the theory of crop rotation, which helped southern farmers to conserve land and produce better crops. He discovered that using crops such as soybeans, helped to replenish soil and save it from overuse. George Washington Carver died on January 5, 1943 at the age of 80 years old. He actively worked in his lab until he died.

## RESEARCH

# *Thomas Monroe Campbell*



Hometown: Elbert County,  
GA  
Profession: Extension Agent  
Historical Significance:  
First Black Cooperative  
Extension Agent

Recognized for his work under the tutelage of Booker T. Washington and having been peer to George Washington Carver, Thomas Monroe Campbell holds the distinction of being the first Black Cooperative Extension Agent for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Formally educated at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, Campbell impacted hundreds of black farmers through his extension work, providing education and training on advanced farming techniques and management methods. Campbell was employed at Tuskegee Institute, and upon his appointment became jointly employed by the USDA as the first multi-county state extension specialist. He is the author of *The Movable School Goes to the Negro Farmer*, which emphasizes his work philosophy that agricultural knowledge should be taken to the people. Monroe was born in 1853 and died in 1956. A bust memorializing his image can be found in the Tuskegee University Library.

## EXTENSION

# *Nannie Helen Burroughs*



Hometown: Orange, VA  
Profession: Educator  
Historical Significance:  
National Training School  
for Women and Girls

Born on May 2, 1879, Nannie Helen Burroughs, over her lifetime, came to distinguish herself as an educator, orator, religious leader, civil rights activist, feminist, and business-woman. Around the age of 14, Burroughs move with her mother to Washington, D.C., to find better opportunities for education. Although she never obtained a formal degree, Burroughs was very successful in her High School studies of Business and Home Economics. She even started the Harriet Beecher Stowe Literary Society at the M. Street High School where she attended. After being rejected from a teaching position in Washington because her “skin was too dark,” Burroughs created the National Training School for Women and Girls. Because of her efforts, young African-American women were able to “uplift the race” and obtain a livelihood. She died in 1961 and the school she founded was renamed the Nannie Helen Burroughs School, in her honor.

## EDUCATION

# *Sherian Grace Cadoria*



Hometown: Marksville, LA

Profession: Army General

Historical Significance:

First Female African-American  
General (U.S. Army)

Retired General Sherian Grace Cadoria is the first African-American female to achieve the rank of General in the U.S. Army. Following her studies at Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA, Cadoria enlisted into the U.S. Army and later became a commissioned officer. She served the country in what was then the Women's Army Corps until she transferred to the Military Police Corps in the 1970's. While in service, she received many awards: the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal. Cadoria's career paved the way for black women - and men - in the U.S. military. She retired in 1990, after nearly 30 years in service.

## MILITARY SERVICE

# Words of Inspiration

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

*Marian Wright Edelman*

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

*Barack Obama*

Black History Month must be more than just a month of remembrance; it should be a tribute to our history and reminder of the work that lies in the months and years ahead.

*Marty Meehan*

# Upcoming Events

The Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus will host the **24th Annual Black History Quiz Bowl on February 22, 2018**. The event will be held in the auditorium at Southern University Ag Center and will begin at 3:00 P.M. Contact Owusu Bandele at [obandele@cox.net](mailto:obandele@cox.net) for more information.

**Southern University 75th Annual State Livestock & Poultry Show** is scheduled for **March 1 - March 3, 2018** at the Maurice A. Edmond Livestock Arena, Southern University Land-Grant Campus. Contact Harold Mellieon at [harold\\_mellieon@suagcenter.com](mailto:harold_mellieon@suagcenter.com) for more information.

SUALGC will host the **8th Louisiana Small Farmer Conference** with the theme “Transforming and Elevating Louisiana Small Family Farms” on **March 15-17, 2018** at the SU F. G. Clark Activity Center. Contact Kelli Hollins at [kelli\\_hollins@suagcenter.com](mailto:kelli_hollins@suagcenter.com) for more information.

On **March 27, 2018**, the U.S. Small Business Administration will host the **14th Annual “Connecting Businesses with Contracts” Conference** at the SU Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union. Contact Eual Hall [eual\\_hall@suagcenter.com](mailto:eual_hall@suagcenter.com) for more information.

On **April 14, 2018**, SUALGC will host its **1st SUALGC Rodeo** at the SU F. G. Clark Activity Center. Contact Calvin Walker at [calvin\\_walker@suagcenter.com](mailto:calvin_walker@suagcenter.com) for more information.



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