

# Black History Month Scramble

The 2017 Black History Month theme focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African Americans. Whether by laws, policies, or practices, racially separated schools remained the norm in America from the late nineteenth century well into our own time.

Yet, African American history is rich in centuries-old efforts of resistance to this crisis: the slaves' surreptitious efforts to learn; the rise of black colleges and universities after the Civil War; unrelenting battles in the courts; the black history movement; the freedom schools of the 1960s; and local community-based academic and mentorship programs that inspire a love of learning and thirst for achievement. When you are finished answering the clues, unscramble the circled letters to find the 2017 theme for Black History Month. (Answers at the bottom.)



NASA engineer Mary Winston Jackson, whose role in the space program was highlighted in the new film *Hidden Figures*. (Photo: Margot Lee Shetterly, NASA Langley Research Center)

1. In 1946, five women organized a Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) at this school. Back then, it was one of Seattle's only integrated elementary schools.

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2. The 1954 landmark U.S. Supreme court case in which the court declared state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students to be unconstitutional.


3. In 1961, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was invited to Seattle by Reverend Samuel B. McKinney. This central area school was one of the venues where he spoke.

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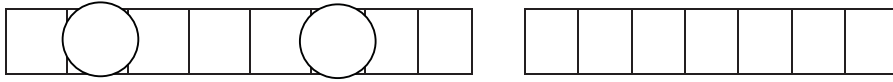
4. The first names of the three black women mathematicians, spotlighted in a recent movie "Hidden Figures," who helped America land on the moon.

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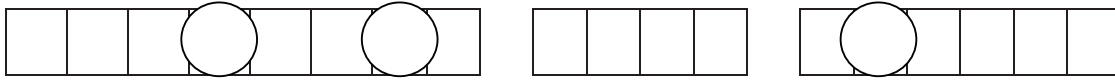
5. This college ranks No. 1 on the 2017 U.S. News Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities Ranking.

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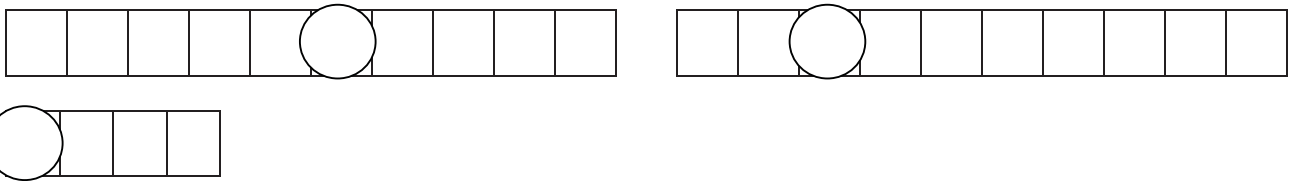
6. She began her career as an academic advisor at the University of Washington in 1969, and was instrumental in helping African American football players navigate through an academic, cultural, and racial climate. She was also the first female recruiter for athletics at a major university.



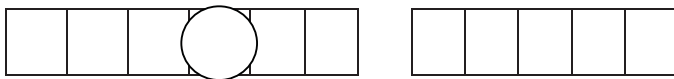
7. In 1968, Larry Gossett, Aaron Dixon, and Carl Miller led over 100 students in a sit-in at this Seattle school.



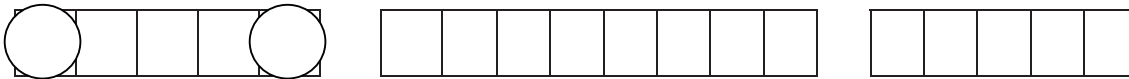
8. Since 1952, this Seattle-based organization promotes the education of young African American women, by providing educational workshops, awarding college scholarships, and presenting these young women at the Annual Debutante Ball.



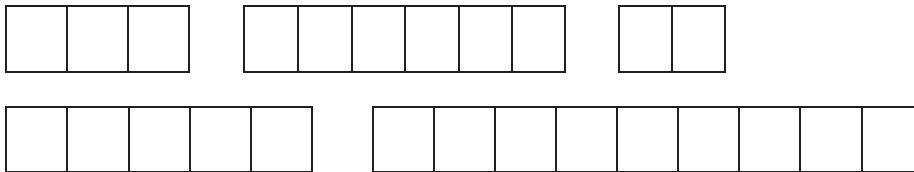
9. In 1982, she founded the Tacoma Campus of Evergreen College, and later established an organization that strives to break down educational and economic barriers for students in Tacoma and Pierce County.



10. She was Microsoft's first Senior Diversity Administrator, but left Microsoft to create TAF, a nonprofit that prepares students for college success and life through the power of a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education.



**Scramble Word:**



Scramble Answer: The Crisis in Black Education

(1.) Bailey Gatzert (2.) Brown vs. Board of Education (3.) Garfield High School (4.) Dorothy Vaughan; Katherine Johnson; Mary Jackson (5.) Spelman College (6.) Gertrude Peoples (7.) Franklin High School 8. Washington Rhinestone Club (9.) Maxine Mimmis (10.) Trish Millines Dziko