

AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO PAVED THE WAY pt 1

A. Max Robinson	1. I am a mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed space flights.
B. Wendell Scott	2. I was the first person of color to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court. I argued before the U.S. Supreme Court the famous Brown v. Board of Education, which led to Public School integration in the U.S.
C. Robert L. Johnson	3. I was the first African American to play Professional Basketball in the NBA. I played for the Syracuse Nationals and helped lead them to the 1955 NBA Championship.
D. Brehanna Daniels	4. I was the first African American Brigadier General in the U.S. Regular Army, and Armed forces. I fought in the Spanish/American War, the Phillipine/American War, World War I & World War II.
E. Katherine L. Johnson	5. I am an Engineer, Physician, & former NASA astronaut. I was the first African American female to travel into space where I served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor.
F. Dr. James Durham	6. In 1870, I became the first African American elected to the U.S. Senate from the State of Mississippi.
G. Thurgood Marshall	7. I am the first African American female doctor of medicine in the U.S.
H. Misty Copeland	8. As an actress I am the first African American female to win an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress, in "Gone With the Wind"
I. Sidney Poitier	9. As an African American Politician, I am the first to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives
J. Hiram R. Revel	10. I was the first African American Broadcast Journalist on a major Television network. I co-anchored with Frank Reynolds & Peter Jennings.
K. Marlon Green	11. A lawyer, and the first African American Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, I was appointed Federal Judge of the U.S. Virgin Island, by Harry S. Truman and later became an Appellate Judge.
L. Rebecca Lee Crumpler	12. I was the first African American medical doctor in the U.S. even though I was born a slave. My medical skills were instrumental in saving many lives from diphtheria and yellow fever.
M. Joseph Rainey	13. I was the first African American to be licensed as a lawyer in the U.S. I received my license from the State of Maine in 1844. However, due to limited work in Maine, I moved to Boston, MA where I took and passed the bar in 1945. In 1973 and again in 1876, I was elected a Judge in Massachusetts.

N. Frederick Douglas "Fritz" Pollard	14. I am the first African American female to be promoted to Principal Dancer with the American Ballet Theatre. One of the three major Ballet Companies in the U.S.
O. William M. Hastie	15. A Canadian/African Professional Hockey player, I was the first black player in the NHL. I was a winger for the Boston Bruins.
P. Hattie McDaniel	16. I sued to dismantle racial discrimination in the Commercial Airlines Industry. My case was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court and the ruling was favorable to me. The case opened doors for other African Americans, and pilots of color to be hired by major airlines.
Q. Macon B. Allen	17. I am one of the first African American drivers for NASCAR. In 1964, I competed in the Grand National series and won. This is NASCAR'S highest level.
R. Mae C. Jemison	18. I am one of the first African American men to play in the NFL. I was also the first African American to play football for Brown University. I was also the first African American to be a Head Coach in the NFL.
S. Earl Lloyd	19. I am a media magnate, an entrepreneur, an executive, a philanthropist and investor. I am the co-founder of BET and in 2001, I became the first African American Billionaire.
T. Willie O'Ree's	20. In 2017, I made History when I became the first African American female crew pit member for NASCAR. I am a tire changer for NASCAR drivers.
U. Benjamin O. Davis	21. I am the first Bahamian/African to win an Academy Award for Best Actor in 1964. I was a Film Director, a Civil Rights Activist, and the Bahamian Ambassador to Japan from 1997-2007.