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BLACK HERITAGE MONTH: RECOGNIZING

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLACK FEMALE PHARMACISTS

The mission of Black Heritage Month is to educate the community on the importance of the history and significance of the Black culture. ABHP joined in this mission and celebration this year to educate both the ABHP membership and the pharmacy community on the important roles that black and minority pharmacists have played in the health systems throughout history. By participating in Black Heritage Month, ABHP is able to provide an educational atmosphere of learning opportunities for students, pharmacists, and the community to acknowledge the contributions that black pharmacists have made to the profession of pharmacy. Our theme for the month is ***"Notable Achievements of Black Female Pharmacists"***

presented by [John E. Clark, PharmD](#); [Deborah Williams, MD, PhD](#); [Angela D. Massey-Hill, PharmD](#)

MARY MUNSON RUNGE

Mary Munson Runge made history in 1979 when she was elected as the first woman and African American woman to serve as president and Chairman of the Board of Directors in the 126 year history of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). Mary Munson Runge had already made significant contributions to the field, having opened her own pharmacy after graduating from Xavier University, and later being appointed to a number of federal organizations, including the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. An active professional leader and role model, her efforts to increase opportunities and educational standards for women and minorities have had a strong and lasting influence on other pharmacists in the field. Mary Munson Runge graduated in 1948 with a B.S. from the College of Pharmacy at Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana, and holds honorary Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, Massachusetts, and Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio.



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REGINA JOLLIVETTE FRAZIER

Regina Jollivette Frazier, MBA, RPh was in attendance in 1978 as a founding member of the Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists (ABHP), then called the Black Pharmacists of ASHP. She also served as the ABHP's first Parliamentarian (1984). Mrs. Jollivette Frazier is known and admired for active and significant leadership as a female pharmacist, her effective speaking skills, and her visionary thinking. She has served as President of the Links, Inc and its Foundation (1986-1990), Council of Presidents of the Association of University Women, Executive Board of the New World School of Arts, Board of Directors of the United Negro College Fund, member of the League of Women Voters, and Honorary Chair of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. She was recognized by Ebony Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Black Americans (1987-1990). Dollars and Sense Magazine recognized her as America's Top 100 Black Business and Professional Women (1988). She has received the Anti-Defamation League Women of Achievement Award, Florida Memorial College Sarah A. Blocker Meritorious Community Service Award, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Distinguished Community Service Award, Agricultural Fund Salute to Leadership Award, Women's Committee of 100 Trail Blazer Award, Women in Communication Community Headliner Award, The Links Devoted Service and Distinguished Achievement Award, the ABHP Meritorious Service Award, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews Bronze Medallion. Ms. Jollivette Frazier received her BS degree in Pharmacy from Howard University and an MBA degree from the University of Miami.



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RAMONA McCARTHY HAWKINS

As one of the few registered African American female pharmacists when she started, Mrs. Ramona McCarthy Hawkins now has over fifty-seven years of diverse pharmaceutical experience. She continues to support many current pharmacists as well as students of pharmacy with various board memberships, scholarship endowments, and professional programs. She also advocates for equal opportunity and racial equality in professional employment. Mrs. McCarthy Hawkins is highly regarded by her peers as a pioneer in her field, who sets the stage for others to follow. Ramona McCarthy Hawkins was born and raised in a large family from Columbus, Ohio. She graduated from Ohio State University College of Pharmacy with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy



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ARCELIA JOHNSON FANNIN

Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Fannin is the founding dean of the Feik School of Pharmacy at University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio Texas. With this appointment, Dr. Johnson-Fannin became the first woman and only black female to be founding dean at two new pharmacy schools. In 1997, Dr. Johnson-Fannin was selected to head the development of the pharmacy program at Hampton University in Virginia. Dr. Johnson-Fannin received a B.S. in Chemistry, Dillard University; a B.S. degree in Pharmacy, Columbia University; and Pharm.D., Mercer University. In 1999, Dr. Johnson-Fannin was designated one of the 50 most influential pharmacists in America.



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MARJORIE A. JACKSON

Colonel Marjorie A. Jackson was the first woman and African American woman pharmacist to serve as Chief of Staff, Administrative Services at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, the first African-American woman and pharmacist promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, the first African-American female pharmacist in the history of the U.S. Army Pharmacy Service and the first woman to direct an Army major medical center pharmacy. Colonel Jackson has been at the forefront of military medicine, completing a one-year residency in Hematology-Oncology Pharmacy at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and a one-year assignment as a Pharmacy Consultant to the 18th Medical Command in Seoul, South Korea. She has been honored with the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Order of Military Medical Merit by the Army and was selected as the College of Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year in 1996 by Xavier University for her achievements in the field. Colonel Jackson is a native of Louisiana. She graduated from Walter L. Cohen High School in New Orleans, earned her bachelor's degree from Xavier University and earned her M.A. in Executive Development from Ball State University. In 1974, she enlisted in the Army as a Pharmacy Technician serving in Fort McPherson, Georgia. In 1975, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and went on to serve in a variety of key operational and staff positions including Assistant Inspector General, U.S. Army Health Services Command and Clinical Pharmacist, Hematology/Oncology Service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The culmination of Colonel Jackson's career was assignment as Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

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HEIDI M. ANDERSON

Heidi M. Anderson became the first female pharmacist to serve as Executive Director of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) in 1979. For ten years, Heidi Anderson provided impeccable leadership and is credited with bringing SNPhA into a new era. Under her leadership the framework for the Chauncey I. Cooper Chapter Excellence Awards was created, partnerships and internships with industry and the number of SNPhA chapters at Colleges of Pharmacy tripled. Dr. Heidi Anderson has a number of other "firsts" to her credits. She was the first African American female pharmacists to serve as Secretary (1995-1998) and Chair (1999-2000) for the Section of Teachers of Social and Administrative Sciences and Secretary (1997-1999) for the Council of Faculties of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. She was also the first African American faculty member at the Colleges of Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee (1986) and at Auburn University (1989) where she was also the first African American Department Chair. In 2010, Dr. Anderson became the first African American President of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), elected twice (2011-2012). Heidi M. Anderson is native of Gary, IN and received her BS, MS, and PhD degrees from Purdue University College of Pharmacy.



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