

Education and Awards

T. First Bachelor of Arts in the United States	Mary J. Patterson
A. First PhD in Economics	Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander
L. First PhD in Mathematics	Euphemia Lofton Hayes
I. First Professor	Sarah Jane Woodson Early
E. First Pulitzer Prize in Poetry	Gwendolyn Brooks
S. First Nobel Prize in Literature	Toni Morrison
Y. Mother of Black Poetry	Sojourner Truth

Arts, Sports, and Entertainment

F. First to hold American Pilot's license	Bessie Coleman
V. First to win 3 gold medals in track	Wilma Rudolph
X. First Solo motorcycle ride across U.S.	Bessie Stringfield
K. Queen of Soul	Aretha Franklin
B. First to perform at the New York Metropolitan Opera	Marian Anderson
P. First recognized "haute couture" fashion designer	Ann Lowe
Q. First sculptor to achieve international recognition	Edmonia Lewis
G. First ballerina in American Ballet Theatre	Misty Copeland
J. First to win Grammy awards	Ella Fitzgerald
C. First movie director in Hollywood	Maya Angelou
H. First to play major roles at Shakespeare Festival	Ruby Dee
DD. First TV news anchor in Nashville	Oprah Winfrey

Business and Medical

R. First black professional nurse	Mary Eliza Mahoney
M. First Astronaut	Mae Jemison
N. Pioneer in Aeronautics, "Human Computer"	Katherine Johnson
AA. First local bank president	Maggie Lena Walker
BB. First millionaire	Sarah Breedlove (Madame C.J.) Walker

Political and Religious

CC. Tireless Crusade against lynching	Ida B. Wells
O. First elected to U. S. House of Representatives	Barbara Jordan
U. First Secretary of State	Condoleezza Rice
D. Only black woman at the founding of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945	Mary McLeod Bethune, Amanda Berry Smith Harriet Tubman
W. First black female preacher	
Z. Moses to her people	