

## THE WAY I SEE IT

### Black history made every day

With Black History Month upon us, I want to take the time to appreciate some of the most influential African Americans in my life.

Ida B. Wells was a woman I learned about at a young age because she co-founded the NAACP. Later in my life I learned of her contribution to journalism.



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Mary Ann Shad Cary, the first black woman journalist founded The Provincial Freeman in Canada in 1854 and campaigned for women's rights after becoming the first female law student at Howard University.

Katherine Dunham founded the first major black modern dance company. And Nina Simone, a North Carolina native, was one of the biggest voices of jazz.

Yes, several famous people including Stevie Wonder and Gwendolyn Brooks have impacted my life but the ones that have had the biggest impact wouldn't be known outside of Raleigh. My family.

My dad, a man that grew up in a single-parent home in a town near Detroit with three siblings, has always made sure my sister and I had what we needed to succeed. He was the first man in his family to earn a college degree and pursued his master's as well. We moved from Michigan to North Carolina so he could better provide. I know how lucky I am to have a father that is in my life and that, through ups and downs continues to encourage me to pursue every single one of my dreams.

My mom is the strongest woman I know. She also grew up in a single-parent home because of the loss of her father. After later losing her brother and mother, she never quit. She got a good job out of college. And while raising two girls, decided to go back to school and get her nursing degree, something she'd always wanted to do. She never stopped pursuing her dream.

My sister has showed me that life is, if nothing else, a roller-coaster. She is a person that never gives up. In every instance where she could've or should've, she always has hope. She remembers that life can be hectic but there are always people that will have her back. There is always a way to climb to the top of a deep, dark hole.

This month and every month, don't remember and appreciate just the big figures of Black History, like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and Malcom X, but also the ones that impact your life directly.

While the official Black History Month lasts just 28 days, as black students at a HBCU we are the future of black history. Our history is made every day.



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February is Black History Month. We often learn about and honor famous African Americans such as Garrett Morgan, who invent the traffic light and Benjamin Banneker because of his contributions

to the nation's capital and astronomy. We want to honor the everyday African Americans you seldom hear about. This issue's Campus Crew asks...

### Which African American has had an impact on your life?



JARVIS CHEEK  
SENIOR, BUS. MGMT.  
SILER CITY N.C.

My great grandmother because she never let anything get her down. I try to live my life as she lived hers.



CHRISTY JOHNSON  
FRESHMAN, ELEM. ED.  
YANCEYVILLE N.C.

My aunt because she is a pastor and talks a lot about church and God. She is a big inspiration to me.



KAMERON BROCK  
SENIOR, PSYCHOLOGY  
NEW YORK

My mother because she was a single mom worked two jobs toraised me in NY. She taught me about my Jamaican roots.



JASMINE RICHARDSON  
SENIOR, CHEMISTRY  
GREENSBORO

My older sister because I see her as competition and I wanted to be just like her and the further she goes I have to surpass her.



UNDOLAND HUNTER  
JUNIOR, JUSTICE STUDIES  
CHARLOTTE

My mom because she works hard at a school to make ends meet and she is very smart.

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