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Throughout Black History Month, this newsletter will celebrate the incredible contributions of Black Americans, while offering resources for further engagement and learning.

Notable Figure



KIZZMEKIA S. CORBETT, PHD

An influential immunologist and a Schutler Assistant Professor at Harvard's Radcliffe Institute of Study. Dr. Kizzmekia S. Corbett played a critical role in the development of the [mRNA-1273 vaccine](#) against SARS-CoV-2 deployed by Moderna.

Her work at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Vaccine Research Center, was instrumental in the swift response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Corbett, who holds several significant patents and has received numerous awards for her contributions to science, is also dedicated to mentoring and promoting STEM education in underserved communities.

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HISTORICAL TIMELINE

- 1893** **Daniel Hale Williams:** Performs one of the first successful open-heart surgeries at Provident hospital in Chicago, which he founded. Pioneering new methods in cardiac surgery.
- 1916** **Alice Ball:** Develops an injectable treatment for Hansen's disease (leprosy), revolutionizing the treatment of the disease.
- 1962** **James E. West:** Co-invents the electret microphone, now the most commonly used microphone in the world.
- 1970s** **Gladys West:** Her work on satellite geodesy models is instrumental in the development of the Global Positioning System (GPS).
- 1992** **Mae Jemison:** The first African American woman to travel into space, serving as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour and contributing to space medicine research.

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Whether you're looking to lead, support, or simply learn more, there's a place for you in the Black Staff Caucus.

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Get Involved

[National Society of Black Engineers](#)



Mission

"To increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community."



Black Girls Do STEM

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Mission:

To trigger an increased curiosity through deliberate education, access, and opportunity of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in the minds of Black girls in every community.