



Black History Month Trivia Answers

Thanks for playing! Check out the answers to the Black History Month Trivia.

1. **Who was the first black physician appointed director of a U.S. hospital (Freedmen's Hospital in Washington D.C.)?**

Alexander Augusta. After relocating to the U.S. in 1862 and serving in the Civil War, Dr. Augusta was appointed as the first black physician to direct a U.S. hospital — Freedmen's Hospital.

2. **Who was the first black female physician elected to Congress?**

Donna Christian-Christensen. Representing the U.S. Virgin Islands, Dr. Christian-Christensen was the first female physician to serve as an elected member of Congress (U.S. House of Representatives) from 1997 to 2015.

She also served as Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus's Health Braintrust in 1998, an advocacy group that oversees and advocates for minority health issues on national and international platforms.

3. **Who was the President and co-founder of the first professional organization for black physicians – the National Medical Association?**

Robert Boyd, MD. In 1895, he was appointed the first president of the National Medical Association, the nation's oldest and largest organization representing black physicians and healthcare professionals.

Racial exclusivity and segregation laws at the turn of the 20th century made black physician membership in America's other professional organizations virtually impossible. Black physicians frustrated by professional disenfranchisement created the National Medical Association to serve the black medical community.

4. **Who was the first black female neurosurgeon?**

Alexa Canady. Dr. Canady struggled to secure a neurosurgical internship after earning her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1975.

By 1981, she had become America's first black female neurosurgeon – completing her residency at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and specializing in pediatric neurosurgery.

5. **This was one of the first black physicians to perform a successful open-heart surgery and found the first interracial and black-owned hospital.**

Daniel Williams. He opened Provident Hospital in Chicago in 1893, the first black-owned hospital and the first medical facility with an interracial staff. Dr. Williams was one of the first physicians to complete a successful pericardial surgery, also known as open-heart surgery.

He later became chief surgeon at Freedmen's Hospital. Dr. Williams was the first black member of the American College of Surgeons and co-founded the National Medical Association with Robert Boyd, MD. He earned his medical degree from Chicago Medical College.



6. **Who was the first black physician to teach at Harvard Medical School?**

William Hinton. After graduating from Harvard Medical School in 1909, Dr. Hinton worked in Harvard's Wassermann Laboratory. He was appointed professor of Preventive Medicine and Hygiene at Harvard Medical School in 1918. He was the first black instructor in Harvard's history.

7. **Who did the Cincinnati integrated school system hire as their first black teacher?**

Peter Humphries Clark. Peter Clark's uncle, John Isom Gaines, lobbied the state of Ohio to allow a separate school system for African American students.

The Cincinnati Independent Colored School System was then established in 1852, which allowed for separate school systems for African American students to prosper without discrimination from teachers and students. Gaines then hired Clark to be the first teacher of this school system.

8. **What is the oldest operating African American Church in Cincinnati?**

Allen Temple AME Church. It's the oldest operating African American church in Cincinnati since 1824. The mission was to provide more freedom and autonomy for worship while influencing positive change toward racial equality and community empowerment.

9. **This Cincinnati museum has the most iconic murals painted in 1843 by Robert Scott Duncanson, the first internationally recognized African American painter.**

Taft Museum. Formally known as the Nicholas Longworth Residence, the Taft Museum houses the most iconic murals painted by Robert Scott Duncanson, the first internationally recognized African American painter.

The still-running Duncanson Artist-in-Residence Program was established in 1986 to honor contemporary African American artists working in various disciplines.

10. **What is the oldest African American cemetery in Cincinnati?**

United American Cemetery. Founded in 1844 by the United Colored American Association, this cemetery is said to be the oldest African American cemetery in Cincinnati.

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