

Title: Inspiration and meaning of Black History Month for Mayo Clinic employees

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Keith Jones Wellness specialist Mayo Clinic	"My name is Keith Jones. My role here at Mayo Clinic is as a wellness specialist. So, I work in the joy and well-being space. It means I get to come in every single day to Mayo Clinic and support colleagues who are all here for one reason, and that is to support the needs of the patient."
Yerronda Lewis Radiology Mayo Clinic	"My name is Yerronda Lewis. My role here at Mayo Clinic is supervisor for radiology administrative support. I get to come in daily or virtually and share with my team some inspiration on helping them get their work done so that we make sure that our patient's needs are met."
Keith Jones	"For me, it really helps really have a deep understanding about the contributions of African Americans and those people that have paved the way for all the opportunities that I have and other people in my generation, not just African Americans, but people of African descent. So, it means quite a deal for me. I think that I wouldn't be here without the contributions that they made."
Yerronda Lewis	"Black History Month to me is our season to shine. It's when we get to share our history not only with one another, but with the world and sharing things that we have learned and things that we are doing in hopes of inspiring those that come behind us."
Keith Jones	"Vivien Thomas started out as a laboratory janitor at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He was kind of asked to come in the lab and help this leading surgeon at the time, and it didn't take long for that surgeon to really kind of get an idea that Vivien was gifted, and so he became a pioneer in cardiac surgery."
Yerronda Lewis	"Dorothy Height, she is hailed as the godmother of the women's civil rights movement. She used her education in social work background to inspire our nation for women's social rights."
Keith Jones	"I really want us to be part of creating an equitable and inclusive society. I want to make that kind of impact not only here at Mayo Clinic, but in the community that surrounds Mayo Clinic and in the world."