



# NOTABLE MINORITIES WHO CHANGED HISTORY

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Featuring  
**John Troy**

“There is not strength without  
unity.”

- A Irish Proverb

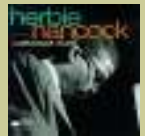
## Jazz History Month Jazzy Gents



John Coltrane  
(1926 - 1967)



Miles Davis  
(1926 - 1991)



Herbie Hancock  
(1940 - )

## April Dates to Remember:

- 1 - April Fool's Day
- 4 - Qingming Festival (China, Taiwan)
- 6 - National Tartan Day (Scottish American)
- 7 - World Health Day
- 8 - Vesak - Buddha's Birth (Buddhist)
- 14 - Sinhala and Tamil New Year (Sri Lanka)
- 19 - Passover begins at sundown
- 21 - Patriots' Day (Maine & Massachusetts)
- 22 - Earth Day
- 23 - St. George's Day
- 23 - Administrative Professionals' Day
- 24 - Daughters to Work Day
- 25 - ANZAC Day (Australia & New Zealand)
- 25 - Arbor Day

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**John Troy**  
**2007 - 2008 Student Government Association Senator**  
**2007 - 2008 Minority Student Advisory Team Member**  
**Diversity Plan Development Committee Member**

John Troy is originally from Pinellas Park, Florida and moved to Santa Fe, Tennessee in the Spring of 2006. He is the son of Delores and Phil Troy and has three brothers Justin, Mark, and Paul and one sister, Mary. John also has a step-father Darrell Haynes, one step-sister Kira, and one step-brother Josh. John's mother, Delores, was born in Morocco on the continent of Africa.

In Florida, he attended Crosspointe Academy and Dixie Hollins High School. At Dixie Hollins High, John was a member of the Multi-Cultural Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Sign Language Club, and the Choir. He participated in the School's production of *The Sound of Music* in 2006. He transferred to Santa Fe Unit School in his junior year and graduated from Santa Fe in

2007. While attending Santa Fe he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Drama Club, the Math and Science Club, the Guitar Club, and was a D.A.R.E. role model who spoke to Santa Fe's 5th graders about avoiding drugs. John also participated in "Train Stop Storytelling" and won first prize for art with one of his drawings.

John began attending Columbia State in the Fall of 2007. He is a freshman majoring in English. In addition, he is focusing on Art. He is a student worker in the Student Information Center and plans to sign up for the position again next year. While at Columbia State, John has served as a Student Government Association Senator, a member of the Minority Student Advisory Team, a member of the Diversity Plan Development Committee and the Campus Climate Sub-Committee, a member of the Planning Council Committee, and he is currently working with faculty, Beverly Mitchell, to start a Multi-Cultural Club on campus. John's hobbies include reading, drawing, and hanging out at Columbia State and with friends. He is engaged and his fiancé will be attending Columbia State in the Fall. John Troy is currently running for the Student Government Association Vice President position for the 2008 - 2009 school year.

Source: Troy, J. (2008) Interview on John Troy. Conducted by Woody, K. on 4/17/08 at 2 p.m.

## Jazzy Recipe: Sweet Potato Cookies

1/2 c. butter	1/2 c. chocolate chips
1 c. brown sugar	1/2 c. nuts
1/2 c. milk	2 eggs
1 c. mashed yams or sweet potatoes	2 tsp. baking powder
2 1/3 c. flour	1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt	1/2 tsp. allspice
1/2 c. raisins	1 tsp. vanilla extract

Cream butter, sugar, eggs, spices, yams, and flour together, adding milk a little at a time. Add nuts, raisins, and chocolate chips. Drop by the spoonful onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a 300 degree oven for 15 minutes or until brown.