



NOTABLE MINORITIES WHO CHANGED HISTORY

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Featuring Don Cheadle

"I think it would just be very disingenuous for me to have been saying all this time ... 'We can't allow this to go on and we have to get involved,' and I had an opportunity to get involved and didn't."

- A *"Don Cheadle Quote"*

January is National Poverty Awareness Month

One in six American children still lives below the poverty line. It's time to end poverty in America once and for all. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) invests in community-based solutions — that know no racial or religious boundaries. We support self-sufficiency and self-determination as the best strategies for change. We support projects that break the cycle of poverty for good. Find out more about CCHD and the programs that are changing people's lives at www.povertyusa.org.

January Dates to Remember:

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 1 - Emancipation Day
- 1 - Feast of St. Basil
- 1 - Japanese New Year
- 5 - Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday
- 6 - Epiphany (Christian)
- 6 - Three King's Day (Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic)
- 7 - The Nativity of Jesus Christ
- 13 - Lohri (Buddhist, Hindu, sikh)
- 15 - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- 15 - World Religion Day (Baha'i)
- 20 - Eid-ai-Adha (Islamic, Muslim)
- 26 - India Republic Day
- 29 - Ashura (Islamic, Muslim)
- 29 - Tet Nguyen Dan (Vietnam)
- 31 - Al Hijra - Muslim New Year

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Don Cheadle

Donald Frank Cheadle (1964 -)

Academy Award Nominated and Golden Globe Award Winning Actor and Humanitarian

Cheadle was born in Kansas City, Missouri, but was raised in Lincoln, Nebraska and Denver, Colorado. His father, Donald, was a child psychologist and his mother, Betty, was a bank manager. He graduated from East High School in 1982 in Denver, Colorado. He went on to graduate from the California Institute of the Arts. He is married to actress Bridgid Coulter, and they have two daughters, Ayana and Imani.

He got his film breakthrough playing the role of "Rocket" in the 1988 movie *Colors*. He first received widespread notice for his portrayal of Mouse Alexander in the film *Devil in a Blue Dress*. For this role, he won Best Supporting Actor awards from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association and the National Society of Film Critics, and was nominated for similar awards from the Screen Actors Guild and the NAACP Image Awards. Since then, Cheadle has gained fame by appearing in such films as; *Rosewood*, *The Family Man*, *Boogie Nights*, *Crash*, *Traffic*, and *Ocean's Eleven*.

In 2005, Don Cheadle was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actor for his portrayal of Paul Rusesabagina in *Hotel Rwanda*. This is a story about a Hutu hotel manager in Rwanda who sheltered hundreds of Tutsis and other refugees from murderous militias during the Rwandan genocide in mid-1994. This is the role that inspired Cheadle to become a humanitarian.

In 2007, the book *Not on Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond* was published. Cheadle co-wrote the book with John Prendergast, a humanitarian with a lot of experience in Africa with the International Crisis Group. The book chronicles the crisis in Darfur and encourages readers to take action to end genocide there and around the world. The book talks about six steps for readers to get involved, beginning with raising awareness and then campaigning to bring an end to the crisis.

Cheadle is also a part of Not on Our Watch, an organization that focuses on bringing global attention and resources to stop and prevent mass atrocities in Darfur and across the globe, along with George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, and Jerry Weintraub. Don Cheadle was the recipient of the 2007 BET Humanitarian Award. Don Cheadle has worked hard to advocate for those who are suffering the unimaginable.

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Did You Know? Do you know a student with talent and promise who is not achieving his or her full potential? Wants better academic success? Has difficulty with motivation or taking initiative? Struggles in one or more subjects? Has chaotic study habits, and TRULY WANTS TO EXCEL? The Office of Access & Diversity has someone on staff that can help you meet those challenges head-on. That someone is the Academic Mapping Coach. By scheduling a session with the Academic Mapping Coach, a student will receive individual attention and personalized plans, a combination that leads to remarkable results. For details contact Yolanda Ogilvie at 931-540-2854. Office: Warf 126 Monday through Friday 7:45am—4:15pm.

The annual MLK Collaborative Celebration Weekend - January 19 - 21. On the 19th the MLK Recognition Banquet will be held at the UAW Hall in Spring Hill at 7:30pm. On the 20th, the Youth Blast will be held at Columbia Central High School from 4:00 pm till 9:00 pm. On the 21st, the March will be held in downtown Columbia at 9:00 am, and a Memorial Service will be held at Columbia State in the Chery Theatre from 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm.