



Fernbank Science Center

Title:	Black History Month Tribute: Head to the Sky	Type:	Planetarium
Level:	Grade 3 to Grade 6	Length:	45 minutes
Location:	Planetarium	Limit:	300 students and adults

Program Description

In recognition of Black History Month, we explore the important contributions of African American scientists and engineers to the development and achievements of the U. S. Space Program. The program begins with a 15 minute survey of the current night sky.

Vocabulary

National Aeronautics & Space Administration
Tuskegee airmen
Ed Dwight
George Carruthers

Frank Crossley
Morgan Watson
Clyde Foster
Charlie Bolden

Pre-Visit Activity

Investigate the contributions of African-American astronauts by reading the document at https://www.nasa.gov/pdf/286592main_African_American_Astronauts_FS.pdf

Post-Visit Activity

Construct a timeline of the development of manned and unmanned exploration of space that highlights at least five major achievements (for example, first lunar landing). List the milestone and how a specific African-American helped make that milestone possible.