

# Black historical figures spotlight

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Every week, the Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion will be sharing the biographies of Black individuals who helped shape Canada and continue to make contributions to the country.

This week learn about:

- [Mathieu Da Costa](#)
- [Senator Anne Clare Cools \(born Aug 12, 1943, in Barbados\)](#)
- [Viola Irene Desmond \(born July 6, 1914, in Halifax and died February 1965, in New York\)](#)
- [The Honourable Lincoln Alexander \(born Jan. 21, 1922, in Toronto and died Oct.19, 2012\)](#)
- [Elijah McCoy \(born in 1843/1844 in Colchester, Canada, and died on Oct. 10, 1929, in Michigan\)](#)

Visit the [Black History Month](#) space to learn more about the events taking place throughout February.

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