### Timeline

#### 1951
- Mabel K. Staupers received Spingarn Medal for leadership in the movement to integrate black nurses as equals in the nursing profession.
- National League for Nursing, the leading professional association for nursing education, formed.

#### 1952
- Father's Day

#### 1962
- W.W. Braithwaite, poet, anthologist and literary critic, dies in New York City.

#### 1970
- Kenneth A. Gibson elected mayor of Buffalo, New York.

#### 1971
- Samuel Blanton Rosser becomes first African American certified in pediatric practices commission.

#### 1975

#### 1987
- Dr. Mae C. Jemison becomes first African American woman astronaut.

#### 1991
- Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall announces his retirement.

#### 1995
- Lincoln J. Ragsdale, pioneer fighter pilot of World War II, dies.

#### 1996
- Bernard Whitfield Robinson commissioned as the Navy's first African American officer.

#### 1999
- Activist Angela Davis acquitted of all charges.

#### 2001
- First annual People of Color Convention held in Philadelphia.

#### 2013
- The Supervisor

ELEANOR BUTLER
MS, RN
The Supervisor

Eleanor Butler has a big responsibility. Her dual role includes that of public health nurse and school nurse. It’s her job to ensure that 13,000 urban schoolchildren have physical records and appropriate immunizations on file. This is on top of handling personnel and administrative tasks, as well as health crisis management within her city’s school district.

Eleanor has been working with the New York City Department of Health as district supervising nurse since 1997. Her school district, which is less than one mile from Ground Zero, has 14 elementary schools, three junior high schools and eight middle schools. She also consults with staff in a number of high schools.

“We’ve had some difficult times since Sept. 11,” said Eleanor, adding that many children in her district witnessed the tragedy in New York City. “Following that event, we provided psychological support to many students, families and school staff.”

Public health nurses typically are the first responders during crises and work in emergency shelters throughout the city.

Her parents were her inspiration to choose a career in nursing — Eleanor’s mother is a nurse, and her father had managed his diabetes since Eleanor was a child. After working as a charge nurse/supervisor in hospitals in Boston and New York, she decided to explore school nursing. “Interaction with children came natural for me. They are usually so truthful and so open,” she said.

Eleanor started as a school nurse, caring for children with special needs before working her way up to supervisor. “It’s a rewarding profession. We show students how to best help themselves. Teaching is an integral part of what we do,” she said. “There’s a lot going on in school nursing. You not only take care of the children when they are ill or when they need their medications, you have to understand their psychosocial issues and needs as well.”

### Nursing is not a job. It’s a lifelong commitment.

I am blessed that I can impact lives in a very personal way, whether it’s in the ICU on the ground or in the air."

Sherrin Hinz, RN, EMTRN
Valley Hospital Medical Center and Med Flight Air Ambulance
Las Vegas, Nevada

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**THIS MONTH**

Fireworks Safety Month (June 1-July 4)
National Men’s Health Week (June 9-15)

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**SUNDAY**

1. 1908: Henry Lawrence receives first black medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania.
2. 1911: Samuel L. Cotton, first black agricultural agent in U.S. Army.
5. 1985: Dr. Alice C. Grooms, who developed a store for getting black college graduates.
6. 1995: Dr. Grant C. Johnson, the first black Nobel laureate.

**MONDAY**

7. 1905: Supreme Court rules that the Constitution gives women the right to vote.
8. 1921: Howard University President Andrew Johnson is elected president of the American Medical Association.
10. 1980: James Augustine Healy, the first African American medical graduate, is born.
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12. 1980: The U.S. Congress passes the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.
13. 1991: Thurgood Marshall is nominated to Supreme Court by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

**TUESDAY**

15. 1963: M. B. Davis patents “mung bean flour.”
16. 1917: Congress passes the Food and Drug Act.
17. 1975: President Jimmy Carter signs the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.
18. 1989: The U.S. Congress passes the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.
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**WEDNESDAY**

21. 1864: Congress rules equal pay for all soldiers.
23. 1975: President Jimmy Carter signs the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.
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27. 2005: The U.S. Congress passes the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

**THURSDAY**

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**FRIDAY**

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**SATURDAY**

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