

Black History Month 2016

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BON SECOURS RICH HISTORY IN RICHMOND (sourced from Bon Secours archives)

- RICHMOND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



The roots of Richmond Community Hospital run deep, originating in the vision of Dr. Sarah Garland Jones, the first woman and African-American to be licensed as a physician in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Jones and other area physicians opened the first facility in Richmond designed to serve African-

American patients in historic Jackson Ward in 1895.

In 1995, the stories of Richmond Community Hospital and Bon Secours became intertwined when Bon Secours Health System acquired the hospital, which by then had moved to the present location of 1500 N. 28th Street in historic Church Hill.

- ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL



Did you know that St. Mary's Hospital was the first hospital in the area to be integrated? It was designed to have separate waiting areas and toilet facilities for African-Americans, however it opened with 100 percent integration. When the Sisters proposed opening a hospital in Richmond, Va., they

stated from the initial conversations with Henrico County officials that it would serve all faiths and races. St. Mary's opened on February 15, 1966.

- FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: GLORIA H. BOOKER, MSN, RN



Mrs. Gloria H. Booker's long history with the College began in 1971, when she joined our faculty and taught courses in obstetrical nursing, pediatric nursing, and foundations of nursing. Before she became a nurse educator, she worked for 10 years in medical/surgical nursing and labor and delivery. Known for her love of teaching and helpful attitude to students in both the classroom and in clinical settings, the College established the Gloria H. Booker Scholarship in



2011, offered each year to a junior or senior level student who has a 3.0 or higher GPA and exhibits a strong commitment to compassion. Mrs. Booker remains a registered nurse 5 decades after receiving her first nursing degree from Norfolk State University and is currently an adjunct instructor teaching NUR 2103, Competencies for Nursing Practice I.