

## Black History Facts: Armstrong H.S./Richmond (First Edition)

- Armstrong High School (originally Richmond Colored Normal School) was founded in 1865.
- Black History Month first began as Negro History Week In 1926.
- Black History Week was founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson.
- The First Black Governor in the United States, L. Douglas Wilder, graduated from Armstrong High School.
- The First Black Admiral in the US Navy ,Samuel Gravelly graduated from Armstrong High School.
- Armstrong Leadership Program was founded in 2001 by Rev. Janie Walker and Rev. Ben Campbell.
  
- Richmond's Black Monuments: Emancipation and Freedom Memorial, Slavery Reconciliation Statue, Henry Box Brown & Kehinde Wiley's reimagined "Rumors of War", Virginia Civil Rights Memorial, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, Arthur Ashe and Maggie L. Walker monument.
  
- Richmond's Jackson Ward, which was the nation's first historically registered Black urban neighborhoods. Once known as the "Black Wall Street of the South" and " Birthplace of Black Entrepreneurship".
  
- African Burial Ground, once home to the public gallows and now covered with tributes to General Gabriel, who was executed on this spot in 1800 after organizing a revolt of enslaved people.

### **Five Things People Still Get Wrong About Slavery:**

- 1) The myth that slaves never rebelled.
- 2)The myth that house slaves had it better than field slaves
- 3)The myth that abolition was the end of racism.
- 4)The myth that history class taught us everything we need to know about slavery.
- 5)The myth that slavery doesn't exist today.

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