

The HRHS Black History + Health Series Highlights: Mae Jemison

Please see our list of resources that we have collected for your viewing that share the history, impact, and legacy of Mae Jemison who is an engineer and former NASA astronaut, as well as the first Black woman to travel to space. She is also a trained physician who has contributed greatly to global health and development.

Readings:

- **Mae C. Jemison Biography**
<https://www.biography.com/astronaut/mae-c-jemison>
- **Mae Jemison: Astronaut Biography**
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Videos:

- **Mae Jemison: I Wanted To Go Into Space**
<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/video/mae-jemison-i-wanted-to-go-into-space/>
Mae Jemison is a physician, engineer, educator, entrepreneur and the first woman of color in the world to go into space - she was a NASA astronaut for six years. Currently Mae devotes much of her attention to the 100 Year Starship, which she says is "pursuing an extraordinary tomorrow to create a better world today." In her spare moments, Mae is a lifelong and accomplished dancer.
- **Mae Jemison: First African American Woman in Space | Biography**
<https://youtu.be/rWxGAogqr4M>
Mae Jemison was the first African American woman to go to space but she accomplished so much more, like becoming a doctor, working at a refugee camp in Cambodia, and serving in the Peace Corps in Liberia, West Africa. Find out more about her life in this short biography.