

Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston

Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston is a visionary, who by example, helps bring about change for the good of others. As Administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, she has boldly used her position to improve the quality of life for the good people of South Carolina.

Distinguishing herself as a people's advocate, she successfully implemented innovative consumer programs and championed legislation that protects the interest of consumers, specifically on predatory and mortgage lending. She directed an expansion of the Department's outreach services by opening consumer locations across the state and advancing ongoing dialogue with businesses. Pinkston also led the Department in establishing the Mortgage Fraud Task Force and partnered with the state Attorney General to launch the Mortgage Fraud Hotline. Her influence extends beyond the state as a featured speaker on consumer issues across the United States, in Mexico and Canada.

Pinkston has been honored by the Direct Selling Education Foundation with the prestigious 'Circle of Honor Award' for leadership in the consumer movement; the 'Florence Kelly Leadership Award' from the National Consumers League; the SC NAACP 'Presidential Citation' for protecting consumer rights, and was inducted into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame. Additionally, in 2005, the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators recognized the Department as the National Consumer Agency of the Year.

Her civic engagement includes serving as president, Columbia (SC) Chapter, The Links, Inc.; past board chair, National Consumers League (Washington); past board chair, Center for Cancer Treatment and Research, Palmetto Richland Hospital; and past member, National Executive Board of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. A Hartsville native, she is the daughter of Theodore and Lovis Thomas. She and her husband Jerome L. Pinkston, Jr. have two daughters, Joya and Paula Payton (Tony).



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South Carolina
**African
 American**
History Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Carl Lewis, athlete, was born in 1961.	2 Civil Rights Act of 1964 signed. Thurgood Marshall was born in 1908.	3 First African American baseball player in the major leagues, Jackie Robinson, was named to Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.
4 Independence Day Tuskegee Institute established in 1881.	5 Arthur Ashe won the men's Wimbledon singles championship in 1975.	6 Althea Gibson won Wimbledon in 1957.	7 Margaret Walker, writer, was born in 1915.	8 Venus Williams wins Wimbledon in 2000.	9 Francis L. Cardozo installed as S.C.'s Secretary of State in 1868.	10 Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, was born in 1875.
11 Civil rights activist W.E.B. DuBois founded the Niagara Movement in 1905.	12 Bill Cosby, entertainer, was born in 1937.	13 Continental Congress excluded slavery from Northwest Territory in 1787.	14 George Washington Carver National Monument dedicated in Joplin, MO in 1951.	15 Pompey Lamb, noted spy, aids the American Revolutionary War effort, 1779.	16 V. A. Johnson, first Black female to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court, was born in 1882.	17 Billie Holiday, singer, died in 1959.
18 Lemuel Hayes, first Black Congregation- alist minister, was born in 1753.	19 Patricia R. Harris named Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in 1979.	20 First U.S. victory in Korea was won by African American troops in the 24th Infantry Regiment, in 1950.	21 The 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868.	22 Abraham Lincoln read the first draft of the Emancipation Proclamation to his cabinet in 1861.	23 Louis Tompkins Wright, physician, was born in 1924.	24 Mary Church Terrell, educator, died in 1954.
25 Garrett T. Morgan, inventor of the gas mask, rescued six people from a gas-filled tunnel in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1916.	26 President Truman banned discrimination in the armed services in 1948.	27 Inventor A.P. Abourne was awarded patent for refining coconut oil in 1880.	28 The 14th Amendment was adopted in 1868.	29 The first National Convention of Black Women was held in Boston in 1895.	30 Adam Clayton Powell Jr., activist and politician, was elected congressman from Harlem in 1945.	31 Whitney Young, an executive director of the National Urban League, was born in 1921.