

# Join Us in Celebrating: Hispanic Heritage Month

## Did You Know?

Dr. Carlos Juan Finlay was born in Cuba in December of 1833. Dr. Finlay completed his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1855. Dr. Finlay then chose to return and practice medicine in Cuba. He had a passion for research -- specifically on Yellow Fever. On August 14th, 1881, Dr. Finlay presented his research and theory that mosquitoes were the vector of Yellow Fever. At the time, this idea was novel and he was ridiculed for proposing this theory. Over twenty years later, Dr. Finlay would receive validation for his groundbreaking discovery when members of the U.S Yellow Fever Commission came and ran experiments to test his theory--- that ultimately proved him correct! This discovery was HUGE in its contributions in identifying the vector of Yellow Fever and in the following work to eradicate this disease.

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