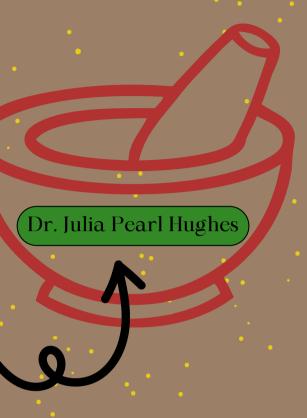
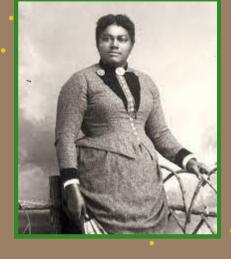
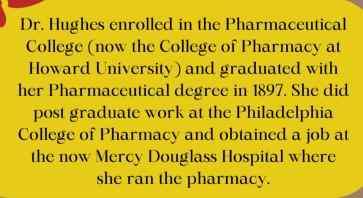
Join Us in Celebrating: Black History Month







Dr. Hughes was born in Melville Township, Alamance County, North Carolina in 1873. She graduated in 1893 from Scotia Seminary (now Barber-Scotia College) in Concord, NC.





In May of 1918, Dr. Hughes was forced to give up her first class seat to another passenger due to her race. She sued the railroad company and won. She became a political activist and worked with the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women, and the National Medical Association to advance the lives of African American people.



In 1899, Dr. Hughes opened the first ever Black owned drugstore in South Philadelphia, called Hughes Pharmacy. She moved with her family and opened another pharmacy in Newport News, VA. Dr. Hughes was an avid entrepreneur and started a hair care company, called Hair Care-Vim Chemical Company.