

*Celebrating  
Black History  
Month*

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## Reflections:

Why it is important to celebrate Black History this month and beyond?

Take a moment to think about what Black History Month means to you. Do you think it means the same thing to other people?

# *Black History Month Quiz*

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/quiz/cc-quiz-black-history-easy#>



# Anne Cools

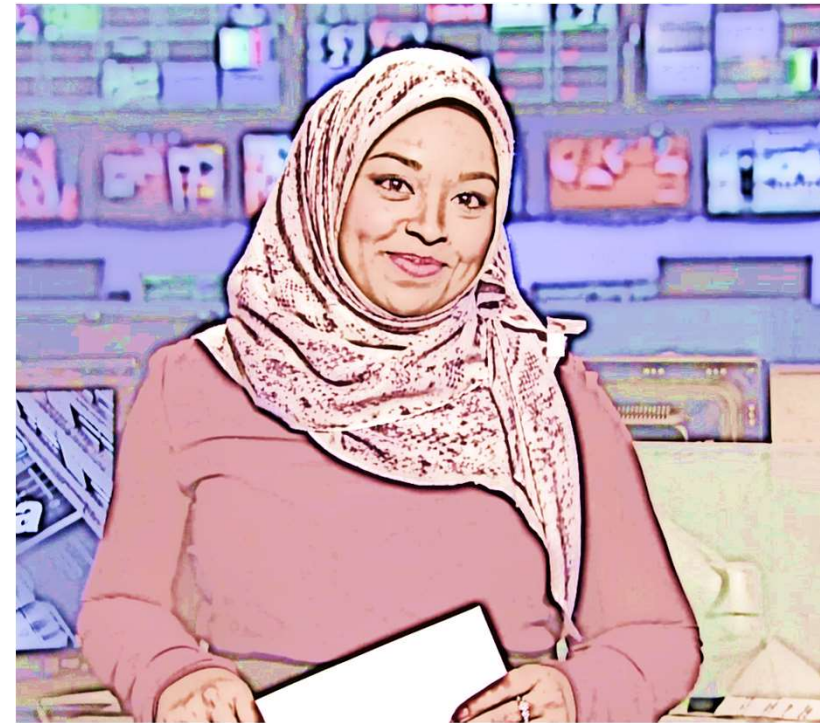


## Anne Cools

Anne Clare Cools, administrator, community worker, senator. An influential Black Canadian activist, Anne Cools served four months in jail for her role in the Sir George Williams Affair, for which she was pardoned in 1981. She founded Women in Transition, one of Canada's first shelters for female victims of violence. She also served on the National Parole Board of Canada. In 1984, she became the first Black Canadian to be named to the Senate. She served as a Liberal, Conservative and independent senator for more than 30 years, and was known as the Dean of the Senate for her knowledge of parliamentary history and procedure.

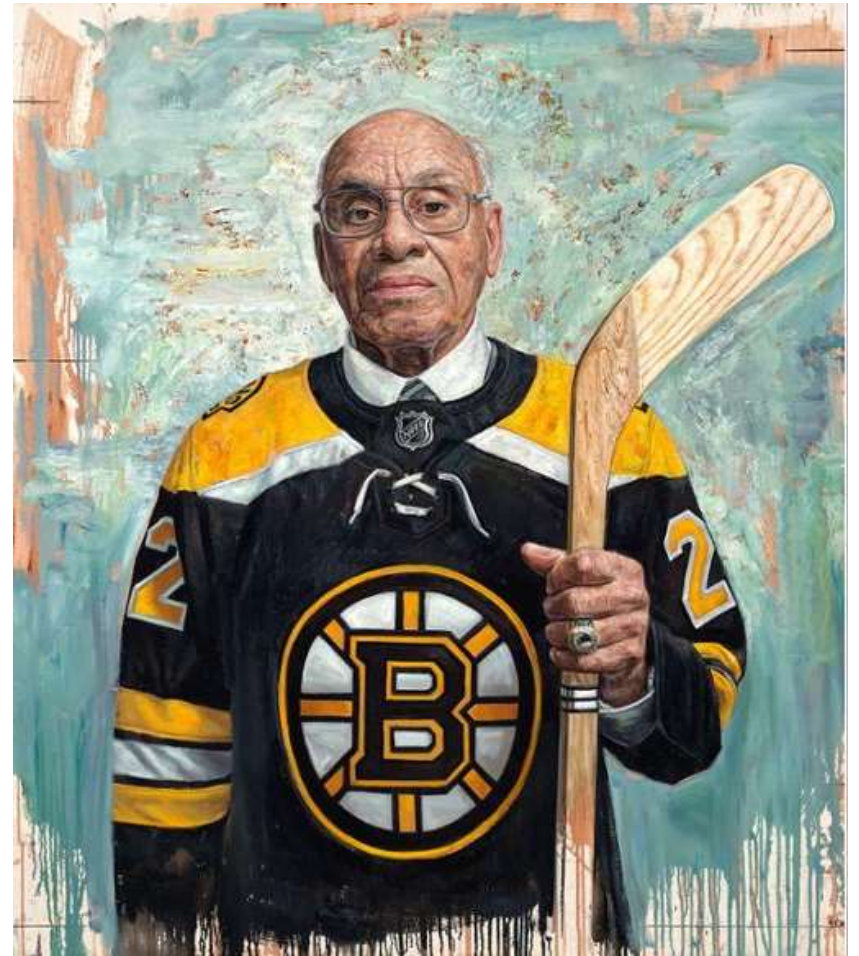
## Ginella Massa

(born January 29, 1987) is a Canadian television journalist. An Afro-Latina Muslim reporter and anchor, she became Canada's first hijab-wearing television reporter in 2015, and the first news anchor in hijab when she anchored the 11 p.m. newscast for CityNews on CITY-DT in Toronto, Ontario, on November 17, 2016.<sup>[4]</sup> An honors graduate of York University and Seneca College, she has worked both behind-the-scenes and on-air for local and national Canadian news outlets since 2010, including CTV News, CFRB and Rogers Television, and has been published in The Globe and Mail and the National Post.



# Willie O'Ree

He is a former professional hockey player, best known for being the first black player in the National Hockey League. On 18 January 1958, Willie O'Ree became the first Black hockey player to play in the National Hockey League (NHL). He played professional hockey for more than 20 years, including 45 games with the Boston Bruins. He has been inducted into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, the Hockey Hall of Fame and Canada's Sports Hall of Fame. The Boston Bruins retired O'Ree's No. 22 on 18 January 2022, the 64th anniversary of his first NHL game.



# Angela James

She was also one of the first three women to be inducted into the International Ice Hockey Federation Hall of Fame. When she was inducted into the hockey Hall of Fame she was one of the first two women, the first openly gay player, and the second Black athlete ever to be inducted.



# Carrie Best

She was a human rights activist, author, journalist, publisher and broadcaster. Sparked by incidents of racial discrimination, Carrie Best became a civil rights activist. Co-founder of The Clarion, one of the first newspapers in Nova Scotia owned and published by Black Canadians, she used the platform to advocate for Black rights. As editor, she publicly supported Viola Desmond in her case against the Roseland Theatre. Best used her voice in radio and print to bring positive change to society in Nova Scotia and Canada.



# Elijah McCoy

- Elijah McCoy, engineer, inventor McCoy was an African-Canadian mechanical engineer and inventor best known for his groundbreaking innovations in industrial lubrication.



**ELIJAH J.**  
**MCCOY**

**Change will not  
come if we wait  
for some other  
person or some  
other time. We  
are the ones  
we've been  
waiting for. We  
are the change  
that we seek.**



**Everyday Power!  
Barak Obama**

# Resources:

- Black History Month by Hon. Dr. Jean Augustine <https://youtu.be/F-jgEeZrNNY>
- 28 Moments of Black Canadian History- Jean Augustine <https://youtu.be/a71SwWN-mk8>
- A guide to lifelong allyship | Catherine Hernandez <https://youtu.be/g3D-5-2EqHI>
- Celebrating 27 Years of Canadian Black History <https://youtu.be/NtqUZAGui1Q>
- Rap Battle: Black Canadian History | CBC Kids <https://youtu.be/MAiZSNoVexg>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/cbc-black-stories-experiences-black-history-month-2023-1.6729755>
- <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/collection/black-history-in-canada>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/cbc-black-stories-experiences-black-history-month-2023-1.6729755>
- Black History in Canada: A Timeline <https://youtu.be/CsFaQU7AMBE>
- UNILearnal – 28 moments of Black Canadian history [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5n-4XSpl60&list=PLT9MbfNkf-UjoR-4wYeVWxiyxolxQPIXF&ab\\_channel=UNILEARNAL](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5n-4XSpl60&list=PLT9MbfNkf-UjoR-4wYeVWxiyxolxQPIXF&ab_channel=UNILEARNAL)
  - Leila - 28 Moments of Black Canadian History - Carrie Best <https://youtu.be/xgXhO5P6qpl>
  - Anne - 28 Moments of Black Canadian History – Jean Augustine