

African-American ENTREPRENEURS (PART 7)

Kathryn T. Stanley

Kathryn T. Stanley was an African American educator and civil rights activist from North Carolina. In 1903, she was born in Tarboro. She later moved to Rocky Mount. There she spent most of her life. After graduating from college, she taught at several public schools in Rocky Mount. She also was a principal. Stanley promoted equal education and voting rights for African Americans. In 1965, she was the first African American appointed to the North Carolina State Board of Education. She served for six years. Stanley passed away in 1985. During her lifetime, she promoted education and advancement of African Americans in North Carolina.

1. Kathryn T. Stanley was the first African American appointed to what government entity?
2. What did Kathryn T. Stanley do after graduating from college?
3. What do you think is Stanley's greatest achievement?

John McLendon

John McLendon was an African American basketball coach born in Kansas in 1915. He coached at a local high school. He moved on to coaching college basketball at North Carolina Central University. As coach, he led North Carolina Central University to eight championships. Eventually, McLendon was offered a job as the head coach of the Cleveland Pipers. He was the first African American head coach in any professional sport in the United States. Later on, he coached in the National Basketball Association (NBA) for the Denver Nuggets. He inducted to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.

- 1. John McLendon was the first African American to do what?**
- 2. Where did John McLendon coach in North Carolina?**
- 3. What do you think is McLendon's greatest accomplishment?**