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## A Week of Accomplishments

- **Week 1: Politics**
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- **Week 3: Religion**
- **Week 4: Atlanta**

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## Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm

b: 1924 – d: 2005

- First African American woman elected to the U.S. Congress (1968)
- First African American woman to campaign for the presidency (1972)
- Considered one of the foremost female orators in the United States



*“Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth.”*



Politics

## Barack H. Obama

b: 1961

- Candidate for Democratic nomination in 2008 presidential election
- Fifth African American Senator in U.S. history
- Wants to end the Iraq War, increase energy independence and provide universal healthcare



*“...we can make sure that every child in America has a decent shot at life, and that the doors of opportunity remain open to all.”*



Politics

## Colin L. Powell

b: 1937

- First African American four-star general (1989)
- First African American and the youngest person to chair the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989–1993)
- First African American to serve as Secretary of State (2001–2005)



*“Get mad, then get over it.”*

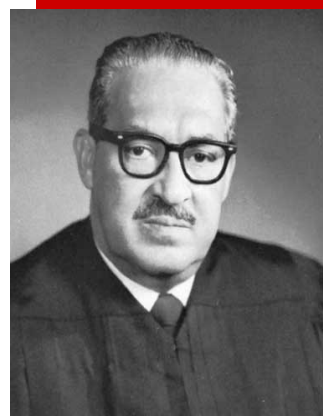


Politics

## Thurgood Marshall

b: 1908 – d: 1993

- First African American Supreme Court Justice (1964)
- Chief counsel of NAACP
- Argued against the “separate but equal” doctrine in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954)



*“Sometimes history takes things into its own hands.”*



Politics

## Barbara C. Jordan

b: 1936 – d: 1996

- First African-American woman from the South to serve in the U.S. Congress (1972)
- First African-American woman to deliver Democratic National Convention keynote address; considered best convention keynote speech in modern history (1976)
- Third African-American woman licensed to practice law in Texas



*"You must attend to liberty."*