11 Black Inventors You Should Know

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- Mark E. Dean helped invent the first personal computer for IBM.
- 2 Madam C. J. Walker, America's first self-made millionaire, invented various hair products.
- 3 Thomas L. Jennings was the first black person to receive a patent.
- 4 Dr. Shirley Jackson was the first black woman to graduate from MIT with a Ph.D.
- 6 Charles Richard Drew developed America's first blood banks.
- 6 Marie Van Brittan Brown invented and patented the first TV home security system.
- George Carruthers created ultraviolet camera/spectograph.
- 8 Dr. Patricia Bath invented the Laserphaco Probe to help with Laser Cataract Surgery.
- 9 Jan Ernst Matzeliger, invented the automated shoe making machine.
- 10 Alexander Miles invented safer, automated elevator doors.
- George Washington Carver used the Peanut to develop products like laundry soap, diesel fuel and different types of plastics.

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