

Black History Essay

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Do you use a computer at school? Maybe you play video games on a PC. Perhaps your parents work on a laptop at home or at work. Regardless of how you use a computer, it is thanks to Dr. Mark Dean that computers have become so critical to education, entertainment, and the workforce. Dr. Mark Dean is an inventor, a computer scientist, and an African-American hero.

Mark Edward Dean was born on March 2nd 1957 in Jefferson City, Tennessee. He is the son of Barbara and James Dean and an older brother to his sister, Ophelia. He got a degree in electrical engineering at the University Of Tennessee and a Ph.D from Stanford University. In 1979, he joined IBM to become a computer scientist, where he earned over 40 patents.

Dr. Mark Dean has made many contributions to the computer age and to the world. In 1981, Dr. Dean helped co-invent the personal computer or PC. In 1999, he led the team that created the first gigahertz computer chip. In 1995 Dr. Dean became the first African-American to be named an IBM fellow, the company's highest honor for his contributions to the modern computer. In 1997, he was honored with the Black Engineer Of The Year President's Award for his incredible contributions to the field of technology.

Despite the contributions he made, Dr. Dean faced many challenges. As a child, he went to a segregated school. When he graduated, he was not taken seriously due to his race. The stereotype at the time was that white Americans were better computer scientists than black Americans.

Although he was challenged, Dr. Dean persevered and became an IBM employee and later, an IBM Fellow and a holder of over 20 patents.

In summary, Dr. Mark Dean persevered through stereotypes and racial discrimination to become a patent-holder and an IBM Fellow.

Dr. Dean became a professor at the place he graduated from, The University Of Tennessee. In 1997 he became a member of the National Inventors Hall Of Fame. The contributions of Dr. Mark Dean have created the age of the internet and earned him the title of IBM Fellow and a true African-American hero.