



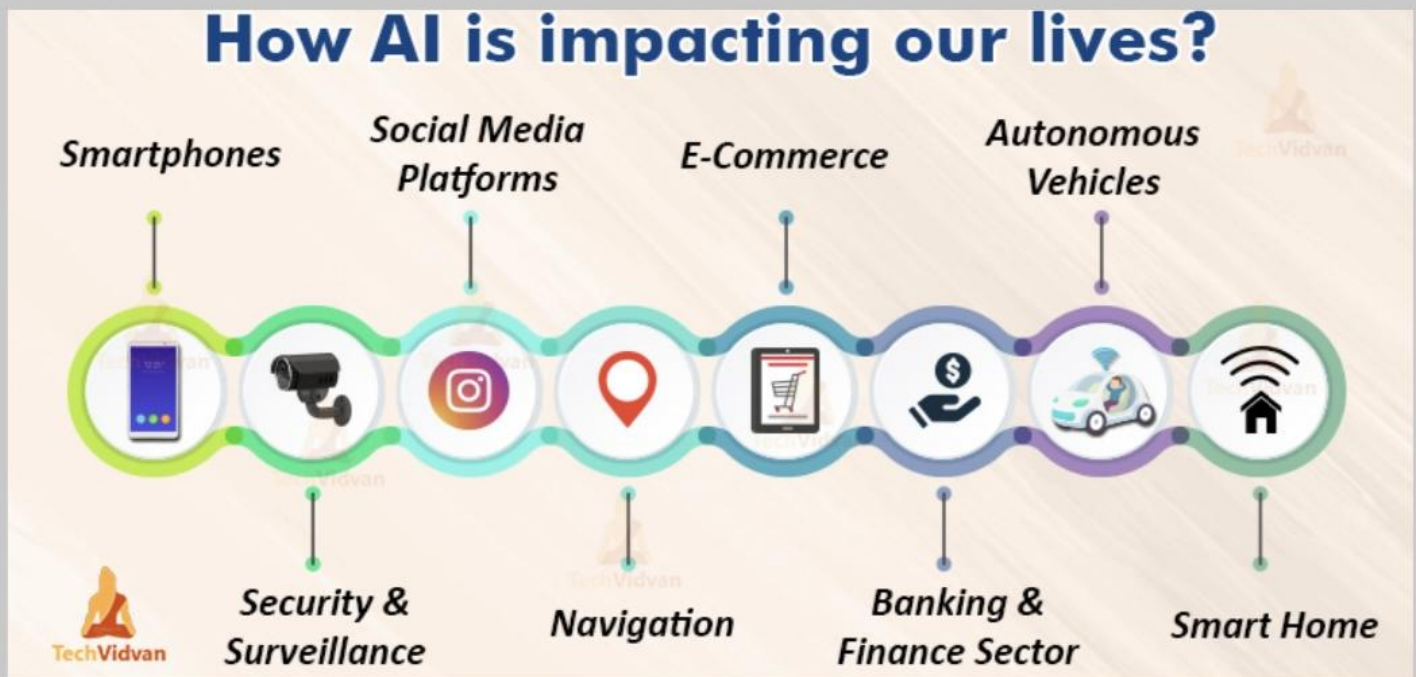
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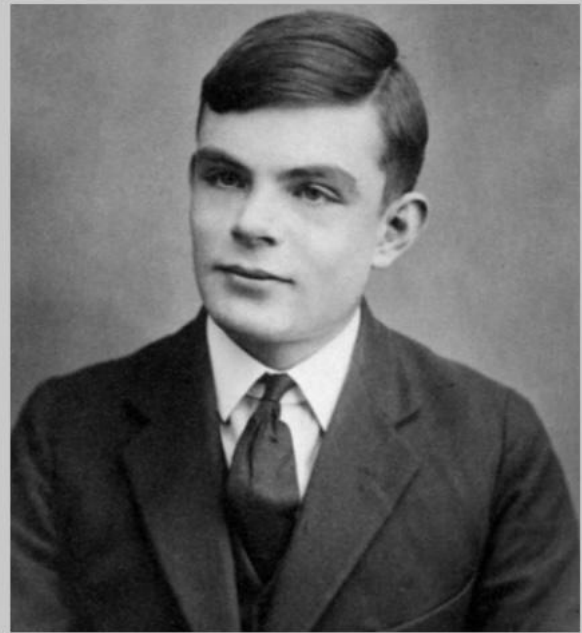
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Artificial intelligence, or A.I, is intelligence demonstrated by machines. Such as, self driving cars, self cleaning vacuums, and even self driving semi trucks. Although many people are not in favor of technology advancing, and branching off into society, they really have no choice. With technology becoming self aware, people are having to do less work throughout their busy day. At this rapid pace phones will eventually become holographic, and put into a wristband of some sort.

One of the first people to question technology Alan Turing, a mathematician that asked one simple question. The question was, “ Can machines think ?” This question changed the world in so many ways, and caused the people to think more.

Add a Turing wrote a paper on the subject and established the fundamental goal and vision for artificial intelligence. People wondered what actually made a machine intelligent, which led Turing to developing the 4 principles that define A.I. The principles include thinking humanely, thinking rationally, acting humanely, and lastly acting rationally.



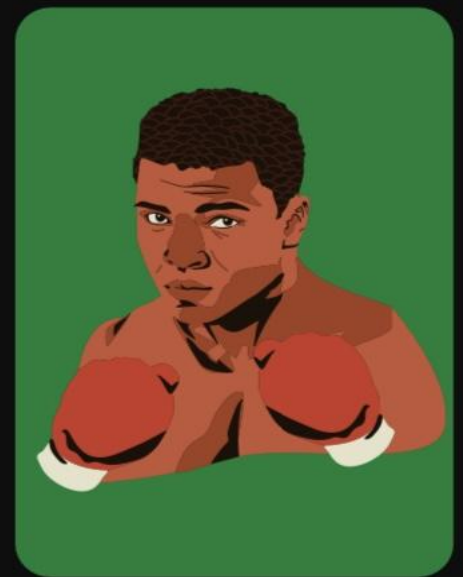
Add a I believe that the development of A.I is both good and bad. This opinion is derived from the possibility of a person with wrong intentions getting their hands on this type of technology. The possibility, as with most dangerous devices, would cause complete chaos throughout the world, but there are also many positives to the quick paced development of A.I. Some of these positives include smart homes, watches, and most importantly, phones. Soon, things such smart traffic lights that can actually sense the cars being at the red light and pedestrians waiting to cross can become a reality. This would be a major development that would dramatically change the amount of traffic being “stuck” while driving down busy streets.

A.I has been featured in hundreds of movies throughout the last 10 years, and is predicted to be in almost every movie by the year 2030. A.I brings life to machinery giving scraps of metal, or even wood, a mind of their own, and the ability to make their own choices. One of the most popular movies that involves bringing A.I to life is ‘I,Robot’ where a rogue robot decides to murder a man. During the investigation of the murder, Detective Spooner discovers that the robot has a plan to enslave the entire human race.

A SERIES OF OVERLOOKED BLACK HISTORY LEADERS

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Whenever black history is mentioned, it is a common to name the famous leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Muhammad Ali, etc., but as we know, the amount of movements and black accomplishments could not have been achieved by only a handful of people. As we celebrate Black History Month and celebrate black voices that positively impacted our world today, it is important to shine light on those that are easily overlooked. There are a number of black inventors, first ever politicians, and activists that have contributed to not only black lives, but society for all of us today.





The first on our list is Marsha P. Johnson, also known as "Black Marsha." Marsha was a prominent activist, performer, and supporter of the LGBTQ+ during the 1960's. She is most known for her unique fashion designs and contributions to the LGBTQ+ community as a drag queen. Marsha was said to have helped those homeless and impoverished in the LGBTQ+ community, and was often regarded as a the "drag mother." Despite struggling with personal mental illnesses, she was often seen helping others.



Another black figure that is often overlooked is Amelia Boynton. Amelia is an activist whose efforts started in the 1930s with the advocacy for the voting rights of African Americans. Boynton was one of the first African American women to be given the right to vote in Selma, Alabama. She also worked alongside Martin Luther King Jr. in planning the civil rights march known as the "Bloody Sunday," in which many of the protesters, including Amelia, were badly beaten by state troopers. Amelia was later rewarded with the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Medal in 1990, and although the consequences that Amelia faced were harsh, she is just one of the many protesters that were mistreated when fighting for the equal rights of African Americans but eventually overlooked.





Could you imagine a traffic light only having the option of stop and go? Well, there was a time when that was all a traffic light contained. Fortunately for everyone, African American inventor Garret Morgan invented the yield action- also known as the yellow light. With his highest education achievement being elementary school, and having an enslaved father, Morgan made one of the most influential inventions of our time. Though, the question is have you ever heard of him when learning about inventions in school? Most responses are typically no, as he is another black figure that has been overlooked in history.



One of the hardest struggles during the Civil Rights Movement was the desegregation of schools. Though, school segregation finally came to an end with the case *Brown v. Board of Education*. There was a group of African Americans that fought for this case, one of them being Constance Baker Motley. Motley worked for both the Legal Defense and Educational Fund and NAACP, and was the one to file the official complaint about segregated schools in the *Brown v. Board of Education* case. She was later appointed to a federal judgeship, becoming the first African American woman to be granted such title.





The list of amazing black history figures may not be endless, but the impact that each one has had on the world today, is. Some are appreciated, while others are not, but it is important that every time we celebrate black figures during the month of February that we recognize and mention those often forgotten. History continues to be made and African Americans continue to make history as the firsts, the best, and the most impactful. Happy Black History Month!



PRESIDENT'S DAY

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Presidents' Day, officially Washington's Birthday, is a holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of February to honor all persons who served in the office of president of the United States. Presidents' Day, first observed in 1971, came out of Washington's Birthday. In the United States, it is a holiday popularly recognized as honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The day is sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents. Depending upon the specific law, the state holiday may officially celebrate Washington alone, Washington and Lincoln, or some other combination of U.S. presidents (such as Washington and Thomas Jefferson, who was born in April). Presidents' Day is usually marked by public ceremonies in Washington, D.C., and throughout the country.

The day eventually also became known as Presidents' Day and is most often an occasion to remember all U.S. presidents, or to honor Abraham Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays together. Although Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, was never a federal holiday, nearly half of the state governments have officially renamed their Washington's Birthday observances as "Presidents' Day", "Washington and Lincoln Day", or other such designations. Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1968 to create a holiday on the third Monday of February, as well as move Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day all to Mondays to give federal workers more three-day holidays. Some states and agencies, including the National Weather Service and the Federal Reserve System, still call this day Washington's Birthday, since the law did not officially change the third Monday of February to Presidents Day. It is a federal holiday specifically honoring George Washington, who led the Continental Army to victory in the American Revolutionary War, presided at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, and was the first president of the United States.

Many schools will be closed for the federal holiday. Leading up to their birthdays, students in schools often spend time learning about their accomplishments. Presidents Day is not only for celebrating U.S. commanders-in-chief -- it's a great day for big savings. Most banks will be closed as Presidents Day is a holiday in the Federal Reserve system. The New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ will also be closed. Federal and state courts, as well as your local city hall will also not be operating, nor will other nonessential city, county, state and federal government offices. Most restaurants and retail stores will be open Monday. Walmart, Target, Costco and major supermarkets and grocery stores will be operating. Most restaurants and businesses will be open—especially since Presidents Day has become a day for sales promotions.


This Monday, take a few moments to think about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We used to observe individual dates devoted to both of those famous presidents who remain among the most exalted to hold the office. The story of Presidents' Day begins in 1800. Following the death of George Washington in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. At the time, Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration. While Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday. Senator Stephen Wallace Dorsey of Arkansas was the first to propose the measure, and in 1879 President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. The holiday initially only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it was expanded to the whole country. At the time, Washington's Birthday joined four other nationally recognized federal bank holidays—Christmas Day, New Year's Day, the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving—and was the first to celebrate the life of an individual American. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, signed into law in 1983, was the second. While Nixon's order plainly called the newly placed holiday Washington's Birthday, it was not long before the shift to Presidents' Day began.

A TEACHER INTERVIEW: TONY CHELMINIAK



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I had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Chelminiak on January 21, 2022. He is a teacher that teaches at Washington High School in South Bend, Indiana. What he teaches includes a variety of subjects including History, Psychology, and Media. Mr. Chelminiak was born in 1980 in the city of Indianapolis and in regards to his education, he has graduated from Indiana University South Bend. Out of his greatest achievements, he mentioned that winning Teacher of the Year was a very important one to him.

Among the first questions that I had asked him, one of them included how he would describe himself in a couple of terms. In response he had concluded upon describing himself along the lines of someone who is "Respectful, flexible, and serious". In contrast the last question, I asked him how he thought his students would describe him and instead he responded with the terms "Nice, helpful, and serious".

Beyond impressions of his personality, the next subject included his own impressions and feelings in regards to being a teacher. When asked about this topic Mr. Chelminiak talked about how he liked seeing his students learn about a subject that they are unfamiliar with. Getting into more specifics about him being a teacher, he had decided to teach History because of his appreciation for the subject and with the addition that he had wanted to coach students in basketball.



In regards to his students, he was questioned about their attitudes, specifically the negative aspects and he had described how he disliked how at times his students would attend his class, but get nothing done during the time that they are there. Mr. Chelminiak had also talked about the attitudes that he would enjoy seeing and included his students to “be respectful, give their attention, and work to the best of their ability”.

The next subject that we moved onto was on the topic of his life outside of school. Among the things that he enjoyed to do, including hobbies, are working out, playing basketball, listening to music, and seeing his kids playing sports. The last topic that we came to was about what alternative career he would have pursued if he hadn’t chosen teaching. If he hadn’t become a teacher, he would have become something similar to a personal trainer or a musician.

I thank Mr. Chelminiak for his participation in this interview and congratulate him on his win of being the Teacher of the Year.



Tamara Palmer

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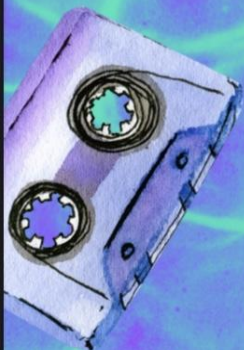
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TAMARA PALMER IS A SENIOR AT WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND THROUGHOUT HER FOUR YEARS HERE, SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ENDLESS AMOUNTS OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. SHE IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL AS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL WHO CAN MAKE ANYONE AND EVERYONE FEEL APPRECIATED AND LOVED. SHE CARRIES HER POSITIVE ATTITUDE EVERYWHERE SHE GOES. HER HUMOR MAKES EVERYONE AROUND HER SMILE, AND HER INTELLIGENCE INFLUENCES THE PEERS AROUND HER. PALMER DECIDED TO ATTEND WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IN ORDER TO FOLLOW HER FAMILY'S LEGACY. MANY PEOPLE IN HER BLOODLINE ARE FORMER PANTHERS. HER FATHER, LARRY PALMER, IS IN WASHINGTON'S HALL OF FAME FOR FOOTBALL, WRESTLING, AND TRACK. HIS PICTURE INCLUDES HIM GOING INTO AAA PRO FOOTBALL FOR 1988-1989 AND BECOMING PART OF THE JOILET CHIEFS AFTER HIS GRADUATION IN 1984. TAMARA PALMER STATED, "MY DAD ALWAYS TOLD ME, "YOUR EDUCATION IS WHAT IS GOING TO GET YOU WHERE YOU WISH TO GO." PALMER EXPLAINED THAT HER FATHER CONSTANTLY REMINDED HER OF HOW IMPORTANT AN EDUCATION IS AND THAT SHE HAD THE MIND TO DO WHATEVER SHE WANTED AND WISHED FOR.



FOR FOUR YEARS, PALMER WAS INVOLVED IN GIRLFRIEND'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AND WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENT COUNCIL. ONCE SHE BECAME A SOPHOMORE, PALMER BECAME THE PARLIAMENTARY FOR STUDENT COUNCIL. SHE WAS THE SECRETARY DURING HER JUNIOR YEAR, AND SHE IS CURRENTLY THE TREASURER. AS A TREASURER, SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING FINANCIAL REGARDING STUDENT COUNCIL. SHE IS THE ONE WHO HAS ACCURATE COUNTS OF MONEY THAT IS FUNDRAISED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WHAT IS SPENT FOR CERTAIN EVENTS/PROJECTS. BEGINNING HER SOPHOMORE YEAR, PALMER BECAME A MEMBER OF LATINO STUDENT UNION, BUT COVID-19 PUT EVERYTHING ON HOLD. FOR A YEAR AND A HALF, TAMARA PALMER MADE SURE THAT SHE STAYED AS ACTIVE AS POSSIBLE IN SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, EVEN IF IT WAS THROUGH A SCREEN. ALONG WITH BEING THE SECRETARY FOR STUDENT COUNCIL, PALMER BECAME A NATIONAL HONOR'S SOCIETY MEMBER AFTER MAINTAINING A 3.9 GPA AND ALL A'S THROUGHOUT HER HIGH SCHOOL CAREER. IN AUGUST OF 2021, WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL OPENED ITS DOORS FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING AND PALMER KNEW SHE NEEDED TO MAKE HER SENIOR YEAR COUNT. SHE WAS UPSET THAT A YEAR AND A HALF OF HER LIFE WAS SPENT AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE SHE LOVES AND THE FRIENDS SHE CARES FOR. SHE KNEW SHE NEEDED TO MAKE HER SENIOR YEAR MEMORABLE AND SHE WAS READY TO DEDICATE HER TIME AND EFFORT INTO WHAT SHE LOVED MOST.



TAMARA PALMER'S SENIOR YEAR HAS BEEN PACKED, SHE IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL HONOR'S SOCIETY, SHE IS THE SECRETARY FOR THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE RECYCLING CLUB, AND SHE WILL BE THE BOY'S GOLF MANAGER ONCE THE SPRING SEASON STARTS. AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL HONOR'S SOCIETY, PALMER IS IN CHARGE OF THE VOLUNTEER HOURS THAT EACH MEMBER HAS TO COMPLETE. SHE TAKES THE PLACE OF THE PRESIDENT IF THE PRESIDENT IS ABSENT, AND SHE IS IN CHARGE OF KEEPING THE CALM AND MAKING SURE EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER. AS THE SECRETARY FOR THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES, PALMER KEEPS EVERYTHING DOCUMENTED, SHE MAKES SURE THAT THERE IS EVIDENCE OF EVERYTHING THAT GOES DOWN AND EVERY DECISION THAT IS MADE. PALMER IS A MOTIVATION TO EVERYONE. SHE IS AN EXTREMELY MATURE PERSON WHO SPEAKS WITH WISDOM AND CONFIDENCE. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IS GRATEFUL TO HAVE AN EXCELLENT STUDENT LIKE HER AND SHE WILL BE MISSED ONCE SHE GRADUATES. TAMARA PALMER WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA IN THE FALL OF 2022 AND WILL BE MAJORING IN NURSING.

