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- If you've ever used a personal computer, you should thank Dr. Mark Dean. He has over 20 patents.
- If you've ever stopped at a traffic light, thank Garrett A. Morgan. His patent was granted in 1923 for the three-position traffic signal.
- If you've ever used a microphone or a telephone, thank Dr. James West. Ninety percent of microphones used today are based on his ingenuity.
- When scientists use the x-ray spectrometer, a device that helps them better understand what materials are composed of when they cannot be broken down, they should thank Dr. George Alcorn.
- If you've ever known someone who had problems with cataracts, and couldn't see but now they can, thank Dr. Patricia Bath. She invented a specialized tool and procedure for the removal of cataracts.
- If you've ever fried catfish, thank George Washington Carver. He invented peanut oil, and over 300 other different uses for peanuts.
- If you've ever used a portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar cells, fiber optic cables, caller ID or call waiting, thank Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson. Her breakthrough scientific research enabled others to invent those devices.
- If you've ever remotely checked on your house to make sure that it was secure, thank Marie Van Brittan Brown for inventing the home surveillance device.
- If you've ever gone to a movie and used 3-D glasses, thank Kenneth J. Dunkley.
- If you've ever wondered how pilots learned to fly the B-2 Stealth Bomber, thank the Air Force's first B-2 Simulator Certification and Software Evaluation Project Officer. This African American graduate of Grambling State University single-handedly enabled the 1.2-billion-dollar B-2 Training System Facility to obtain its accreditation 6 months ahead of schedule. This accomplishment resulted in saving the Air Force 3 million dollars and guaranteed on-time delivery of the aircrew training system. His name is Dr. Kevin D. Sly.