



# *Alice Ball*

Born & died in Seattle, WA

1892-1916

## Achievements:

- University of Hawaii:
  - 1st woman & African American to receive a master's degree
  - 1st female & African American chemistry professor
- Created the "Ball Method"
  - discovered a way to make chaulmorga oil injectable
  - most effective treatment for leprosy in 20th century
  - made it easier & less painful

## Recognition:

- Work was stolen by a white scientist & took 6 years to get credit
- Named a day in Hawaii & a park in Seattle after her
- Plaque on the University's only chaulmoogra tree
- Received the Medal of Distinction
  - the University's highest honor
- 2016: on Hawai'i Magazine's list of the most influential women in Hawaiian history
- 2019: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine added her name to the frieze atop its main building



# Josephine Baker

## Personal Life:

- Born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1906
- Married to French industrialist Jean Loin
  - renounced American citizenship & became a French national
- Nicknamed the "Black Venus" & the "Black Pearl"
- Died in Paris, France in 1975

## Contributions

- 1st Black woman to star in a major motion picture
- Adopted 12 multi-ethnic children (Rainbow Tribe)
  - prove that racial harmony was possible
- Aided the French Resistance during WWII
  - received the Croix de guerre & Rosette de la Résistance
  - made a Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur
- Supported the American Civil Rights Movement
  - refused to perform to segregated audiences
  - helped to force integration of public venues in the U.S.
- Was offered leadership in the Civil Rights Movement but declined