

**Honor Mobley, Weda Gilmore, Annie M. White, Grace O. White, Fannie S. Randolph, and Mary Belle Henry** were the first African American registered nurses at UVA Hospital. They were graduates of Historically Black Schools of Nursing that were crucial to educating African American registered nurses during their long and constant struggle to gain rightful positions in the health care system. Honor Mobley graduated from Good Samaritan Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. Others included Weda Gilmore from Freedmen’s Hospital in Washington, DC; Annie M. White from Lincoln Hospital in New York; Grace O. White from St. Philips Hospital School of Nursing, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia; Fannie S. Randolph from Lincoln Hospital School of Nursing in Durham, North Carolina; and Mary B. Henry from Dixie Hospital in Hampton, Virginia. In September 1951, Honor Mobley, Weda Gilmore, and Annie White went to work at UVA Hospital; the following year, Grace O. White, Fannie S. Randolph, and Mary Belle Henry joined them. Their efforts were vital in desegregating the hospital and obtaining greater acceptance for African Americans within the Charlottesville community.

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