

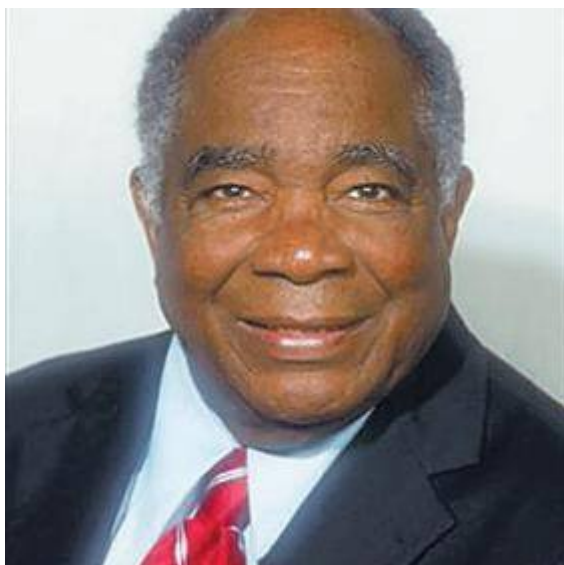
## About Your Neighbors: March 2021

### Description



February 15th was **Bernadette Watson Day in Hamilton County**. Bernadette (**Mitchell Ave.**) was the first African American woman Chief of Staff for a Mayor in Cincinnati.

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I want to honor my father, **Dr. Herbert Smitherman Sr.**, for his work as the first African American PhD hire at Procter & Gamble. My father's PhD was in Organic Chemistry. His degrees are from Tuskegee University & Howard University. My father pledged Alpha Phi Alpha as an undergraduate student at Tuskegee University.

My father was born to a Baptist Minister in Birmingham, AL. He was an only child. He made many sacrifices in order to be an excellent husband & father. ? #BlackHistoryMonth

Learn more about his legacy here: <https://www.amplifyafrica.org/post/dr-herbert-charles-smitherman-sr-the-jackie-robinson-of-procter-gamble>

### **Chris Smitherman (Lenox Place)**

**Editors Note:** Dr. Smitherman developed a number of incredibly popular patents, including Crest toothpaste, Safeguard soap, Bounce fabric softeners, Biz, Folgers Coffee and Crush soda, to name a few. His home was on Redway where his wife still resides.

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### **Sydney Herr (Betula) & Phoebe Wright (Lenox Pl)**

Two local swimmers competed at State of Ohio High School swimming this past weekend in Canton. **Only the top 24 swimmers in each event qualify** and due to COVID this is an amazing accomplishment due to limited swim meets. We are so proud of our NA state swimmers.

**Sydney Herr**, freshman Saint Ursula Academy  
20th 100 back  
14th in the 200 free relay  
12th in the 400 free relay



**Phoebe Wright**, Junior at Walnut Hills HS

4th 100 free

3rd 200 free  
19th 200 medley relay  
23rd 400 free relay

**Phoebe Wright**  
Walnut Hills High School  
Girls Division I 200 Freestyle District  
Champion  
2021 Southwest Ohio Swimming & Diving  
Championships



***Heather Herr (Betula)***

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