

Dear USPS,

As we all know February is the month to celebrate black history. Some of the famous people that everyone thinks of are Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. It's different for me because I think of Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel into space and the first African American woman to be accepted to the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA's) astronaut training. I think that Mae should have a stamp with her on it. Here are my supporting reasons.

One, she was a doctor. She was helping people who were hurt. To become a doctor Mae studied at the University of Southern California Medical Center and she later set up a general practice. For the next two and half years she was the area Peace Corps medical officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia, where she also taught and studied medical research.

Second, she was the first African American woman to be accepted in the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA's) astronaut training. She also was the first African American woman to travel into space. That is amazing and a big achievement.

Lastly, she accomplished many, many things. She won Essence Science and Technology Award, Ebony Black Achievement Award and the Montgomery Fellowship. She also has an academy named after her name.

That's why I think that Mae Jemison should be on a stamp because she was a doctor, the first African American to be accepted to the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's (NASA's) astronaut training and the first African American woman to travel into space.

Sincerely,
Courtney B.