



**First Day of Issue Ceremony
Dr. Charles R. Drew Stamp**

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Dr. Charles R. Drew Stamp
June 3, 1981
Howard University
Washington, D.C.**

Presiding
John R. Cochran
Postmaster
Washington, D.C.

Presentation of Colors
Boy Scout Troop 315
Florida Avenue Baptist Church

National Anthem
Miss Joyce Stovall
1981 Graduate
College of Fine Arts
Howard University

Invocation
Dr. Evans E. Crawford
Dean of the Chapel
Howard University

Welcome and Introduction of Distinguished Guests
Dr. James E. Cheek
President
Howard University

Remarks
Mrs. Charles R. Drew

Introduction of Assistant Postmaster General
John R. Cochran

Address and Presentation of Albums
Eugene C. Hagburg
Assistant Postmaster General

Benediction
Dr. Crawford

Honored Guest
Nathan Jones
Designer of Stamp



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The United States Postal Service is proud to issue this postage stamp in the Great American Series honoring Dr. Charles R. Drew, the eminent scientist, professor, administrator and surgeon who made so many valuable contributions to medical science. Dr. Drew's discovery and development of methods to preserve blood plasma in large quantities and the application of his research and findings helped to save countless lives in World War II. His pioneering in World War II laid the foundation for today's vast blood program of the American Red Cross.

U.S. postage stamps are powerful communicators and have great educational value. When the Dr. Charles R. Drew stamp is used on envelopes, millions of people throughout the United States and the world will thus be reminded of the outstanding accomplishments of this truly Great American.

The stamp was designed by Nathan Jones of Dallas, Texas.