

University of Michigan School of Dentistry

Number of African-American women enrolled = 1 woman

Number of African-American women enrolled, subsequent years

No African-American women enrolled

NUMBER OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN DENTISTS GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY 1890-2012



After a glorious start graduating Ida Gray in 1890, the University of Michigan dental program did not graduate another African-American woman until Joan Lanier in 1975. Since then numbers have fluctuated between one and seven, with an average of 1.5/year. Was race an obstacle and was there a quota? Perhaps not as there was one African-American man, and sometimes more, in many classes during the same period.