

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HATTIE MCDANIEL AND SIDNEY POITIER HELPED CHANGE THE FILM INDUSTRY. HATTIE MCDANIEL BECAME THE FIRST BLACK PERSON TO WIN AN ACADEMY AWARD IN 1940, AND SIDNEY POITIER BECAME THE FIRST BLACK MAN TO WIN THE ACADEMY AWARD IN 1964, EVEN THOUGH MANY ROLES AND OPPORTUNITIES WERE CLOSED TO BLACK ACTORS AT THE TIME. THEIR SUCCESS SHOWED THAT BLACK ACTORS DESERVED LEADING ROLES AND RESPECT.

