

Euphemia Lofton Haynes (1890–1980)



Haynes was the first Black woman to earn a PhD in mathematics, in her early 50s at Catholic University (1943). During her long career, she taught in elementary and high schools and in various colleges. Haynes founded and chaired the math department at Miner Teachers College (later part of University of the District of Columbia). Upon

retirement, she served on the DC Board of Education (and as its president, 1966–1967). She led the dismantling of the DC Public School system's tracking system as it discriminated against Black and poor students by not preparing them for higher mathematics and college, including support of a successful racial and economic discrimination lawsuit.

This poster is part of the EvenQuads project, which combines innovative mathematical card games with learning about amazing women mathematicians. The project celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Association for Women in Mathematics.

If you want to learn more about EvenQuads, scan the QR code below.

EVENQUADS

