

Climb High, Climb Far

Word Ladder by Greg Pliska '84

In celebration of Black History Month, this word ladder recognizes several notable Williams Alumni.

To complete the word ladder on the right you must connect the first and last names of Williams' first African-American student, GAIUS BOLIN, by changing one letter at a time. The surnames of four notable alumni should be entered where they have been indicated, while the other rungs of the ladder are clued randomly at left. (These clues are numbered for convenience only. It is up to you to determine where their answers belong.)

When you are finished, the numbered letters will spell a clue to this puzzle's seven-letter final answer.

1. Aches and ___
2. Acronym for Philadelphia's regional rail system
3. Black-owned photomagazine founded in the 1940s, named for a color associated with antique photographs
4. Albacore and yellowfin, et al.
5. Athletes Staley and Harper-Nelson
6. Auto body shop targets
7. *Broken City* co-star Russell
8. Businesses (like Oakland's Mandela Grocery) fighting supermarket red-lining
9. Carrie's Sleater-Kinney partner
10. Community leader (and noted voodoo practitioner) Laveaux, familiarly
11. Congressional Act (passed in the House in 2020) aimed at ending hair discrimination
12. Decelerates
13. Features that might be microbladed
14. First Black woman to win Olympic gold in gymnastics
15. Former Secretary of State Powell
16. Gators' cousins
17. Goddesses, in India (as exemplified in Kamala Harris's middle name)
18. High winds
19. Hills' counterparts
20. Iconic Philip Michael Thomas role in the 80s
21. In 2018, roughly 20% of holders of these on Fortune 100 boards identified as African-American/Black
22. Instruments for Velvet Brown (Monarch Brass Quintet) and Kenneth Amis (Empire Brass)
23. Jesse Jackson's "big" structure, et al.
24. Mocking put-downs
25. New York Times columnist Charles and family

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Former president of Vibe and Ebony/Jet Entertainment Group, Kenard of the Class of 1986

Head Start Program progenitor and sociologist Allison, valedictorian of the Class of 1924



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26. Obsolete decimal prefix (derived from Greek) denoting 10,000
27. *Opera* ____, "noble" counterpart to *opera buffa*
28. "Our people are being used as ____...": Malcolm X
29. Paula Abdul and F. Murray Abraham have ancestors from this country
30. Philosopher Diderot
31. Places of worship for the Faith of the Seven, in Westeros
32. Politician Bush and namesakes
33. Roger with a plaque in the Yankees' Monument Park
34. Side dishes made with cabbage
35. Singer Turner and her namesakes
36. Some salon treatments
37. Spelman College co-founder Harriet
38. Staples who sang "I'll Take You There" at the Obama White House
39. "...__ the whole world but loses his soul"
40. "They call me Mister ____!"
41. Thin strips of wood
42. Trims, as an image
43. Word after Peace or Marine
44. "You Don't Mess Around with Jim" singer

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