

George Washington Carver ~ highlighting his Simpson College connections

- 1864 Born July 12 in Diamond Grove, Missouri of slave parents, Carver studied in a one-room school in Neosho, Missouri, and eventually received his high school diploma in Minneapolis, Kansas
- 1890 Enrolled at Simpson College to study piano and art, the latter with Miss Etta Budd, who encouraged him to study agriculture at Ames
- 1891 Transferred to State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa
- 1892 Paintings exhibited and received honorable mention at Chicago World's Fair
- 1894 Earned Bachelor of Agriculture Degree, State Agricultural College and appointed member of the faculty
- 1896 Earned Master of Agriculture Degree, Iowa State College
- 1896 Arrived at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama on October 8 as Director of Agriculture at the invitation of Booker T. Washington
- 1896 Appointed Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station by the Alabama Legislature
- 1916 Named Fellow of the London Royal Society for the Encouragement of the Arts
- 1921 Appeared before the House Committee on Ways and Means regarding tariff on peanuts
- 1923 Received Spingarn Medal for Distinguished Service to Science
- 1928 Received his first honorary degree, Doctor of Science, from Simpson College
- 1935 Appointed Collaborator of the Mycology and Plant Disease Survey, U.S. Department of Agriculture

- 1938 Feature Film, "Life of George Washington Carver," made in Hollywood by the Pete Smith Specialty Company
- 1939 Received the Roosevelt Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Southern Agriculture
- 1941 George Washington Carver Museum dedicated on March 11 at Tuskegee Institute by Henry Ford, Sr.
- 1941 Spoke at Simpson's 1941 Baccalaureate on June 1
- 1943 Died January 5 at the Tuskegee Institute
- 1956 George Washington Carver Science Hall dedicated on October 6. Simpson was one of the first predominately white colleges to name a building for an African American.
- 1974 First annual Carver Lecture given by Dr. Darwin Turner on October 29
- 1982 Carver Cultural Center established as a housing unit for students interested in promoting multicultural activities on campus.
- 1990 Carver Centennial celebrated all year; George Washington Carver National Fellowship announced
- 1991 Wallace Hall of Science named to the National Register of Historic Places – Carver took art classes on the top floor
- 1993 George Washington Carver Science Center dedicated on October 22, more than doubling the size of the original hall
- 2008 Granting of Carver Medal added to Carver Lecture
- 2012 Simpson Experience Walkway in the Kent Campus Center contains the marble wall from the original Carver Hall and the section on Carver under Discovery