



MAVYNEE OSHUN BETSCH

"Environmental activist and opera singer MaVynne "Beach Lady" Betsch was born on January 13, 1935 in Jacksonville, Florida. She was raised in one of the most preeminent black families in the South." Read more [here](#).



SOLOMON G. BROWN

"Solomon G. Brown (c.1829–1906) was the first African American employee at the Smithsonian Institution, serving for fifty-four years from 1852 to 1906." Read more [here](#).

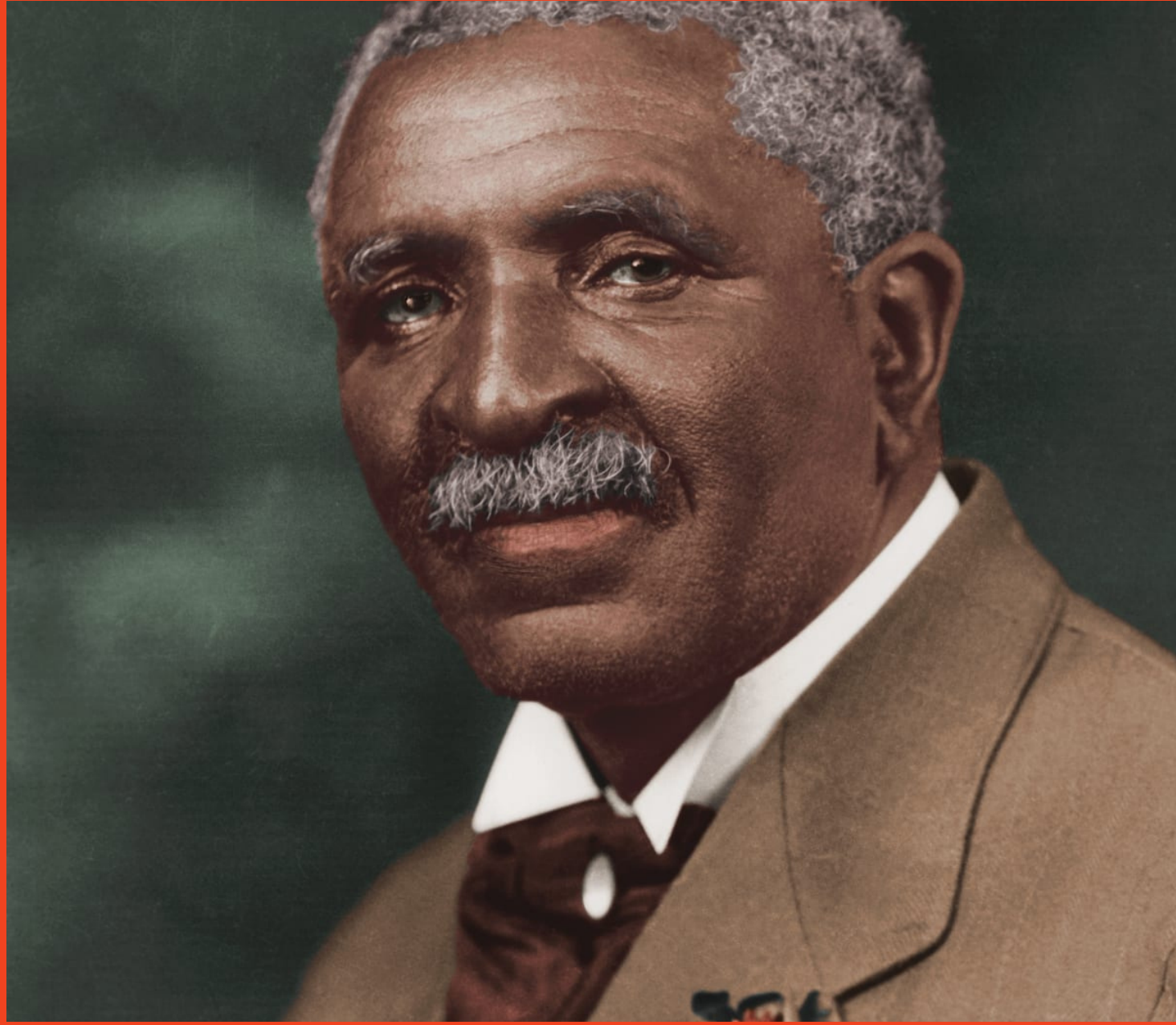


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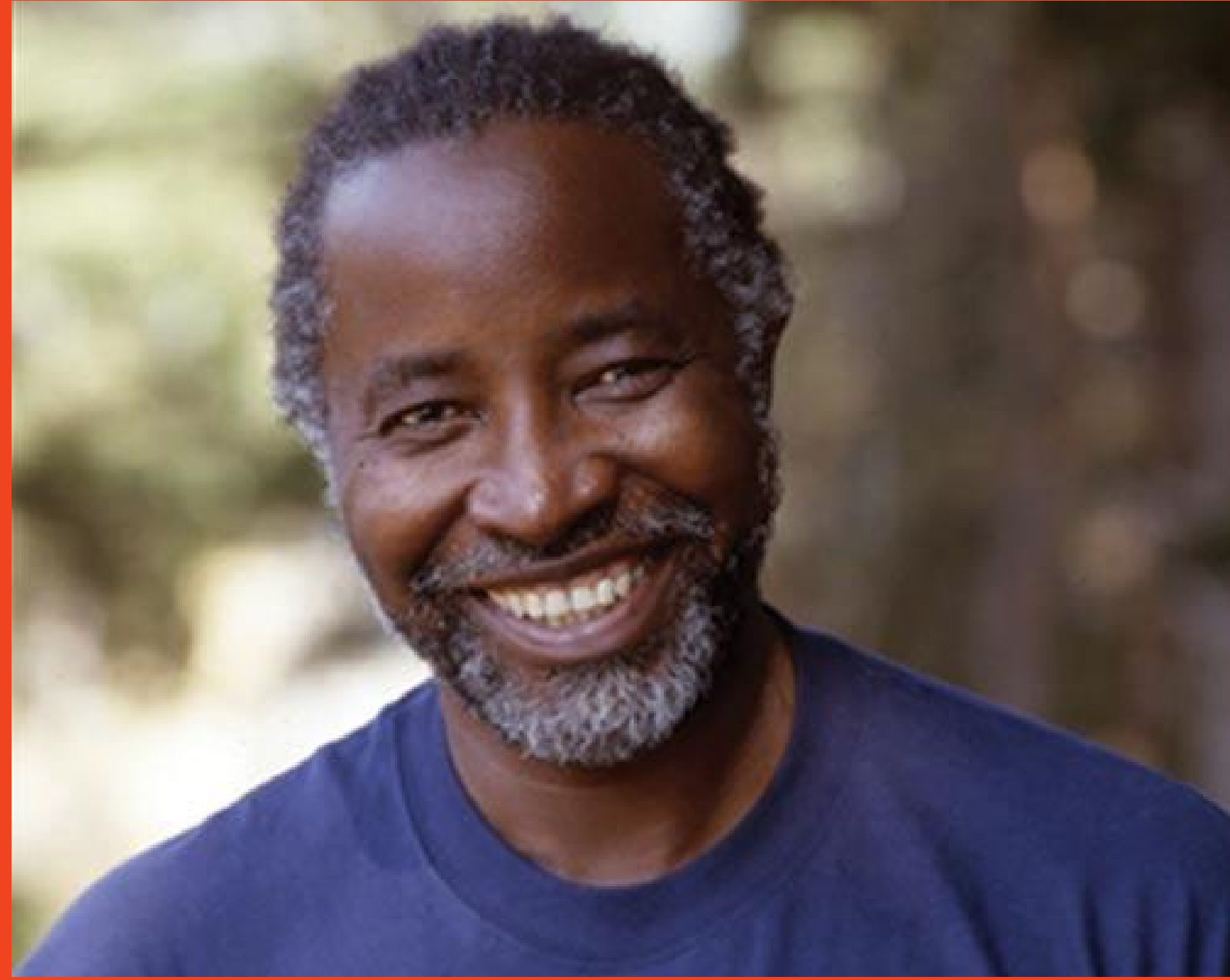


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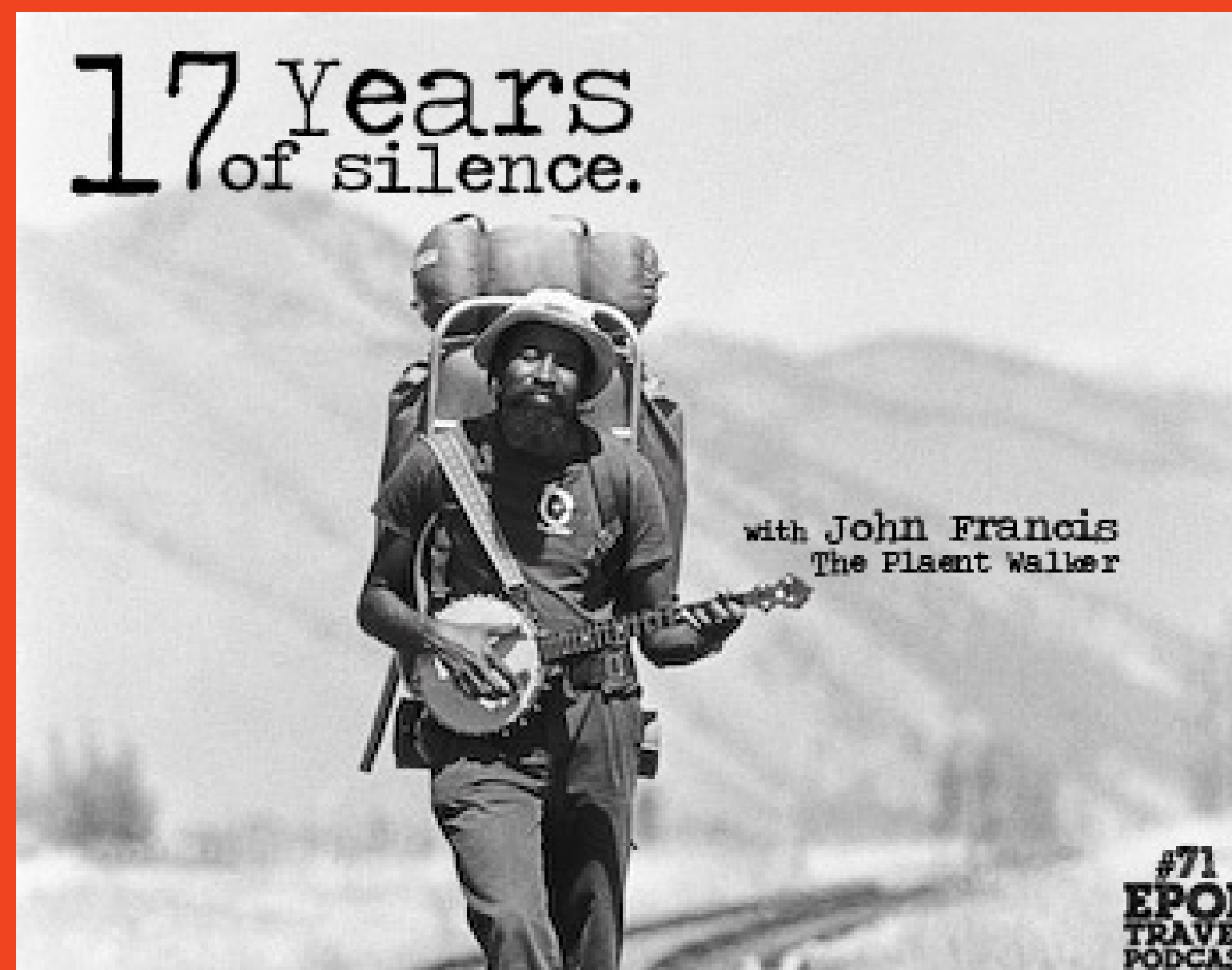
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

"He was an agricultural scientist and inventor who developed hundreds of products using peanuts (though not peanut butter, as is often claimed), sweet potatoes and soybeans." Read more [here](#).



JOHN FRANCIS

"After a massive oil spill polluted San Francisco Bay in 1971, Francis gave up all motorized transportation. For 22 years, he walked everywhere he went, hoping to inspire others to drop out of the petroleum economy." Read more [here](#).



Earth Month

is just around the corner once again! Although it will look different than most years, we still plan on compiling a schedule of events for our campus community to celebrate, learn, and engage in sustainability.

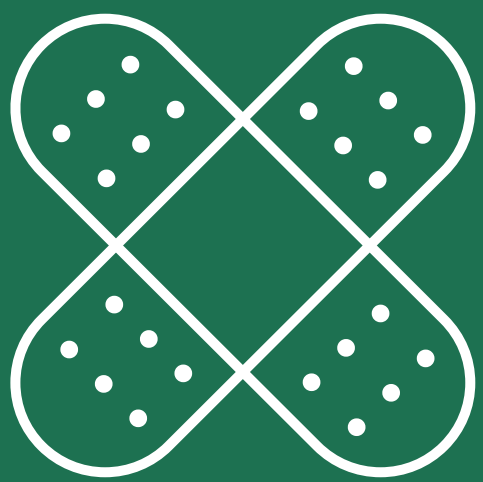
If you have anything to add to the schedule, please email

 sustainability@siu.edu.

Collaboration is at the heart of what we do. If you have an idea for a project or event, please reach out! We would love to work with you to create something for our campus community.

Green Grant Fund

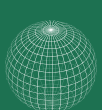
The annual deadline to submit a proposal to our Green Fund Grant Program was March 1. Upon review and consideration of all applications, the Sustainability Council will announce the awardees in late April at a virtual ceremony. If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to email us greenfund@siu.edu or sustainability@siu.edu. If you were unable to meet the timeline this year, we encourage you to think about applying next year!



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