WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Presented by The Student Government DEI Council
WHAT IS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH?

Women’s History Month is a celebration of women’s contributions to history, culture and society, and has been observed annually in the month of March since 1987

- Originated as a national celebration in 1981
- March 7th was originally: “Women’s History week”
- Congress later passed legislation to proclaim March as “Women’s History Month”
Every Women’s History Month Has a theme
The 2021 theme is: “Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced”
This theme is focused on women’s political involvement and leadership

The Right to Vote
Wyoming Territory was the first place to grant women the right to vote. They elected Nellie Tayole Ross, the country’s first female governor in 1924

Claudette Colvin
Nine months before Rosa Parks gave up her seat, 15 year old Claudette Colvin did the same thing on the same bus system- She was unmarried and pregnant at the time

Credit Cards
Women couldn’t get cards in their own name until the Equal Credit Opportunity Act was passed in 1974. Credit Cards were invented in 1950
Grace Lee Boggs

- Daughter of Chinese immigrants
- Writer and activist
- Began her activism in Chicago where she joined the movement for Tenants’ Rights and Workers Party
Ava DuVernay

- The first black woman nominated for a Golden Globe for best director of her movie “Selma”
- Produced an Oscar nominated documentary, “13th”
- The first woman of color to direct a live-action film with a budget exceeding $100 million (A Wrinkle In Time)
“Of course I am not worried about intimidating men. The type of man who will be intimidated by me is exactly the type of man I have no interest in.”

—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
HOW TO CELEBRATE WOMEN THIS MONTH

**SUPPORT**
Buy from a woman owned business this month and tell your friends

**LEARN**
Read about a woman who contributed to society

**VOLUNTEER**
Find a local women’s shelter, organization, or health clinic and find out how you can donate items or support

**APPRECIATE**
Tell the women in your life how much you care about them and appreciate them
TOP 6 RESOURCES TO LEARN MORE AND SUPPORT

WomensHistory.org
The library of Congress and other government entities commemorate and encourage the study, observance, and celebration of women

AnitaB.org
A social enterprise that supports women in technical fields

ThoughtCo.com/womens-history
Learn about the half of history missing from many history books on the women who have shaped our world

American Association of University Women
Advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research

Black Girls Code
Their mission is to increase the number of women of color in the digital space by empowering girls 7 to 17

She Should Run
This organization has prepared more than 21,000 women to run for office
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