

Women Making History

Celebrating Women's History and Disability Awareness Month

The colors of Women's History Month are purple, green, and white. Each of these colors has their roots in the suffrage movement but continue to have modern meanings today. White represents equality, truth, and freedom. Green represents hope and growth. Lastly, purple represents women's fight for suffrage.

Malala Yousafzai



Education Activist
1997-

- Won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014
- Author of international bestseller, *I Am Malala*
- Opened a school in Lebanon on her 18th birthday

Eliza Suggs



Author & Temperance Educator
1876-1909

- Diagnosed with what is colloquially known as brittle bone disease. Was educated alongside her siblings and friends. They carried her to school daily so she could have the same opportunities.
- Refused offers of placement in a museum or circus "freak shows".
- Published a book called *Shadows and Sunshine*, about her parents' experiences as slaves and her experiences as a Black Disabled woman.

Dolores Huerta



Labor Leader & Civil Rights Activist
1930-

- After teaching elementary school, Huerta left her job and began her lifelong crusade to correct economic injustice. "I couldn't tolerate seeing kids come to class hungry and needing shoes. I thought I could do more by organizing farm workers than by trying to teach their hungry children."
- Presidential Medal of Freedom Honoree
- Co-Founder of the National Farmworkers Association

Eliza Burton Conley



Lawyer
1869-1946

- 1st Native American woman admitted to argue a case before the Supreme Court of the United States.
- Known for her campaign to prevent the sale and development of the Huron Cemetery in Kansas City, now known as the Wyandot National Burying Ground.
- "In this cemetery are buried one-hundred of our ancestors...Why should we not be proud of our ancestors and protect their graves?" *Kansas City Times* (October 25, 1906)

Leona Tate Tessie Prevost Gail Etienne



Civil Rights Activists

- Among the 1st African American students to integrate McDonogh #19 Elementary School in New Orleans (1960)

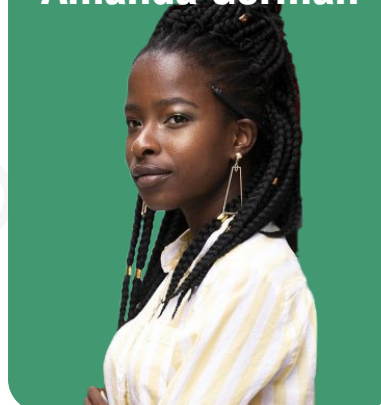
Terisa Siagatonu



Author, Educator, Community Organizer

- Awarded the Champion of Change award by President Barack Obama in 2014 for her work on climate change, gender equity, racial justice, and LGBTQ+ rights
- Completed undergraduate work in Community Studies and Education
- A mentor for PILOT: Pacific Islander Leaders of Tomorrow, a culture-based and community-focused empowerment and development program.

Amanda Gorman



Poet & Activist
1998-

- 1st Person to be named National Youth Poet Laureate
- Delivered her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the inauguration of President Joe Biden in 2021
- 1st poet to perform at the Super Bowl (LV)