

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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For numerous years, women were never brought to the light, always in the background, putting in efforts for our society.

Women were subjected to fit the image of society, being the "All-American housewife who tended to the children and stayed out of the work field. In today's society, the stereotypical image of women has been forgotten and women are now in the forefront. Women are now dominating the work force in this male-dominant society. They

have come an extremely long way for the respect that they deserve. According to the 2001 Census of Women

"A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform."

-Diane Mariechild

Board, In April 2002, there were six female CEOs in the Fortune 500 and a total of eleven in the Fortune

1000. The month of March is *National Women's History Month*, honoring all women of race, class, and ethnic background.

The main inspiration for this month is to highlight the perspectives, and more importantly, the presence of a group of people whose ideas and beliefs were seen as unimportant to historical text. This month expands the room for dreams and truly encourages female women leaders to go further.

Breaking the Glass Ceiling

On March 12, 2008, the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs held another intriguing and informational event. Held in Mid-Main Place, "Breaking the Glass Ceiling: The Family Leave Act and it's Impact on Women in the Workplace" was a OMSA Speak-Out,

consisting of a panel of well-educated women who talked about and informed individuals on issues of women and the workplace. The "Glass Ceiling" refers to situations where the advancement of a quailed person within the hierarchy of an organization is stopped at

a lower level because of some form of discrimination, (Redwood). The panel included: Dr. Renee Kirby, Dr. Adrienne Viramontes, Linda Busha, and Dr. Fran Kavenik.

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Breaking the Glass Ceiling (cont.)



Adrienne Viramontes

One important question that arose during the speak-out was, “how are women to overcome such adversity in the workplace and still feel comfortable?” Dr. Adrienne Viramontes answered this question very thoroughly. She explained that women have indeed come a long way from where they were decades ago. It is truly our duty to stay strong and prove

to individuals within the workforce that women are indeed educated and capable of handling difficult endeavors.

The panel of cultured women shared with everyone the importance of the struggle women have endured to overcome numerous obstacles over time. The issues discussed were an attempt and more importantly, an open-door invitation for women, as well as men, to stand up for their indi-



Individuals engaged in topic.

vidual rights and become more educated about the issues facing this particular matter. This OMSA Speak-Out was indeed a true learning experience for all who attended.

“Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Multicultural Professional Day

On March 28, 2008, the Office of Multicultural Affairs sponsored a day

filled with guided seminars geared toward helping UW-Parkside students with career preparation. This busy agenda included workshops that focused on financial debt, resume building skills, and interviewing skills.

Alumni, Kong Yang shared his experience with

graduate school. He educated students and offered advice on what to do once you get to graduate school, how to manage your time, and what other opportunities are available to students once they do graduate.

Senior, Shavon Flowers, enjoyed the workshop “What’s Your Credit Score”. She already had the knowledge of knowing her credit information, but the workshop actually broke down the percent-

ages on your credit score and what those particular percentages meant. The workshop also gave helpful advice on how to build your credit.

The keynote for the event was Dr. Martha Arroyo. She educated students and faculty on many important issues such as ones credit and how crucial business etiquette is. If you missed this informational and motivational program, be sure you are here for the next Multicultural Professional Day so you are sure to get a early start on your successful career.



Individuals engaged in one of the many workshops offered.

A Woman To Know

Baroness Amos is the most influential black woman in the UK. Amos is a former local government official and academic who is currently leader of the House of Lords.

In March 2007, Baroness Amos delivered the Government's apology over the Atlantic slave trade, made to mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade.

When Amos was appointed Secretary of State for International Development, she became the first black woman to sit in the Cabinet of the United Kingdom.

Baroness Amos is indeed an influential woman of today's society with the mindset and goals to encourage and motivate.



Baroness Amos

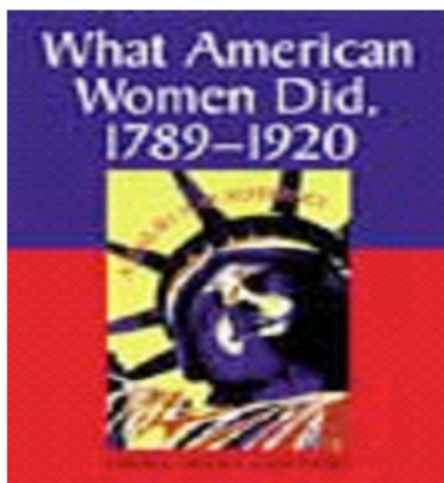
Influential Women in History...Did You Know That???

In honor of National Women's History Month, the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs would like to recognize the numerous contributions of women throughout our history.

Women's Accomplishments:

At the age of 21, Maya Lin won a national competition to design and build the now famous Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1993, famous author, Toni Morrison became the first Afri-



can-American woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature.

In 1928, Eleanor Raymon es-

tablished her own practice.

In 1990, Bella Abzug co-founded the Women's Environment & Development Organization to mobilize women's participation in international conferences.

In 2002, Halle Berry was the first African-American woman to win an Academy Award.

Diana Ross is the most successful female rock artist in history.

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FAMOUS QUOTES BY WOMEN...

"Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

-Harriet Beecher Stowe

"It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union."

-Susan B. Anthony

"As you become more clear about who you really are, you'll be better able to decide what is best for you - the first time around."

-Oprah Winfrey



OMSA'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs is committed to:

- **Connecting** students, staffs, faculty, and alumni to the university community
- **Empowering** targeted student populations with the necessary skills and liberties to explore academic, social, and cultural opportunities to enhance their educational growth and professional advancement
- **Developing** students through challenging experiences that will contribute to academic success and competence in a global society.
- The **SUCCESS** of the University of Wisconsin– Parkside campus community including students, staff, faculty, alumni, and the neighboring communities.