

# THE CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018

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#### March Calendar

Mon., March 5 – 4:00 PM, Women's Center – Meeting of the Women's & Gender Studies Association.

Tues., March 13 – 6:00 PM, Florence-Lauderdale Public Library
– panel discussion "This Woman's World:
Saints, Educators, & Activists – A Snapshot of
Local Women's Work."

Fri., March 23 – Collier Library – Herstory Project Gallery opens, first floor glass cases.

Mon., March 26 – Fri., March 30 – Spring Break.

#### **WOMENS HISTORY MONTH**

In the U.S., women's history month began with the very first International Women's Day in 1911. We have come a long way since then. Women gained the right to vote in 1920, the American Birth Control League was founded in 1921 by Margaret Sanger, and Rosa Parks contributed to the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement in 1955. The list of outstanding female historical figures is quite lengthy. Let's shed some light on a few of those amazing world-changers.





In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean and in 1935, she became the first person ever to fly solo from Hawaii to the U.S.

We Can Do It!

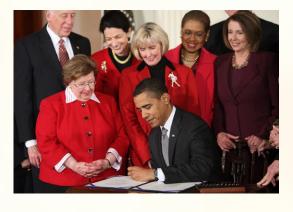
In 1941-1945, millions of women entered the workforce during World War II.



In 1968, Shirley Chisolm became the first African American congresswoman, representing New York State.

In 1973, Roe v. Wade granted women's right to abortion, giving women total control over their pregnancies.





In 2009, the Lilly Ledbetter Act was signed by President Obama, allowing for protection against pay discrimination.

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#### RESOURCES AVAILABLE

# AT THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Pride's Pantry of Personal Care Items
  - . Library
  - . Bottled Water
  - . Lactation Room
  - Couches/Blankets
    - . Computers
      - . Events
    - . Study Rooms
  - Coffee & Conversation



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### Women's Herstory Project









# Help us celebrate women in history with the Women's Herstory Project!

How to Get Involved:

- Pick a female heroine
- Write a brief (half page) biography of your heroine including why you chose her
- Select a date with the director of the Women's Center, Emily Kelley, to bring a picture of your heroine to the women's center and have your photo taken
- You may also choose to dress up as your chosen heroine for your picture, but that is optional!

Entries must be submitted by March 15, 2018

Anyone is welcome to enter!



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#### **Ethics Awareness Month**

Being ethically aware means to understand and abide by moral contexts and to assess or change one's values in order to protect the lives of others.

#### What Are Ethics?

⇒ Ethics are defined in Merriam-Webster as "the discipline dealing with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation"



# Consequences of Unethical Behavior:

- ⇒ Lawsuits
- ⇒ Injured organization reputation
- ⇒ Ruined careers
- ⇒ Fraud/Scandal

#### How to Become Ethically Aware:

⇒ Understand and encourage good morals such as integrity, honesty, justice, respect, and other ethical values

#### Four Principles of Ethics:

- ⇒ The principle of Respect for Autonomy
- ⇒ The principle of Beneficence
- ⇒ The principle of Non-Maleficence
- ⇒ The principle of Justice

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# SPRING BREAK!

# March 26—April 1

Have fun and stay safe!

#### **WOMEN IN HISTORY**

Barbara Jordan was the first African American woman from the South to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. She conquered many goals despite the discrimination that tagged along with her success. She participated in the hearings for the Watergate scandal and stood as a moral compass, which eventually enabled her to see the resignation of President Nixon. She was considered a champion of civil rights as she valued and fought for respect for all citizens. In 1977, she announced that she would not be a candidate in the reelection, but instead began teaching at the University of Texas in Austin. In 1994, she

was awarded the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. She passed away in 1966, but she remains an inspiration to many. Her achievements are forever commendable and her encouragement still lives on.



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## Internally Speaking

March is already upon us, meaning Spring Break is only weeks away and the semester is nearly finished! Though it has been busy, I've thoroughly enjoyed this semester. I was able to attend the *Power up Women—Rise and Roar* workshop where I learned that I am an Extroverted, Intuitive, Feelings, Perceptive (ENFP) type of person. It was a blast, but if you missed out, we have the Keirsey Temperament Sorter available at the women's center if you would like to find out what your type is!

I'm excited for the upcoming events here at the Women's Center, such as the Herstory Project this month and the Tunnel of Oppression in early April. I hope that the rest of this month brings you good grades, good times, and good laughs! Have an amazing Spring Break and stay safe!

Elaina

### Coordinator's Notes

I'd like to begin by telling you what a great turnout we had for *Power Up Women – Rise & Roar!* The room was at near capacity, and the ideas flowed all day. Dr. Suzanne Martin was a brilliant workshop leader whose enthusiasm never ebbed, and all who attended left powered up, indeed!

March is Women's History Month and, once again, we will be having the Herstory Project, but this year we are opening it to men on campus. How to enter the Herstory Project? Easy! Choose your heroine. She may be from history, past or recent, or she may be a contemporary. She may be a member of you own family! Then obtain a picture of her. Inform me of your choice by March 15<sup>th</sup>, and I'll make arrangements for you to have your portrait made, holding the picture of your heroine, by one of our official campus photographers. You'll also need to write a brief (1/2 page) biography of your heroine and include in it why you look up to her. After all this is done, I'll frame your portrait and it will appear, along with the biography you have written, in a gallery in Collier Library. Alternately, instead of holding a picture of your heroine, you may dress up like your heroine and have your portrait made that way. I keep hoping someone will do that!

April will be a month full of programs beginning with the Tunnel of Oppression on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Women's Center will have a room there, so we especially hope you will make a point of visiting the Tunnel of Oppression. Look for more information about this to come from the Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity.

Spring Break is rapidly approaching – only a few weeks away! And when we return it will be a mad dash for the finish line! So have a great break and get ready to run!

Emily