



## MARCH 2021

### March is Women's History Month

Women's History Month provides an opportunity for individuals to learn about the contributions, accomplishments, and lived experiences of women who are often left out of traditional historical narratives. As history is written and crafted by those in power, and often reflects their perspectives and experiences, it can leave out the voices and lives of those on the margins—or herstory. This month provides a space to showcase significant women such as Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman to run for President of the United States; Marsha P. Johnson, a trans Black woman and gay rights activist who contributed to the Stonewall uprising; Mary Golda Ross, the first Native American aerospace engineer; Anna May Wong, the first Chinese American Hollywood movie star; and Sonia Maria Sotomayor, the first Hispanic and Latina member of the US Supreme Court. It also enables us to call attention to the continued obstacles and inequities that women face in their personal and professional lives, while also considering how intersectionality complicates those inequities. If you are looking to learn more about phenomenal women both past and present, the "A Mighty Girl" [website](#), [Facebook](#), or [Twitter](#) is a good place to start. Ultimately, the goal is for women's lives and accomplishments to be remembered and celebrated every day of the year; until then, Women's History Month reminds us of how much women have contributed and continue to contribute to our world and how much work still needs to be done to achieve equality.

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### Recommended Reads: Women in History That You Might Not Know



Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to run for president. Learn more about Victoria Woodhull [here](#) and [here](#).



Ada Lovelace is often considered the first computer programmer. Learn more about Ada Lovelace [here](#) and [here](#).



Patsy Takemoto Mink was the first woman of color elected to Congress. Learn more about Patsy Takemoto Mink [here](#) and [here](#).



Vel Phillips was a lifelong Milwaukee resident. She was the first woman to graduate from UW-Law School, the first woman and first African-American elected to the Milwaukee Common Council, the first African-American to become a judge in Wisconsin, and in 1978 when she was elected Wisconsin's secretary of state she was the first African-American woman elected to statewide office in the nation. Learn more about Vel Phillips [here](#) and [here](#).

### Deaf History Month

Deaf History Month is March 13th through April 15th and celebrates the contribution and achievements of people who are deaf and hard of hearing. The dates coincide with the installment of the first deaf president at Gallaudet University, America's first university for the deaf on March 13, 1988, and the opening of the first school for the deaf in the United States on April 15, 1817. As we recognize women's history month and deaf history month, we introduce you to Alaqua Cox who is a deaf Native American woman who portrays the Marvel Comic's Avengers fictional character, Maya Lopez aka Echo. The character, Maya, is a superheroine who is deaf in Hawkeye; coming May 2021 to Disney+. Rarely are people with disabilities represented in movies and images. In the comic, Maya also represents one of the few Native American characters from the Cheyenne nation. Learn more [here](#).



### March 16 - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Town Hall

All students are invited to join our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Team in our Spring 2021 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Town Hall. The Town Hall is March 16 from 3:30pm-5:00pm on [Teams](#). During this time students will hear updates on our university's EDI initiatives, and then there will be breakout groups for small group discussions to talk through what Stout students would like to see from the university in regard to continuing our commitment to EDI.

### Trans Day of Visibility



Trans Day of Visibility is held internationally each year on March 31st and was founded in 2009 by Rachel Crandall in response to the lack of events celebrating trans people, and the overwhelming focus on anti-trans violence. This day is different than Trans Day of Remembrance in that it aims to honor the living and progress made in the trans and non-binary community. Just a few successes this year include Sarah McBride of Delaware becoming the first openly trans person elected to state senate and Mauree Turner of Oklahoma becoming the first openly non-binary state legislator. To learn more about Trans Day of Visibility go [here](#). To learn more about some key trans women in history, research Sylvia Rivera, Marsha P. Johnson, Renée Richards, and Laverne Cox.

### Campus Climate Survey Open Until April 2nd!



The Campus Climate Survey is open for all undergraduate students to participate in! We encourage you to complete the survey, to make sure your voice is heard, and that your unique Stout experiences are shared. These surveys will help UW-Stout make improvements to our campus climate. Participants are entered for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon card. [Survey Link](#).