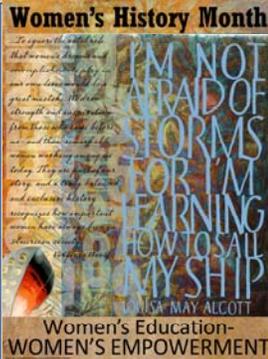


WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Fort Belvoir Equal Opportunity Office

Women's Education, Women's Empowerment



National Women's History Month is an opportunity to honor and celebrate women's historic achievements. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year, which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women. Each year National Women's History Month employs a unifying theme and recognizes national honorees whose work and lives testify to that theme. This year, we embrace the 2012 Women's History Month theme — *Women's Education — Women's Empowerment* and encourage the betterment of women through education to understand the impact it has not only on women, but on our

society as well.

The fight for an education was a valiant struggle waged by many tenacious women-across years and across cultures-in our country. Pioneers of secondary education for young women faced arguments from physicians and other "experts" who claimed either that females were incapable of intellectual development equal to men, or that they would be harmed by striving for it. This theory proved to be further from the truth because women now outnumber men in colleges nationwide.

The equal opportunity to learn, taken for granted by most young women today, owes much to Title IX of the Education Codes of the Higher Education Act

Interesting Facts

-Gracia Molina de Pick, an activist, feminist, and educational reformer, created family reading programs to help educate Hispanic children.

-Charlotte Forten Grimke was the first northern African-American woman to go South to teach in the Freedman Schools, established to allow Blacks to receive an education.

-Annie Sullivan taught Helen Keller how to be able to participate in the world.

-Brenda Flyswithawks, a member of the Tsalagi (Cherokee) Nation, was one of first women of her Nation to receive a Ph.D.

The Fort Belvoir, INSCOM & NRMC Equal Opportunity Offices Celebrate Women's History Month

WOMENS EDUCATION WOMENS EMPOWERMENT

13 March 2012
1145 to 1315
Fort Belvoir Officer's Club
(Belvoir Room)



Guest Speaker:
COL Irene M. Zoppi Rodriguez
Brigade Commander
Strategic Intelligence Group

This is a FREE Event!



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