



## Letter from the Editor

Everyone knows that March is host to St. Patrick's Day, a celebration of Irish Culture [and consuming copious amounts of alcohol]. But it's just one day of many holidays in March that calls for celebration. March is also: National Pi Day ~ National Doctor's Day ~ Waffle Day ~ International Earth Day ~ Johnny Appleseed Day...and many more. March is also Women's History Month, an annual declared month worldwide that highlights contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. Be sure to check out the events page of W.I.T. Monthly for all of our great programs happening this month. As always, take the time to appreciate the small things and find something new to celebrate everyday.

Best Wishes, Ashlei F.

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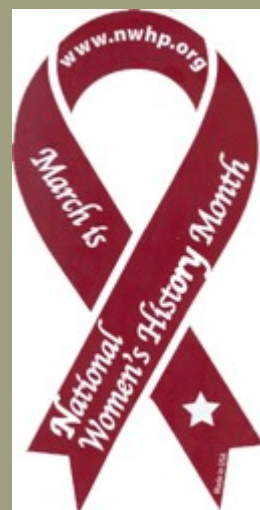


*"Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world."*

~Lucille Ball

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*"Every great dream  
begins with a dreamer.  
Always remember, you  
have within you the  
strength, the patience,  
and the passion to  
reach for the stars to  
change the world."  
~Harriet Tubman*



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**Above:** Jasmine Nicol  
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## Women's Resource Center



### *An Invitation...*

The Women's Resource Center serves as a facility for seminars, workshops, training sessions, meetings and dissertation defenses.

We offer a private conference room, lounge area, kitchen facility, and resource library. Students are invited to use the center for a quiet or group study space. Please call 970.351.1492 to reserve meeting times. We are eager to share our facility with you!

### *Mission Statement*

We promote awareness on gender issues and empower students to achieve academically, grow personally and develop leadership abilities.

We Provide:

- Resources, information and referrals.
- An opportunity for discussion through cultural forums.
- A comfortable environment for women to meet and share viewpoints, knowledge, and experience.

*United Brothers and Sisters* is a committee that develops ideas for programming that UNC students would like to see on campus that address women's issues and initiatives. But it's not just for the ladies! Gentleman are encouraged to come and lend their ideas to planning events that are dedicated to being inclusive of everyone in the UNC Community!

United Brothers and Sisters meets every Thursday at 12:30 pm at Scott-Willcoxon Hall.

*Get Involved at the WRC!*

*"If one advances confidently in the direction of one's dreams, and endeavors to live the life which one has imagined, one will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."*  
~Henry David Thoreau



For more information please contact us!  
Phone: 970.351.1492 or on the web [www.unco.edu/wrc](http://www.unco.edu/wrc)



## *Stryker Institute for Leadership Development*

The Stryker Institute for leadership development was created in 2001 through the generous gift of Ronda E. Stryker and the William D. Johnston Foundation. Ronda Stryker, an alumna of the University of Northern Colorado, envisioned her contribution to enable and empower non-traditional aged women from under-represented groups who would benefit from additional opportunities and resources.

### *Mission Statement*

The Stryker institute fosters and cultivates the emerging leadership capabilities and educational attainment of the traditionally underrepresented and non-traditional aged women.



**Above:** Stryker Fridays at Scott-Willcoxon Hall.

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
TODAY, TRANSFORMING THE  
WORLD TOMORROW.”



### *About the Program*

#### **Program Requirements**

- Admission to UNC and enrolled fulltime in a degree-seeking program
- FAFSA completion by March 1 (priority deadline)
- Completion of UNC's Universal Scholarship Application by March 1
- A 2.75 GPA from high school, UNC or other college or university.
- A conveyed commitment to participate fully in the program
- Receive an invitation to apply from the Institute

Interested individuals and those who require additional information may contact the Stryker Institute.

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## *Upcoming Events*



### **UPDATES! Please note the new dates below:**

Deadlines for registration have been extended for both the Women's Conference as well as for Nominations for the Inspiring Women Awards.

Women's Conference: March 21st at 5pm  
Inspiring Women Awards: April 8th at noon

### ***What a B..ch***

Tue. March 29th, 2011  
 7-9pm @ UC Panorama Room

As a continuation of celebration and appreciation for women's history, the WRC, in conjunction with NAK, is hosting a power of words event. Please join us for a campus discussion about language and how it impacts women. This event is free and open to all UNC Students, staff and faculty.

### ***WRC Mixer***

Wed. March 30th, 2011  
 5pm @ Scott-Willcoxson Hall

In celebration of Women's History Month the WRC, in conjunction with NAK, is hosting a mixer. This event is free and all students, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend.

### ***Women's Conference***

Wed. March 23rd, 2011  
 8am-4pm @ UC Ballrooms

Registration forms are now available for a Women's Conference hosted by the Women's Resource Center. This conference is an opportunity to educate all UNC students, faculty and staff regarding women's issues, leadership, empowerment, and the significance of women's issues on a global scale. Conference space is limited so students are encouraged to register early. The conference is FREE and open to all UNC affiliates. Please visit the Women's Resource Center and get registered today!

### ***Lecture Series***

Wed. March 23rd, 2011  
 7pm @ Lindou (Michener)

In celebration of Women's History month, the WRC is hosting a lecture event called Portraits of Courage: American Women Having It All. This event is free and open to all UNC Students, staff and faculty.

### ***Film: Twilight & Panel***

Wed. & Thur. March 23rd & 24th, 2011  
 6pm-9pm @ Lindou (Michener)

As part of our month long celebration of Women's History, please join us for a viewing of the popular film *Twilight*, preceded by a discussion about the film's connection to women's issues. This event is free and open to all UNC Students, staff and faculty.

### ***Vagina Monologues***

Fri. & Sat. March 25th-26th, 2011  
 7pm @ Lindou (Michener)

In celebration of Women's History month, the WRC is hosting the *Vagina Monologues*, an episodic performance that uses the recurring theme of the vagina as a tool of female empowerment and the ultimate embodiment of individuality. This event is free and open to all UNC Students, staff and faculty.

## *History of National Women's History Month*

By Molly Murphy MacGregor, Executive Director and Cofounder  
National Women's History Project

### **Local Celebrations**

As recently as the 1970's, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978.

The week March 8th, International Women's Day, was chosen as the focal point of the observance. The local Women's History Week activities met with enthusiastic response, and dozens of schools planned special programs for Women's History Week. Over one-hundred community women participated by doing special presentations in classrooms throughout the county and an annual "Real Woman" Essay Contest drew hundreds of entries. The finale for the week was a celebratory parade and program held in the center of downtown Santa Rosa, California.

### **Mobilizing a Movement**

In 1979, Molly Murphy MacGregor, a member of our group, was invited to participate in The Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College, which was chaired by noted historian, Gerda Lerner and attended by the national leaders of organizations for women and girls. When the participants learned about the success of the Sonoma County's Women's History Week celebration, they decided to initiate similar celebrations within their own organizations, communities, and school districts. They also agreed to support an effort to secure a "National Women's History Week."

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Visit the National Women's Health Project for more information and additional materials at: <http://www.nwhp.org/>

## ***History of National Women's History Month***

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### **Presidential and Congressional Support**

The first steps toward success came in February 1980 when President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. In the same year, Representative Barbara Mikulski, who at the time was in the House of Representatives, and Senator Orrin Hatch co-sponsored a Congressional Resolution for National Women's History Week 1981. This co-sponsorship demonstrated the wide-ranging political support for recognizing, honoring, and celebrating the achievements of American women.

### **A National Lobbying Effort**

As word spread rapidly across the nation, state departments of education encouraged celebrations of National Women's History Week as an effective means to achieving equity goals within classrooms. Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Oregon, Alaska, and other states developed and distributed curriculum materials for all of their public schools. Organizations sponsored essay contests and other special programs in their local areas. Within a few years, thousands of schools and communities were celebrating National Women's History Week, supported and encouraged by resolutions from governors, city councils, school boards, and the U.S. Congress.

Each year, the dates of National Women's History Week, (the week of March 8th) changed and every year a new lobbying effort was needed. Yearly, a national effort that included thousands of individuals and hundreds of educational and women's organizations was spearheaded by the National Women's History Project.

### **National Women's History Month**

By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

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## Women's History Month Quiz

*Created by Margaret Zierdt, National Women's History Project Board member*

Can You Identify These Women of Great Vision and Achievement Whose ***History Is Our Strength?*** [answers to the left...no peeking!]

### Answers:

1. Madeleine Albright (b. 1937)
2. Gertrude Boyle (b. 1925)
3. Wilma Mankiller (1945 – 2010)
4. Anne Bradstreet (1612 – 1672)
5. Olympia Brown (1835 – 1926)
6. Patsy Mink (1927-2002)
7. Rachel Carson (1907 – 1964)
8. Rita Dove (b. 1952)
9. Mary Dyer (c. 1611 - 1660)
10. Crystal Eastman (1881 – 1928)
11. Ida Wells-Barnett (1862 – 1931)
12. Drew Gilpin Faust (b. 1947)
13. Geraldine Ferraro (b. 1935)
14. Mary Bickerdyke (1817 – 1901)
15. Eleanor Roosevelt Oct. 11, 1984- Nov. 7, 1962
16. Mary Church Terrell (1863 – 1954)
17. Betty Friedan (1921 - 2006)
18. Major General Jeanne Holm (1921 – 2010)
19. Rear Admiral Dr. Grace Hopper (1906 – 1992)
20. May Chinn (1896 – 1980)

1. Who became the first female Secretary of State of the United States, appointed by President Clinton in 1997?
2. Who took over management of Columbia Sportswear Company in the late 1930's, when it was near bankruptcy, and turned it into the largest American ski apparel company worth \$4 billion in 1972?
3. Who was the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native-American tribe, the Cherokee Nation?
4. Who was the first American woman poet whose poetry was published in London in 1650?
5. Who is considered the first American woman to be ordained by full denominational authority in 1864, and who also campaigned vigorously for full woman suffrage?
6. Who was the first woman of color elected to the U.S. Congress and was a founding member of the National Women's Political Caucus?
7. Who was the ecologist writer whose path breaking book, "Silent Spring" in 1962 initiated the environmental movement?
8. Who was the first black woman and the youngest poet laureate in American history when she was appointed in 1993?
9. Who was imprisoned and then hanged for her Quaker faith in Boston in 1660, and 400 years later her statue was placed in front of the state House?
10. Who was the female lawyer who worked for equal rights and suffrage, co-founded the ACLU in 1910, and helped write the Equal Rights Amendment?
11. Who led the fight to criminalize lynching, helped form the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), and aided many black people who migrated from the South to Chicago?
12. Who became the first female president of Howard University when she was named its 28th president in 2007?
13. Who became the first woman vice-president candidate on a major political party ticket when selected in 1984?
14. Who volunteered as a nurse during the Civil War, earning the nickname "Mother," and after peace became an attorney advocating for veterans?
15. Who was the United States delegate to the United Nations who championed and won approval of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948?
16. Who earned a graduate degree from Oberlin College in 1888, was the first black woman to serve on a Board of Education (in D.C.), sued to integrate restaurants in the 1950's, integrated the American Association of University Women at age 85, and was a founding member of NAACP?
17. Who wrote "The Feminine Mystique" in 1968 and became a leading figure in the Women's Movement?
18. Who was the first woman promoted to brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force (1971) and the first female major general in any armed forces in 1973?
19. Who was a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy credited with developing the COBOL computer language, and with coining the phrase "debugging" to fix a computer?
20. Who was one of the first black physicians in New York City and the first black woman to graduate from Bellevue Hospital medical school in 1926?

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### We're on the Web!

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&  
[www.unco.edu/stryker](http://www.unco.edu/stryker)

"Never to tire, never to grow cold; to be patient,  
sympathetic, tender; to look for the budding flower and  
the opening heart; to hope always, to love always~this is  
duty.  
~H.E. Amiel



*Left:* UNC Students, Staff and  
Greeley Community mem-  
bers gather at the Art Show  
and Reception as the culmi-  
nation event of 2011 EDAW.

## How to Receive WIT Monthly:

If you or someone you know would like receive WIT Monthly, simply follow these easy steps on how to add yourself to the WRC/SI Listserv and begin receiving the newsletter and bi-weekly updates:

1. In your email account, open up a blank message.
2. In the message box of your email, type exactly this:  
QUIET ADD WRC-STRYKER DD=AX pw=dumb1  
//AX DD \*  
your email address last name, first name  
/\*  
example:  
QUIET ADD WRC-STRYKER DD=AX pw=dumb1  
//AX DD \*  
[Ashley.Finney@unco.edu](mailto:Ashley.Finney@unco.edu) Finney, Ashlei  
/\*
3. Now send to [listserv@listserv.unco.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.unco.edu).  
That's all! Once you send the message, you should get a confirmation email welcoming you to the WRC/SI Listserv.



*Above:* UNC Community  
members come together for  
the EDAW Mind & Body Fair.



***Women's Resource Center  
Stryker Institute for Leadership Development***

**Inspiring Women Awards**

**Recognizing the contributions of outstanding women  
at the University of Northern Colorado**

**Section I: Nominee Information – Self-nominations are encouraged as well**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee address: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (please choose one):    ☐ Student (undergraduate or graduate)  
   ☐ Faculty  
   ☐ Staff (classified or exempt)

**Section II: Nominator Information**

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section III: Questions**

Please complete the questions on additional pages and submit with nomination information.

Nominator will receive confirmation of application. Nominations are being accepted for contributions by outstanding UNC women students, faculty, and staff members.

- **Nominations** will be **accepted** until Thursday, **March 31, 2011 at noon**.
- **Nominations should be submitted electronically to [sarah.witty@unco.edu](mailto:sarah.witty@unco.edu) or [Kenna.Johnson@unco.edu](mailto:Kenna.Johnson@unco.edu) or in hard copy form to the Women's Resource Center, Scott-Willcox Hall.**
- **Nominators will be asked to ensure the attendance of their respective nominees if their nominees win the award.**
- All Nominees will be recognized at the [Women's Recognition](#).**



1. What qualities does the nominee possess that inspire you and others? Self-nominees please answer “how you think you are perceived by others”.
2. Please list the activities, to your knowledge, that the nominee has participated both on-campus and in the community.
3. What is the most significant experience you shared with the nominee and what was the lesson you learned? Self-nominees please answer, “Through your experiences, what lessons have you learned”.