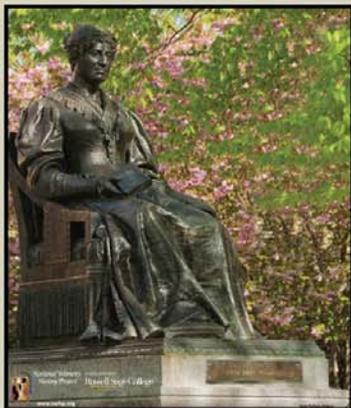


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ACCELERATING EXCELLENCE

1848 – First medical school for women, the New England Female Medical School, opens in Massachusetts.

1849 – Elizabeth Blackwell is the first woman to earn a medical degree, from Medical Institution of Geneva, in New York.

1851 – First institution of higher learning exclusively for women west of the Mississippi River, Cherokee Female Seminary, opens in Oklahoma.

1852 – Mills College founded, as Young Ladies Seminary, in California, first college for women west of the Rocky Mountains.

1864 – First black woman earns a medical degree, from New England Female Medical College in Massachusetts, Rebecca Lee Crumpler.

1866 – First woman graduates from dental school, the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, Lucy Hobbs.

1870 – First woman graduates from law school, Ada H. Kepley, from Union College of Law in Chicago, Illinois.

1873 – First woman graduates from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and becomes its first woman instructor, Ellen Swallow Richards.

1881 – First black female institution of higher education still in existence opens, Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary, now Spelman College, in Georgia.

1883 – First woman graduates from pharmacy college, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Susan Hayhurst, M.D.

1889 – Susan La Flesche Picotte is the first Native American woman to earn a medical degree, from Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

1902 – Fanny Farmer opens her "School of Cookery" in Boston, Massachusetts.

1904 – Mary McLeod Bethune opens her first school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida.



1945 – First class of women admitted to Harvard Medical School in Massachusetts.

1950 – Harvard Law School in Massachusetts admits women.

1955 – Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka this landmark decision overturned the "separate but equal" doctrine, declaring that all laws that supported segregated schools were unconstitutional, ruling that these statutes deprived students the equal protection guaranteed by the Constitution.

1959 – First woman passes the astronaut training test although she is not allowed to train, Geraldyn (Jerrie) Cobb.

1963 – Harvard Business School in Massachusetts admits first women into its MBA program.

1972 – Title IX of the Education Amendments is passed, challenging countless, long-held assumptions and legal barriers concerning women.

1965 – First black student earns a doctorate at Yale Law School in Connecticut, Pauli Murray.

1970 – Graciela Olivarez becomes the first female student and first Latina to graduate from Notre Dame Law School in Indiana.

1973 – First woman receives an athletic scholarship, Lynn Genesko, a swimmer at the University of Miami.

1976 – First women accepted at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.



1976 – West Point Military Academy in New York admits first women cadets.

1994 – First woman president of an Ivy League institution, Judith Rodin, becomes president of the University of Pennsylvania.



1999 – First woman graduates from the Citadel in South Carolina, Nancy Ruth Mace.

2008 – First female to attain the rank of 4-Star General, Ann E. Dunwoody, US Army.

2012 – First Air Force female to attain the rank of 4-Star General, Janet C. Wolfenbarger.

1742 – First girl's boarding school, Bethlehem Female Seminary, now Moravian College, opens in Pennsylvania.

1821 – Emma Willard establishes Troy Female Seminary in New York, the first educational institution to offer women an education equal to men.

1827 – First women's college west of the Mississippi River, The Linden Wood School for Girls, now Lindenwood University, opens in Missouri.

1833 – Oberlin College, in Ohio, opens, the first coeducational college.

1837 – First women's college, Mount Holyoke, that was founded as an institution for women's higher education and is still a women's college is established by Mary Lyon in Massachusetts.