

Celebrate Women's History Month

Mothers, sisters, daughters, nieces, dancers, lawyers, council-women, singers, students and teachers are the reason that we celebrate Women's History Month. What better place is there to celebrate the history of women than at one of the only two black women's institutions for higher learning in the country. It is necessary to take the time to celebrate our gender in the month of March the same way we celebrate Black History in February.

Paquita Herring

Women have been denied the opportunity to hold positions in major offices, and upper level business positions. The women that defied the odds and achieved success are considered to be heroes because they paved the way for other women. Women such as Barbara Jordan paved the way for other women when she became the first black Texan elected to the Senate since 1883. In some branches of Christianity women have been denied the right to hold religious positions. For that, we celebrate Pauli Murray, the first woman Episcopal priest who was denied entry to UNC Chapel-Hill because she was black though her ancestors owned the majority of the land that the school was built on.

Centuries ago the charm of the world would have been lost without women and today we are just beginning to recognize the positive affect that women have had on our society. It's been brought to light, women can do anything, and for that we celebrate Women's History Month.

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Who is the most influential woman in your life?

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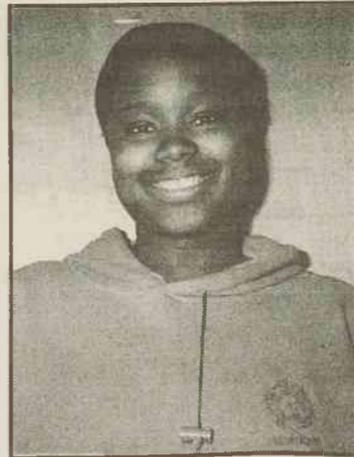
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The most influential woman in my life is my aunt. She was always there for me when the time got rough and she is still here for me. She has taught me to live for myself and not for others.



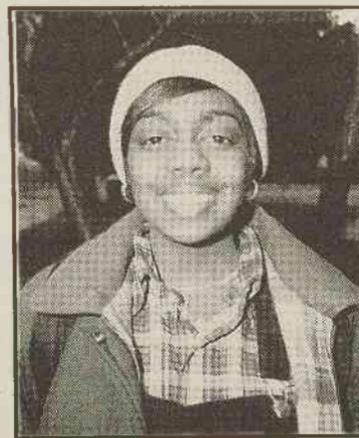
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My aunt Johnetta. She had her first child at 14, was diagnosed with breast cancer at 23, and overcame both obstacles to acquire a high position with the Agricultural Department.



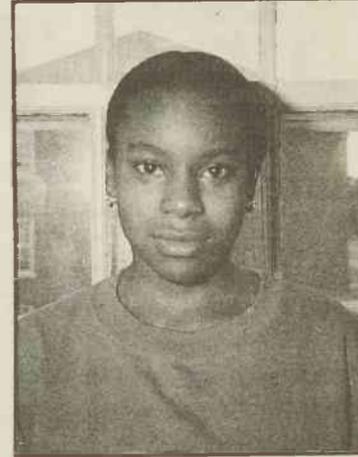
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The most influential person in my life is my mom. She has been a single parent, yet I know I have not missed anything. She has provided me with love, experience and the best education in the world — a Bennett Education.



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My aunt Kathleen is most influential in my life. She is always there when I need her and gives me encouragement in everything I do.



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My ninth grade biology teacher Barbara Gray. She often gave more objective opinions rather than a personal [opinion] when situations in school would occur. She was the type of the person that looked out for her students not only academically but also in the area of social development.



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Tina Turner. After enduring so much pain she still was able to become successful.