# Celebrating Women's History In South Huntington

## Women Who Achieved Exceptional Success in their Field

## Brenda L. Moore, Ph.D.

#### Sociology

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1968
- Received her Ph.D. from the UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO in 1987
- Associate professor of Sociology at the UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO (SUNY)
  - ► Full-time faculty member since 1988
  - > Teached both undergraduate and graduate courses in sociology
  - Supervises graduate students' MA and Ph.D. theses
- Internationally known for her scholarship on patterns of mobility and organizational change as it pertains to women in the military
- Published several refereed journal articles analyzing effects of race and gender on occupational assignments and career trajectories of military personnel
- Her books have given voice to populations largely ignored by American scholars
  - > Outstanding contribution to the sociology of gender and race
  - > Historical study of racial minorities in the U.S.
  - Current book project is a historical analysis of military sexual trauma
- Published Books: To Serve my Country, To Serve My Race: The Story of the Only African American WACs Stationed Overseas During World War II, Serving Our Country: Japanese American Women in the Military during World War II



## **Beverly Wideman**

#### Theater

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1966
  - > Performed in *Macbeth* as Lady Macbeth
  - > Performed in *The Crucible*
- Attended NYU TISCH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
- $\boldsymbol{\diamond}$  World renowned professor of theater, an actress, and operatic singer
- Received Outstanding Professor award at NYU Tisch School of the Arts
  - Has worked there for more than 30 years



#### Genevievette E. Walker-Lightfoot



- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1990
- Received her B.A. from **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**
- Attended the CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
- ✤ Former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) attorney
- Worked on the Bernard Madoff investigation in 2004, as the Lead Investigator for the SEC
- ◆ Worked at the American Stock Exchange from 1999-2001 as a staff lawyer
  - Developed expertise in specialized securities trading strategies



#### Jana L. Fox

#### Medicine

- Valedictorian of 1992 class at Walt Whitman
- Attended UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (BA in Biological Basis of Behavior)
  - Graduated Cum Laude
- Attended STONY BROOK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
- Interned in the field of Psychiatry and Medicine at EMORY UNIVERSITY
- Obtained Clinical Research Fellowship at MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING CANCER CENTER in NYC
- Devoted 4 years at JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL with the goal of being involved in the treatment of cancer
- Authored article on Lung Cancer and manuscripts in the field of Radiation Oncology



#### Jane M. O'Donnell Reigh

#### **Human Services**

- Graduated from Walt whitman in 1978
- Success in the Human Services field is an example of the mission of the South Huntington Union Free School District: to develop the positive social and moral skills necessary to become contributing members of society
- Built upon the foundation garnered through her education in South Huntington for over 30 YEARS to make a difference for hundreds of individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder
- Her compassion, education, and leadership ability have enabled her to have a
  positive impact on the many lives she has touched, including the individuals to
  whom she provides day services, and the people lucky enough to work beside her
  on a day-to-day basis



#### Laura Carino-Schroff

#### Advertising

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1970
- Former Advertising Executive who's worked with several major media companies:
  - Time Inc. & Conde Nast
- Part of the advertising team that made USA Today a successful national newspaper
- NY Ad Manager at *Ms. Magazine* & Associate Publisher at *Brides*
- Helped launch three of the most successful startups in Time Inc. History
   InStyle, Teen Magazine, & People Style Watch
- Best known for her book, *Invisible Thread* a true account of how a busy sale executive befriends an 11-year-old panhandler on the streets of NYC
   Epitomizes what mentoring can do for a child's life
- March of 2012: Received the HOMETOWN HERO AWARD from Congressman Steve Israel in recognition of her courage and willingness to help others



#### Linda S. Fusina-Freeman

#### Law Enforcement

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1971
- ✤ Retired after 30 years in law enforcement with the FBI
  - > Worked Terrorism and Foriegn Counterintelligence for most of her career
  - > Hostage Negotiator
  - > Supervisor
  - Employee Assistance Counselor
  - Fitness Instructor
  - > Linguist
  - National Academy member
  - Instructor at Quantico, VA
- Volunteered in the South Huntington Schools community



#### Maureen McCormick Grudens

#### Law

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1979
- NASSAU DISTRICT ATTORNEY
  - Dedicated to Vehicular Crimes Prosecution for the past 12 years
- Has visited Walt Whitman and other high schools for the past several years as a presenter for a program called, "Choices and Consequences" to discuss the dangers of drunk driving
- Received numerous public service awards
- Received the following awards:
  - National Traffic Safety Award for Prosecutors
  - ➤ Stop-DWI/Senator William T. Smith
  - New York State Prosecutor of the Years



#### Maureen McGrath-Jenness

#### Education

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1967
- Built the current Walt Whitman chamber ensemble/orchestra program
- Connected with her students in a special way
- Helped many students attain All-State/All-County status over the years
- Left the legacy of a Gold Award program as assessed by the NYSSMA
- Devoted her career to serving Whitman students for over 30 years
- Now retired, serves on the Board of the Long Island String Festival Association and teaches private students



### Patricia Delcol

#### **Environmental Science**

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1977
- Long and distinguished career as a public servant
- Attended LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY and STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
  - Bachelor's in Environmental Science and Biology
  - Master's in Cell Biology
- **1984**: Began her career as an **Environmental Planner** for the Town of Babylon
- Served as the Town of Huntington's **Director of Engineering Services** 
  - Managed major capital projects, including the construction of the Dix Hills Ice Rink, synthetic turf fields, and road reconstructions
- Town of Huntington's **Director of Environmental Control** 
  - > Developed and implemented the Town's solid waste program
- 2010: Became the Town of Huntington's Deputy Supervisor
  - Responsible for the day-to-day oversight of the Town departments



### **Rhonda A. Smith-Young**

#### Education

- Had very little interest in school growing up
- At the age of 16 became a high school dropout and was pregnant by 17
- ◆ Mother encouraged her to enroll in WHITMAN'S ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL
  - > Began to deal with the social and emotional factors hindering her success
  - Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1989
- Attended SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE and STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
  - Excelled in her educational pursuits
- Master's of Science in Education and Certificate of Advanced Studies from LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY C.W. POST
- Managed to balance her studies with the responsibilities of being a single parent
- ✤ Worked as an education leader for over 15 years
- Throughout her career, facilitated positive change in many young lives
- 2015: Recognized by the Board of Education for her advocacy and leadership as a veteran educator and school administrator in Brentwood School District



### **Shirley Chaikin-Mayer**

#### Medicine

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1968
- Founder and President of Generation to Generation (organization staffed by children of Holocaust Survivors committed to studying the effects of the Holocaust on themselves and the world)
- ✤ At CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER in NYC
  - > Established the first Northeast Region Burn and Trauma Center
- Served an instrumental role in developing the Emergency Management Plan for the Incorporated Village of Lloyd Harbor
- Creator of the well-renowned Holocaust Genocide Project at Cold Spring Harbor Junior Senior High School
- Long-term contributions to the community have been recognized by her colleagues, neighbors, local police department, school officials, and friends



#### **Tracey Stern**

#### Communications

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1978
- **Emmy-nominated** television writer and producer
- Made her television writing debut with an episode of David Kelly's *Picket Fences*
- Joined the writing staff of ER for its first two seasons
- Worked with Steven Spielberg on High Incident; Aaron Sorkin's Sport Night; Joss Whedon's Buffy the Vampire spin-off Angel
- Additional credits include:
  - Law & Order SVU, The Middleman, Leap Years, Peacemaker, The Book of Daniel, Angela's Eyes, Desperate Housewives
- Long-term projects include movies for Showtime, CBS, Freeform (ABC Family), and Lifetime



## Valerie Brunner-Chamberlain

#### **Social Work**

- Graduated from Walt Whitman in 1994
- Obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from SIENA COLLEGE
- Received her Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
- Considered one of the "rock stars" of the Family Service League
- ★ Assistant Vice President for Housing and Homeless Services → demonstrated unparalleled commitment to ensuring that each person who comes to the Family Service League is met with dignity and respect
- Hold of the title of Program Director of Program Home, where she manages three Homeless Shelters (one being the largest on Long Island)



## Women Who Achieved Exceptional Success in Athletics

#### Alicia (Lee) Hendrickson-Furman

#### Soccer

- ✤ 3-Year Starter
- ✤ 1984: All-League
- ✤ 1985: All-County
- 1986: All-County, All-Long Island, All-NY State, All-American
- Led team to 2 consecutive State Championships
- ✤ 4-year starter at HOLY CROSS COLLEGE
- ✤ 2010 Hall of Fame Inductee at Holy Cross College



## **Birgit Zeeb**

#### **Gymnastics & Cheerleading**

- **♦ 1978-1980**: All-County
- **1978-1980**: All-League
- 1979-1980: NY State Team
- ✤ 1979: County Championship Team
- **\* 1978-1980**: Member of 3 League Championship Teams
- 1981: Broke Suffolk County Floor Exercise Record
- CORNELL UNIVERSITY Gymnastics (Class of 1985)
  - > 3-year Captain
  - ➤ 4-year All-Ivy
  - > 5 Individual Ivy-League Championship Trophies
  - > 2-Time NY State College All-Round Champion
  - First Cornell Gymnast to Qualify for the AIAW Nationals
  - Set scoring records in all-around, balance beam, vault, and floor exercise
  - Inducted into Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame (1991)



## **Cindy Greenman-Bell**

#### Soccer

- **♦ 1990**: All-County
- \* 1991: All-County, All-State, All-American
- **1996-97**: All-South Florida International University
- ✤ 1997: TAAC Conference Player of the Year
- Third All-Time Goals & Assists
- Lady Rough Riders 5 years



## **Danielle Muller**

#### Basketball, Softball, Cross Country

#### Basketball

- > **1998-2003**: Varsity
- > 1998-1999: Rookie of the Year (8th Grade)
- ▶ **1999-2000**: All-League
- > 2000-2003: All-County
- ≻ Team Captain
- 2003-2007: UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER Basketball
- ✤ 2004-2005: Honorable Mention All-UAA
- ✤ 2005-2007: Basketball Captain
- ◆ **2005-2007**: First team All-UAA
- Chase Tournament MVP
- ◆ WBCA/Kodak Division III Women's Basketball All-American Team
- Sylvia Fabricant Aware recipient for outstanding sportsmanship in Women's Intercollegiate program
- B.A. in Psychology
- ✤ Master's in Elementary education
- ◆ 2007-2009: Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Caltech, Pasadena, CA
- Currently Head Coach of Virginia

#### Softball

- > 2000-2003: Varsity
- > **2000-2002**: All-Conference
- > **2002-2003**: All-County
- ≻ Team Captain



## Debbie Kaden

#### **Volunteer of Walt Whitman Athletics**

- Dedicated countless hours to the advancement of the Wildcat Booster Club
- ✤ 2011: Won Wildcat Booster of the Year
- Over 30 years of volunteer service for the community
- Multiple Gold-Level Presidential Awards for volunteer service
- St. Hugh Soccer Coach and Board Member (18 years)
- Stimson Booster Club President
- ✤ Active Wildcat Booster Club for over 20 years
- Served as Auditor and Financial Advisor to the Wildcat Booster Club Executive Board
- Most Recognizable wrestling fans in Section XI
- Unlimited hours of Support and Assistance to the wrestling youth of South Huntington
- Member of South Huntington Board of Education for 24 years President 19 years
- Parent of Bill and Jimmy (2017 HOF Inductees)



## **Donna Chacalos**

#### **Gymnastics**

- **1979:** County Champion Team
- 1979: Captain
- ✤ 4 Years All-League
- ✤ 3 years All-County
- ✤ 2 Years NY State Team
- 1979: Broke every Suffolk County Scoring Record
- **BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY** (Class of 1984)
  - > Full Academic & Athletic Scholarship
  - > **1982**: Held record for All-Around Score
  - NCAA Division I All-American
  - Competed in Europe with BYU Elite Gymnastics Team in England, Germany, & Hungary
  - Graduated with Honors BS in Medical Dietetics
- UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON Masters in Nutrition



## **Enez Y. Boozer**

#### Wildcat Athletics

- Sachelor of Science Degree (with Honors) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, Eastern Shore
- In Washington D.C., worked with United Planning Organization on many community-based initiatives and volunteered with underprivileged children
- **1968**: Moved to NY and worked for Tax Consulting firm as Executive Secretary
- 1978: Worked part-time in Superintendent's Office for South Huntington under the direction of the Board Secretary
- 1981: Transferred to the Athletic Department under direction of Fellow Hall of Famers Bob Young and John Deluca
- 1986: Became full-time as Clerk Typist for Department of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation
- Worked with five subsequent supervisors of Physical Education and Athletics for 26 years
- 2007: Voted unanimously to receive coveted Judith Martens Secretarial Award by Section XI and NYS
- ✤ Active in local church and community organization
- Played adult league soccer for HBC for the past 35 years

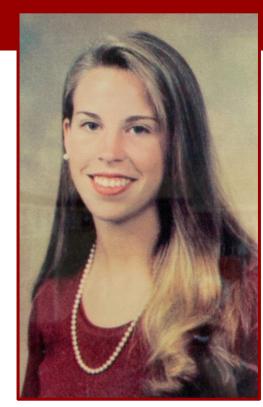




## **Erin Gilroy Triolo**

#### Soccer & Softball

- **\* 1990, 1991:** All-League Soccer (goalkeeper)
- 1990-1993: Recorded 33 shutouts during H.S. (school record)
- \* 1992, 1993: All-Country, All-East Soccer
- 1992: Member of the Undefeated Class "A" State Champion Soccer team
- 1992: MVP County Soccer Championship game
- 1992: MVP State Soccer Championship game
- ✤ 1993: All-American Soccer
- 1993: Class "A" State Finalist Soccer
- 1993: Empire State Games Gold Medal Soccer team
- ✤ 1993: All-League Softball
- ✤ 1994: All-Conference Softball
- 1998: Graduate of LOYOLA COLLEGE
- Appeared in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd"



## Jennifer Cameron

#### Soccer, Softball, Basketball

- Soccer
  - 4-Year Varsity player
  - > 1985: Captain of NY State Champions
  - ▶ 1884-1885: MVP
  - ➤ 1984-1985: All-Long Island
  - ➤ 1985: Amm-American
- Basketball
  - ➤ 4-year player
- ✤ Softball
  - ➤ 1-year player
- Played at VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY



## Jennifer Servedio

#### Soccer

- ✤ 1994: All-County
- **♦ 1995**: All-County
- \* 1996-97: All-State, All-American
- ✤ Attended FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
  - > All Southwest
  - > All Sun Belt conference
  - > Walt-Whitman's only 2-time All-American



## **Karen Bonfield**

#### Winter & Spring Track

- ✤ 2-Year Varsity Winter Track
- 2-Year Varsity Spring Track
- ◆ 100M and 200M Walt Whitman Record Holder
- ◆ **1988**: Indoor State Champion 55M, 7.1
- ◆ **1988**: Outdoor State Champion 100M, 12.19
- Outdoor State Champion 200M, 25.12
- Received State Recognition from Governor Mario Cuomo
- Attended SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE Business Management



## Karen Johnson

#### Field Hockey, Softball Basketball, Lacrosse

- Field Hockey
  - > 1975-1978: 3-year Varsity starter
  - ➤ All-League & All-Conference
- ✤ Softball
  - > **1975-1978**: 3-year Varsity starter
  - > All-League
  - > AllCounty
- Basketball
  - ➤ 1975-1978: All-League
- 1978-1982: Attended the College of William and Mary
- 1978-1982: Team Captain )Basketball)
- Baylor University/US Army program
- ✤ 1984: Master's degree in Physical Therapy
- Serviced 5 years in the US army as a physical therapist





## Kelly Schaeffer

#### Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball

Captained 3 Varsity Sports

#### Basketball

- ➤ 3-Time Team MVP
- > **1998, 1999, 2000**: All-League, All-County
- > 1998, 1999, 2000: Newsday All-Long Island
- > **1999, 2000**: All-State
- ➤ Lead team to 3 League Titles
- Played in 2 County Championships
- > 1997-2000: scored School Record 1,217 points
- > 2-Time Empire State Games Participant Scholastic Basketball

#### Soccer

- > **1997, 1998, 1999**: All-League
- > 1998, 1999: All-County, All-County Academic, All-State, All-Northeast Defenseman
- > 1999: Member of NY State Finalist Soccer team
- Volleyball
  - > **1997, 1998**: All-Conference
- 1999: EAB/News 12 Scholar Athlete
- **2000**: Women in Sport Foundation Honoree
- ✤ 2000: ESPN Sports Figure Scholarship Winner
- Played Basketball for **PRINCETON** after graduation

#### "The Best Female Athlete of Her Time"

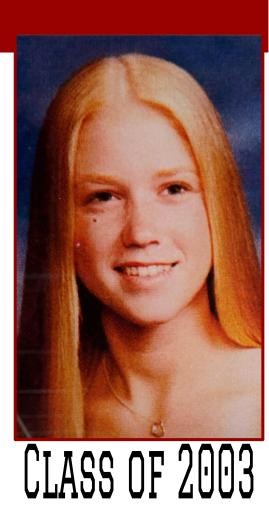




## **Kimberly Wathey**

#### Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball

- ✤ Lacrosse (Captain)
  - ➤ 2000-2003: 4-Time All-League
  - > 2002-2003: 2-Time All-County
  - Set school record for most goals in a season (72)
  - ▶ Holds career record for goals (207) and assists 215)
  - > 2003: Walt Whitman outstanding female athlete my aware
  - 4-time NYS Empire Team member
  - > 1999: NYS Empire Games MVP
  - > 2003: Women's High School Lacrosse All-American first team
  - > 2002, 2003: 2-time US across academic all-American
- Captain of Soccer Team
- Basketball (Captain)
  - Holds record for most assists in a season (78)
- Attended DUKE UNIVERSITY
  - ➢ Member of 2005 ACC Championship Team
  - ACC Honor Roll all four years
- Post College
  - Master's Degree in applied technology from New York University
  - SmartCEO Brava Award



## Melissa Shulman-Swailes

#### Soccer

#### High School

- 1996-1999: Four Time All-League
- > **1996-1999**: Four Time All-County
- > 1998-1999: Two Time All-Long Island
- ➤ 1999: All-State
- > 1999: 1st Team All-American
- Member of Teams that achieved 3 League Championships, 2 County Championships, a Long Island Championship, and 2nd in NYS
- Scored 99 Goals and had 66 assists
- Holds Whitman Single-Season Scoring Record with 34 goals

#### College

- > Attended **BOSTON UNIVERSITY**
- > 2000: All-East Rookie Team Member
- > 2001: 1st Team All-East
- > 2003: 1st Team All-American

#### Post College

Member of Gold Medal US Maccabi Games Team



## **Patrice Felder**

#### **Track & Field**

- ✤ 4 Years All-County Shot Put
- \* 1986-88: State Finalist in Shot Put and Discus
- 1988: Finalist in the Golden West Invitational
- School Record Holder for Shot Put and Discuss
- Coaches Walt Whitman's Girl's Track & Friend



## Peg Margiotta

#### Teacher, Coach

✤ 31 years as Physical Education Teacher at Walt Whitman

#### Gymnastics

- ➤ Coached for 21 years (183-11)
- 16 League Championships
- 2 County Championships
- Coaches 5 All-State Gymnasts
- > **1980-1981**: Coach of the Year

#### Cross Country

- ➤ Girls Coach for 7 years
- Coached 4 All-County Runners
- Varsity and JV Cheerleading
  - ➤ 18 years as Coach



## **Robin Thomas**

#### **Gymnastics**

- 5 Year Varsity Gymnast
- ✤ 4 Year All-League
- ✤ 4 Year All-County
- ✤ 2 Year NY State Team
- 1982: Suffolk County Top All-Around Gymnast
- ✤ Coached Kings Park High School Gymnastic Team
  - > Won 6 County Championships and 8 Undefeated Seasons
- **2009**: Suffolk County "Coach of the Year"



#### **Rosemarie M. Bryan Track & Field**

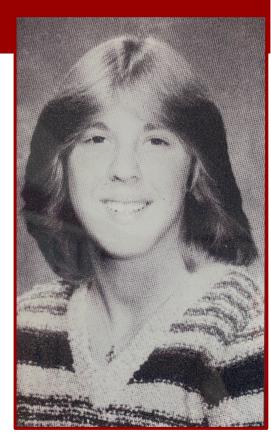
- 1990-1991: Placed 9th in the Country at the H.S. Indoor Nationals in the 55M H \*
- **1993-1994**: League Champion, 55M H \*
- 1993-1994: League Champion, 100M H \*
- 1993-1994: League Champion, Long Jump \*
- \* 1993-1994: League Champion, Triple Jump
- \*\* 1994:
  - County Champion, 55M H (8.26, WW Record)  $\succ$
  - County Champion, 100M H (14.18, WW Record)  $\succ$
  - County Champion, Long Jump (18'10", WW Record)  $\succ$
  - County Champion, Triple Jump (39'2", WW Record)  $\succ$
  - Member of the School Record 4x100M Relay Team  $\succ$
- Attended UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST \*
  - 1994-1998: Received full Athletic Scholarship  $\succ$
  - 1994-1998: New England Conference Champion, 55M H, 100M H, L.J., and TJ  $\succ$
  - 1994-1998: Atlantic 10 Conference Champion, 55M H, 100M H, L.J., and TJ  $\succ$
  - **1994-1998**: Ranked Top 5, 55M H., 100M H, 200M, L.J., TJ, and 4x100R 4x200R  $\succ$
  - **1994-1998**: Records in the 55M H (7.94), 100M H (13.76), 300M (40.07), 4x100M R **CLASS OF 1994 1995**: Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year  $\succ$
  - **1995**: Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year  $\succ$



## Susan Johnson

#### Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball

- 1980-82: Three Sport All-County
- Attended YALE UNIVERSITY
  - > 1986: Women's Basketball All-American
- ✤ Assistant Basketball Coach for Princeton
- ✤ Assistant Basketball Coach for Boston College
- Head Coach at New Hampshire College
- Inducted into Connecticut Sports Hall of Fame
- \* Two-Time First Team All-Ivy (**1983-84**, **1984-85**)



## 1985 Girls Soccer Team

- Undefeated NYS Champions with 18-0-2 record
- Ranked #2 Girls Soccer Team in the Nation
- Outscored their opponent 90-21
- Defensively recorded 9 shutouts
- Four players who has Double-Digits in Goals Scored & Assists:
  - Jennifer Cameron 16 goals & 13 assists
  - Annie DeNuzzo 19 goals & 12 assists
  - Tracie Yrigoyen 12 goals & 10 assists
  - Lee Hendrickson 26 goals & 18 assists



#### Team Members

Maureen Altavilla, Lee Hendrickson, Karen Callaghan, Jeanmarie Noper, Jennifer Cameron, Laura Pergolizzi, Janet Covella, Karen Poggi, Anne DeNuzzo, Lisa Rollins, Fran Dion, Debbie Tripaldi, Lorna Drummond, Arlene Vozza, Joann Frank, Brenda Vozza, Traci Goodwin, Tracie Yrigoyen, Coach Joe Comforto, & Asst. Coach Ray Pelligrino

We are honored to have each of these women be a part of our South Huntington family. Thank you for being true role models amongst young women within our community. We proudly celebrate each of you!