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National Women’s Hall of Fame Induction Sept. 16, 2017
Celebrating Ten Extraordinary Women’s Contributions to our Country

Seneca Falls, NY: - In celebration of the 100th year anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote in NY, The National Women’s Hall of Fame will host a weekend celebrating the achievements of American Women in the birthplace of the Women’s Rights movement in the U.S. The highlight of the weekend is the induction of ten women for their historic achievement into the Hall of Fame. "We are pleased to add ten American women to the ranks of inductees whose leadership and achievements have changed the course of American history," said Dr. Betty M. Bayer, the Hall's Co-President and professor of Women's Studies at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The National Women's Hall of Fame will celebrate the inclusion of 10 extraordinary women into the ranks of the inductees at the biennial induction ceremony on September 16, 2017 at 12 pm at the NYS Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, NY.

“The Hall Board of Directors and committee members will continue to honor by induction outstanding women in the fields of arts, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, philanthropy and science,” says Co-President Eileen S. Hartmann

This year’s inductees were nominated by the public, judged by an interdisciplinary team of experts across the nominee’s fields, and selected for their invaluable contributions to American Society.

The 2017 National Women’s Hall of Fame inductees are:

The Honorable Matilda Raffa Cuomo (1931- )
A dedicated advocate for women, children and families, Matilda Raffa Cuomo has led state, national and international initiatives that brought heightened visibility to such causes as
children’s rights, volunteerism and mentoring. She currently chairs the New York State Mentoring Program.

**Dr. Temple Grandin (1947- )**
Animal sciences pioneer and champion of farm animal welfare, she was diagnosed at age two with Autism Spectrum Disorder and went on to apply her personal insights to reduce animal stress during the livestock handling process.

**Lorraine Hansberry (1930-1965)**
A groundbreaking playwright and essayist, Lorraine Hansberry is best known as the author of *A Raisin in the Sun*. She was the first African American woman to have a show produced on Broadway, to receive the prestigious New York Drama Circle Critics Choice Award and the distinguished Drama Desk Award.

**Victoria Jackson (1955- )**
Philanthropist, entrepreneur, author and mother, Victoria Jackson has catalyzed a bold new revolution to understand, treat and cure disease. Leveraging the Power of Rare, her paradigm-changing approach to solve a rare autoimmune illness and save her daughter is proof that patients, science and medicine work better and faster together. A passionate advocate for women’s health and empowerment, her story unites hearts and minds to save and improve lives.

**Sherry Lansing (1944- )**
Sherry Lansing is the first woman to have headed a major film studio (20th Century Fox) and later served as Chairman and CEO of Paramount Pictures. The Sherry Lansing Foundation is dedicated to public education and encore career opportunities as well as health and cancer research.

**Clare Boothe Luce (1903-1987)**
Clare Booth Luce’s many accomplishments include being Editor-in-Chief of Vanity Fair, a frontline war journalist in WWII, an acclaimed author, a U.S. Congresswoman, and a U.S. Ambassador. Ms. Luce established an endowment (the Clare Boothe Luce Program) for what has become one of the single most significant sources of private support for women in science, mathematics and engineering.

**Aimée Mullins (1976- )**
Aimée Mullins is an inspirational leader, an Olympic athlete, a ground-breaking high fashion model, a beacon for design tech, dedicated advocate and avant-garde actor. Ms. Mullins learned to walk on prosthetic legs by age two. In college, she became the first woman with a “disability” to compete in the NCAA.

**Carol A. Mutter (1945- )**
Carol Mutter served for over 31 years in the US Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Lieutenant General and is the first woman Marine three-star general, first woman to be qualified as
Command Center Crew Commander / Space Commander at US Space Command, and first woman of general/flag rank to command a major deployable tactical command.

**Dr. Janet D. Rowley (1925-2013)**
Janet Rowley was a geneticist whose research established that cancer is a genetic disease. Her work revolutionized medical understanding of the role of genetic exchange and damage in causing disease, with profound implications for cancer research, diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Rowley’s research also led to the development of one of the most effective targeted cancer therapies to date, essentially curing 90% of certain forms of leukemia.

**Alice Waters (1944- )**
Alice Waters is a chef, author and food activist, and the founder and owner of Chez Panisse Restaurant in Berkeley, California. She has been a champion of local sustainable agriculture for over four decades, and is credited with popularizing the organic food movement. In 1995 she founded the Edible Schoolyard Project and is a national advocate for farmers markets and bringing organic, local foods to the general public.

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**About the NATIONAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME**

The National Women's Hall of Fame was founded in 1969 and is the nation's oldest membership organization and museum dedicated to honoring and celebrating the achievements of distinguished American women. In pursuit of its mission of "Showcasing Great Women...Inspiring All," the National Women's Hall of Fame honors the women of the past, relates the history of women's struggles, prepares the women of the future and serves as the voice celebrating the value of women.

Situated in Seneca Falls, NY, the birthplace of women's rights, the Hall tells women's stories by focusing on the leadership lessons from its inductees throughout American history. The Hall is in the process of revitalizing the former Seneca Knitting Mill as its new home with the plan to create a vibrant, state-of-the-art facility serving as a leadership center and an educational venue where visitors can discover and be inspired by the stories of great American women. For information about our 2017 inductees, please go to [https://www.womenofthehall.org/introducing-2017-nwhf-inductees](https://www.womenofthehall.org/introducing-2017-nwhf-inductees).

For tickets to induction:
[https://www.womenofthehall.org/event/2017-induction-weekend/](https://www.womenofthehall.org/event/2017-induction-weekend/)