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National Women’s Hall of Fame Induction Sept. 14, 2019

Flossie Wong-Staal, influential biologist to be included

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 into the Hall of Fame for their historic achievements. "We are pleased to add these American women to the ranks of inductees whose leadership and achievements have changed the course of American history," said Betty Bayer, Ph. D., the Hall’s President.

The National Women’s Hall of Fame will celebrate the inclusion of these extraordinary women into the ranks of the inductees at the biennial induction ceremony on September 14, 2019 at the magnificent del Lago Resort & Casino, located outside of Seneca Falls, NY.

The 2019 class of inductees were nominated by the public, judged by an interdisciplinary team of experts across the nominees’ fields, and selected for their invaluable contributions to American Society in the areas of the arts, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, philanthropy, and science.

Flossie Wong-Staal: (1947-  ) A world-renowned virologist and molecular biologist, Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal has pursued her passion for biomedical research through the diverse lenses of academia, government and industry. She and her team of scientists at the U.S. National Cancer Institute were the first to molecularly clone HIV and to elucidate the complex structure of its genome. This accomplishment was instrumental in proving HIV to be the cause of AIDS, and in the subsequent development of diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for the disease. Dr. Wong-Staal has served as Section Chief at the National Cancer Institute, and held the Florence Riford Chair in AIDS Research at the University of California, San Diego from 1990 to 2002. Later, she
became Director of the AIDS Research Institute and co-Director of the Center for AIDS Research at UCSD. In 2002, she left academia to direct research at biotechnology companies focused on applying novel approaches to target cancer and viral infections including HIV and HCV. Recognized as an extraordinary woman scientist by Discover magazine, Dr. Wong-Staal has also been named the top woman scientist of the 1980s by the Institute of Scientific Information.

**Fellow 2019 Inductees:**

- **Gloria Allred**, Attorney & Activist
- **Angela Davis**, Professor & Activist
- **Sarah Deer**, Professor, Lawyer & Advocate
- **Jane Fonda**, Actress & Activist
- **Nicole Malachowski**, U.S.A.F. Ret.,

**Activist**  
**Rose O’Neill**, Artist & Activist  
**Louse Slaughter**, Former U.S. Congress member, Advocate  
**Sonia Sotomayor**, U.S. Supreme Court Justice  
**Laurie Spiegel**, Composer

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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 2019 inductees, please go to [https://www.womenofthehall.org/introducing-2019-nwhf-inductees](https://www.womenofthehall.org/introducing-2019-nwhf-inductees).


* This list of the 2019 class of inductees to the National Women’s Hall of Fame contains only the names of those nominees whose attendance at the Seneca Falls Induction ceremony is confirmed at this point. Additional inductees may be announced pending scheduling and travel confirmation.

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