

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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Hey, I'm Jori. At

NASA, we pay tribute to the women in STEM

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who continue to lead the way

for change in our society and culture.

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This March, we share the spotlight on just

a few in honor of Women's History Month.

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Did you know human computers

were a huge part of NASA's history?

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During her 34 years at NASA, Annie

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Easley paved the way for women's rights

by helping supervisors

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address issues such as gender, race

and age discrimination.

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And on the other side of the country,

Helen Ling hired women computers

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who wanted to be engineers but

who didn't have the necessary education.

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Over the years, more women were trained

to be NASA astronauts.

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While she never went to space, Dr.

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Patricia Cowings

became the first American woman scientist

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to be trained as a payload specialist

and even developed a method

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to train astronauts on how to combat

motion sickness during spaceflight.

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Did you know a NASA engineer was inspired

by a drinking straw

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to create a new way

to clean up toxic waste?

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Well, it's true!

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NASA environmental engineer Jackie Quinn

was hit by inspiration in the cafeteria

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when she came up with an invention

to clean up contaminated

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water and soil, all

thanks to a drinking straw!

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Houston, do you copy?

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In 2001, Ginger Kerrick

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became the first non-astronaut capsule  
communicator, a.k.a.

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the person who relays information from  
Mission Control to astronauts in space.

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Four years later, Ginger became NASA's  
first Hispanic female flight director.

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From politics to science,  
pioneers to engineers,