

Four Amazing Women



ELIZABETH BLACKWELL – The first woman to become a physician in the United States, graduating first in her class in 1849. She opened the New York Infirmary for Women and Children in 1857 and a medical college in 1868.



HARRIET TUBMAN – A conductor on the Underground Railroad for 8 years in the late 1800s, she also served the Union army during the Civil War as a nurse, a spy, and scout. She was also the first woman to lead an armed assault in the war, leading troops on the Combahee River Raid in 1863.



MARIAN ANDERSON – A world-renowned opera singer, she was denied permission to perform at Constitution Hall in 1939 because of a “white performers-only” policy. With Eleanor Roosevelt’s support, she instead performed an open-air concert at the Lincoln Memorial, attracting over 75,000 people and millions of radio listeners.



SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR – In 1981, she was appointed to the Supreme Court, the first woman on the court since its first assembly in 1790.