A HISTORY OF WOMEN AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
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ETHEL HUTSON
The first woman we know of to attend Texas A&M University as a student
EMMA FOUNTAIN

ABOUT
Fountain was a daughter of a professor and thus allowed to attend Texas A&M University in the early 20th Century. She could not get a degree at A&M and had to transfer her courses to University of Texas for a degree in 1907.

MS. NEIBERT
Instructor
ESTELLE TATUM  
BERNICE CARTER

ABOUT
Some wives of returning Veterans were admitted as special students.

ELAINE BIZZELL
Daughter of President Dr. W.B. Bizzell in the 1920's
MARY EVELYN CRAWFORD
First woman (special student) who was granted a degree

CO-ED ENROLLMENTS (1933)
Grace Fitzwilliam

One of the first women faculty members in the English Department.

Myrna Gray

Alongside two others, Gray was one of the first women to be admitted to Texas A&M in 1958.
The pictures of the first women to enroll under the new policy. They were arranged in the form of a question mark in the 1963 yearbook.
STELLA HAUPT
First woman to enroll under the new policy

ABOUT
Sixth Grade teacher in Bryan. In 1964, she earned an M.A. in education.

SALLIE SHEPPARD
Among first women formally admitted into Texas A&M University
BETTY MILLER UNTERBERGER
Professor of History

MAUREEN TURK
NANCY NIELSON

ABOUT
First women to study Nuclear Engineering at Texas A&M University
TOBY RIVES
Appointed Dean of Women

SUNNY NASH
Journalism major who graduated in 1977
IRMA G. ALVARADO
One of the earliest known Hispanic women to graduate from Texas A&M University

ABOUT
B.A. in Secondary Education
LINDA (CORNELIUS) WALTMAN
First woman to earn a full athletic scholarship in 1976

ABOUT
In 1980, she was a member of the Olympic Team and later the first woman inducted into the A&M Sports Hall of Fame.

JOEY VRAZEL
First volleyball All-American, earning national accolades in 1978 and 1979.
PEGGY POPE (#31)
LOLA BAKER (#12)

Participation in the Corps of Cadets was opened in 1974
GAIL Y. SEDBERRY
Perhaps, the first female African-American in the Corps W-I, Fall of 1974

SARAH FINDLAY
Ran for Yell Leader … did not make it
"This past Tuesday, Jan. 16, A&M was represented at the governor’s inauguration. The Ross Volunteers, the Aggie Band, and the Parson’s Mounted Cavalry were all present and representing A&M. These organizations took pride in the fact that not only did they symbolize TAMU, but they represented a special fraction of the university, the Corps of Cadets. The only problem I can see with this type of representation is the fact that no women were present among the ranks of these organizations... The onlookers at the inauguration would not be aware, without prior knowledge of A&M, that women attend this university... ARE WOMEN AT TAMU GOING TO CONTINUE TO TAKE A BACK SEAT?!

- Melanie Zentgraf, letter to the editor of the Battalion, 23 January 1979

BONNIE KRUMPOTIC
First female appointed to brigade-level post in Corps (1983)
MANDY SHUBERT
87 Deputy Corps Commander
TRISHA SEXTON

ABOUT
W-1 and Squadron 14 were disbanded, and the first two gender-integrated Corps units, G-1 and Squadron 9, were formed in 1990, the latter commanded by Trisha Sexton.

BROOKE LESLIE
First woman Student Body President (1994)
FORMER WOMEN LEADERS

Schuyler Houser
Laurie Nickel
Amy Magee

SCHUYLER HOUSER
Student Body President (2001)

Schuyler Houser, the second-civil Texas A&M University student body president, poses for a moment on the A&M campus, Texas.
TRISHA MORELOCK
Editor-In-Chief of The Aggieland Yearbook (1998)

Rosa Jolivet
2nd Female National Champion with 400 Meter Hurdles – 1998
NCAA Outdoor Championships
TONI C. BUTLER ‘94
First African-American female CO of a co-ed company, G-1 Apaches.

CYNTHIA ERICSON
In 1996, became the first female to become a member of both the Ross Volunteers and the Parson’s Mounted Cavalry.
SUSAN RUDD WYNN
Graduated from Texas A&M University in 1978. In first class of women in TAMU Medical School. First female graduate to serve on the Board of Regents.

HARRIETTE ANDREADIS
English Professor
SARA ALPERN
Hired to teach the first course in Women's History. Changed informal Women's Faculty Network (WFN) into a recognized organization during her presidency years 1991-1992. WFN started a mentoring program.

JANE STALLINGS
VIOLA E. FLORES
In 1982, became the first Hispanic female full-time professor

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BOARD OF REGENTS

- The most powerful position in the University was assumed by Mary Nan West (seated) in 1994 when she began her term as president of the Board of Regents.
  - She was the first woman named to this position.
- In 1991, Alison Leland (second from left) became the first African-American woman on the Board and, at 32, the youngest regent ever.
- Guadalupe L. Rangel (fifth from left) became the first Hispanic woman appointed to the Board in 1994.
JANIS STOUT
First woman to serve as Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost in 1998

DR. KARAN L. WATSON
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
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http://archiveexhibits.library.tamu.edu/womenhistory/

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