

March is Women's History Month. Since 2012 is the 40th anniversary of the passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which mandated equal opportunity for women in all federally funded public educational institutions, we are featuring some pioneering women educators. To find more information on these pioneers in education, please look at our fantastic ebook,

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Mary McLeod Bethune - Educator and activist mobilized black women as founder of the National Association of Colored Women.

Elizabeth Blackwell — First woman doctor in modern times.

Hallie Quinn Brown — African-American teacher, writer and women's activist who became Dean of Women at the Tuskegee Institute.

Prudence Crandall - Anti-slavery educator whose attempt to open a boarding school for African-American girls in Connecticut became a racial controversy.

Charlotte Forten Grimke - First northern African-American schoolteacher to go south to teach former slaves

Mary Lyon - Founder of Mt. Holyoke Seminary (later became Mt. Holyoke College), which was committed to educating women from all economic circumstances.

Alice Freeman Palmer - American educator who, at age 26, was named president of the fledgling Wellesley College

M. Carey Thomas - President of Bryn Mawr College and advocate of higher education for women in the U.S.

Emma Willard - Pioneering reformer of Women's Education; she founded the Troy Female Seminary in 1821 so that women could obtain an education on a par with men,

Ella Flagg Young - American educator who was the first female superintendent of a major school district and the first female president of the National Education Association.

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