



WILMA RUDOLPH

The fastest Woman in the World

Wilma Rudolph was a groundbreaking American woman who was the first to win three gold medals at a single Olympics. She was one of the trailblazing Olympians who paved the way for women athletes today and gave a tremendous boost for women to pursue their careers in sports. Moreover, when Rudolph gained worldwide recognition, she became an iconic role model for black and female athletes, who faced so many challenges to achieve their dreams, because of gender barriers.



MICHELLE OBAMA

first African-American first Lady of the U.S.

Michelle Obama, a truly revolutionary woman, is a lawyer, writer, and the wife of the 44th President, Barack Obama. She is the first African-American First Lady of the United States and is considered a role model for women, an advocate for healthy families, poverty awareness and international adolescent girls' education. Michelle Obama broke down plenty of stereotypes and removed the barriers to girls' education and women's careers through her programs like Let Girls Learn, Reach Higher, etc.



SALLY RIDE

First American Woman in Space

Sally Ride became the first American woman to fly in space on June 18, 1983, when the space shuttle Challenger launched on Mission STS-7.

This barrier-breaking astronaut blazed a trail for women in space: Ride encouraged girls to pursue careers in science and engineering, helping democratize space for everyone.



OPRAH WINFREY

first Black female Billionaire

Oprah Winfrey is the richest African-American woman, television's highest-paid entertainer and a powerful advocate for women. Winfrey is considered a true symbol of feminism and an outstanding role model for women everywhere. Oprah believes her mission is "to lead, to educate, to inspire and to empower women and children throughout the world". She opened a \$40 million school for disadvantaged girls in South Africa in 2007 and funds women's shelters and campaigns to catch child abusers. Moreover, Oprah built 60 schools in 13 countries, promotes climate change and is battling Earth's pollution.



KAMALA HARRIS

first female Vice President of the U.S.

Kamala Harris is the first African-American and Asian-American elected vice president of the United States, she was also the one who paved the future for women in politics. Kamala stated that while she may be the first woman in the office, she will not be the last, because every little girl sees that whatever they dream of achieving is possible. Plus, Harris continuously calls out the "women who fought and sacrificed so much for equality, liberty and justice for all." She also noted that Black women who are often overlooked, always prove that they are the backbone of our world.