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“Don’t waste your energy trying to educate or change opinions; **go over, under, through**, and opinions will change organically when you’re the boss. Or they won’t. Who cares? Do your thing, and don’t care if they like it.”

~Tina Fey, Actress & Comedy Writer

While all eyes are on the court for March Madness, our eyes are on some of the women who have gone over, under, and through to bend the rules for women's access to compete in sports. Here's to:

- **Althea Gibson (1927 - 2003)**, the first African American to cross the color line in international tennis, going on to become the first person of color to win a



Grand Slam title.



- **Katherine Switzer (1947 - present)**, the first woman to be an official entrant at the Boston Marathon after using her initials to bypass the gender requirement on the filing application.


- **DeeDee Corradini (1944 - 2015)**, Salt Lake City’s first and only woman mayor, who led the battle to get women’s ski jump included in the Winter Olympics.

March 24, 2015



The women of the Senate honored March 16th on the Senate floor.

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 And, **Patsy Mink (1927 – 2002)**, the first woman of color elected to



Congress and the "Mother of Title IX," the landmark law prohibiting gender discrimination in schools and paving the way to greater opportunities for female student athletes.

Today we salute these four gate-crashers and all the women who find a way to go over, under, and through.

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