

# 2018 Women's History Celebration

Is there a woman whose vision, voice, spirit, passion, or enthusiasm touched your life or inspired you to pursue a particular path or dream?

## Annual Essay Contest

**DEADLINE  
FOR SUBMISSION:  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

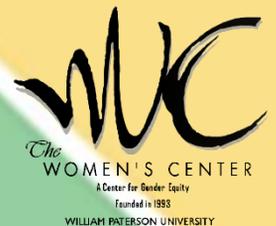
### PRIZES:

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE \$200**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE \$150**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE \$100**

# Tell us about her in 500 words or less!



**WHO CAN ENTER:** Contest is open to all William Paterson University students.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Make sure to title your essay and email it as a Word document attachment to [womenscenter@wpunj.edu](mailto:womenscenter@wpunj.edu). In the body of your email, please provide your full name, phone number, major, and class year.

Prizes will be awarded at the **Women's History Celebration Awards Luncheon** on MARCH 8, 2018.

Winning essays will be published in the Women's History Celebration Awards Luncheon program, and the author of the first place essay will be asked to read an excerpt of his/her submission at the event.

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## Tips for a Winning Essay

- ◆ **Make your entry stand out from the crowd:**
  - \* Tell your unique story, to make sure that the judges remember you.
  - \* Tap into the reader's emotions by sharing your own.
- ◆ **Know the contest rules and stick to the theme:**
  - \* Does your essay meet the requirements of the contest; i.e., word length, theme, content?
  - \* Double-check the rules before submitting your essay.
- ◆ **Use your own unique voice:**
  - \* Start strong, and maintain the reader's attention throughout.
  - \* Your essay might not need all of those fancy words to tell your story.
  - \* Make sure your message is clear, concise, and coherent.
  - \* End strong, and be sure not to leave any loose ends.
- ◆ **Edit, edit, edit!**
  - \* Only include points that enhance your story. Otherwise, leave it out.
  - \* On the other hand, be sure to include **\*enough\*** information so that readers understand what you're saying.
- ◆ **Proofread, proofread, proofread!**
  - \* Check your grammar and spelling... spell-checker doesn't catch everything.
  - \* Have someone else read it to make sure it flows nicely.
- ◆ **Web resources**
  - \* [A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Winning Essay Contest Entries](#)
  - \* [How to Take Your Essay Contest Entries from Average to Awesome](#)