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2011 Torchbearer Awards Just One Week Away!

On March 9, 2011, the Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) will host its annual salute to women. The 2011 Torchbearer Awards is our way to celebrate women's history and recognize extraordinary contributions that women make to our communities, our state and our nation. These awards are the State of Indiana's most prestigious recognition of women. Those who have earned the honor to be called Torchbearers are women who have stepped forward to carry the light for other women. They have broken down barriers to women's full participation and have become true beacons of light by overcoming challenges with courage, perseverance and compassion. Their work and contributions have created lasting legacies to serve as an inspiration for us all.

Through the Torchbearers Awards and other initiatives, the Indiana Commission for Women is moving Indiana women forward. It is up to us to remember those women who have been pioneers and innovators and have contributed to a society where women have every opportunity open to them.

Please join us at the 2011 Torchbearer Awards on March 9, 2011, at the Indiana Statehouse. Registration is at 3:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 4:00 p.m. To register to attend, go to <http://2011torchbearers.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact ICW at (317) 233-6303 or icw@dwd.in.gov.

Our History is Our Strength

Every year, the National Women's History Project (NWHP) sets an annual theme and in 2011, that

theme is *Our History is Our Strength*. It is a way to pay "tribute to the millions of women who helped create a better world for the times in which they lived as well as for future generations. Knowing the challenges these women faced, grappled with, and overcame can be an enormous source of strength to all of us. During today's difficult times, *Our History is Our Strength* can serve as an important reminder to our nation that adversity can be overcome." (NWHP) [To read more about Women's History Month, visit our blog.](#)

We Need Your Help!

Spring is just around the corner and ICW is preparing to embark on our new initiative, Hoosier INsight: Women's Issues Listening Sessions. We will be holding listening sessions in seven locations around the state to help us to better identify and prioritize the issues facing women in Indiana, but we need YOUR help to make the project a success!

Your opinion matters! Help us move Indiana women forward by participating in this project and helping to start the creation of a statewide shared action plan. You can help by:

- Attending a listening session - register for free at <http://indiana4women.eventbrite.com>.
- Completing the Women's Issues Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WomensIssues2011>.
- Signing up for email updates at: www.in.gov/icw.
- Joining the conversation online by liking us on [facebook](#), following us on [twitter](#), or reading our [blog](#) on WordPress.
- Encouraging your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues to participate!

For more detailed information about this project, visit our *Hoosier INsight* webpage at <http://www.in.gov/icw/2441.htm>.

Dates and locations

- [Tuesday, March 22, 5:00-7:00 pm EDT](#)
College Avenue Branch Library
Indianapolis, Indiana
- [Tuesday, March 29, 6:00-8:00 pm CDT](#)
University of Evansville, Ridgway University Center
Evansville, Indiana
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Wednesday, April 6, 5:00-7:00 pm EDT

Tippecanoe County Public Library
Lafayette, Indiana

• Monday, April 11, 5:00-7:00 pm EDT

St. Joseph County Public Library
South Bend, Indiana

• Monday, April 18, 5:00-7:00 pm EDT

Ivy Tech Community College
Bloomington, Indiana

• Tuesday, April 19, 5:00-7:00 pm EDT

Donner Center
Columbus, Indiana

• Thursday, April 21, 5:00-7:00 pm EDT

Allen County Public Library
Fort Wayne, Indiana

2011 Revolution in Egypt will be topic at March 16 dinner

Margot Badran, a Woodrow Wilson Center Fellow, will present ***The 2011 Revolution in Egypt: The New Feminism Called Freedom, Equality and Justice for All*** at the monthly Distinguished Speakers Program sponsored by the Indiana Council on World Affairs and co-sponsored by the Indiana Commission for Women. Ms. Badran explains, "As Muslim women and men now with increasing urgency are demanding equality and justice within the framework of their religion and culture." After returning from Cairo only days before her presentation, her discussion will examine ways Islamic feminism promotes goals of equality, justice and the practice of democracy.

The dinner and presentation will be on March 16, 2011, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. at the Marten House, 1801 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260. For more information on this program, visit the Indiana Council on World Affairs' website at: www.indianaworld.org. To register for the event, [click here](#) to download mail-in registration form or go to <http://icwa.eventbrite.com>.

Fearless Females scheduled for Thursday, April 21

The Vincennes University Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis will present its 2nd annual ***Fearless Females in Engineering & Technology*** on April 21, 2011. The event will begin at 10:00 am (Eastern Time) at the Aviation Technology Center located just north of the Indianapolis International Airport. Women in engineering and technology fields are invited to come and spend the morning and lunch with high school girls who are interested in pursuing careers in these fields. Students and guests will have the opportunity to tour the Aviation Technology Center, VU's

campus and the high-tech laboratories. During lunch students will be able to interact with women in engineering and technology careers followed by an inspiring presentation that will provide a unique window to view the "female perspective" of primarily male-oriented careers.

Please contact Joseph Lee at (317) 381-6040 or email jlee123@myvu.viu.edu for more information and to register. Seating is limited to the first 100 guests. Please respond by Friday, April 1, 2011.

Check out ICW's website for resources on STEM careers (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) at: <http://www.in.gov/icw/2457.htm>.

About the Indiana Commission for Women

The Indiana Commission for Women is committed to the full participation of women in all aspects of society in order to make Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family. Our mission is to understand the needs of Indiana women and their families, and to work strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive change. We work to remove the barriers that hinder women's participation by:

- Increasing awareness of the status of women in Indiana and the issues they face
- Recognizing and promoting contributions that Hoosier women make to their community, state and nation
- Providing balanced analysis of public policy issues that impact women in Indiana.

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