Yale will celebrate two major milestones in 2019–2020: the fiftieth anniversary of the matriculation of women in Yale College and the 150th anniversary of the first women students at the university, who enrolled at the newly opened School of Fine Arts. During the yearlong commemorations, students, the faculty, and staff members will showcase the depth of women’s contributions to Yale and to the world, celebrate women at the university, and explore the future of women at Yale and in society.

If you wish to mark these milestones by giving, you can contribute to any area of the university in honor of a woman in your life. Or, you may direct your support to one of the following giving opportunities in areas that advance women’s education, health, and wellbeing.

Supporting the Anniversaries

Yale Alumni Fund
You can make your annual gift of any size in honor or in memory of a woman important to you. Put to use immediately, annual gifts help to support financial aid, provide faculty resources, and underwrite student activities.

Financial Aid
Current-Use Named Scholarship or Fellowship Fund
With an Alumni Fund contribution of $10,000 (Yale College) or $5,000 (Graduate School) or more you may name a Nathan Hale Associates scholarship or fellowship that will provide immediate support for a Yale student.

Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship or Graduate Fellowship
By directing your gift to an endowed scholarship or fellowship, you can establish a meaningful tribute to a woman in your life that will last in perpetuity. Endowed scholarships are a critical priority in Yale College, the Graduate School, and the professional schools.

Additional Scholarship Funds
You can also direct support to two scholarship funds that were established by members of two of the earliest co-ed classes in Yale College—the Classes of 1971 and 1972. These funds support female undergraduates, with the Class of 1972 Women’s Scholarship specifically for a transfer student. With a gift of $100,000, a similar fund may be established for the Class of 1973.

“Those of us who have benefited from the opportunity of attending Yale can thank the courageous women who came before us. Let’s use this milestone year to not only take stock of their accomplishments but to also forge a common vision for the future. —Eve Hart Rice ’73
Anniversary co-chair

“It will be exciting—and educational—to highlight women’s contributions to Yale and to the world. Every Yale school and museum and many other campus organizations are preparing special events. These anniversaries also provide an important opportunity to examine the work that still must be done to help women, at home and around the globe. —Linda Koch Lorimer ’77 J.D.
Anniversary co-chair

Portrait of the first seven women to earn Ph.D.s at Yale; painting by Brenda Zlamany. From Left: Cornelia H.B. Rogers (Romance Languages and Literatures), Sara Bulkley Rogers (History), Margaretta Palmer (Mathematics), Mary Augusta Scott (English), Laura Johnson Wylie (English), Charlotte Fitch Roberts (Chemistry), and Elizabeth Deering Hanscom (English)
FACULTY AND PROGRAMS

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies
Yale sustains an interdisciplinary committee of distinguished faculty members to promote innovative scholarship and teaching on the historical and contemporary experience of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgender people. Gifts will support research and teaching in these areas.

Office of Gender and Campus Culture
The Office of Gender and Campus Culture (OGCC) works to foster positive dynamics within the Yale College community. Drawing upon research on gender disparities in academic and other institutional settings, as well as on effective strategies for creating change, the OGCC collaborates with students, administrators, faculty, and staff from within and beyond the college on a wide range of initiatives, including addressing sexual misconduct to create a safer, more respectful sexual culture.

Women Faculty Forum
Your gift to the Women Faculty Forum (WFF) will help promote scholarship by women on women and gender across all of Yale’s schools. The WFF fosters gender equity throughout the university and promotes collegiality and networking among faculty members, students, staff members, and alumni.

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
This interdisciplinary program offers a variety of courses and awards an undergraduate degree. Gifts to the program will help support teaching and research that focus on gender and sexuality as fundamental categories of social and cultural analysis.

Women’s Health Research at Yale
Together with the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Services, the Women’s Health Research at Yale program conducts interdisciplinary scientific investigations that examine women’s health. Your support will help to advance health research for women across medical and psychosocial disciplines, train the next generation of leaders in the field, and enable researchers to translate their laboratory findings to better health in the clinic and the community.

Women in Medicine Fund
The Yale School of Medicine aims to educate and inspire scholars and future leaders who will advance the practice of medicine and biomedical sciences. By giving to the women in medicine fund, you will help make funding available to more female students and extend the scope of the school’s research training programs.

Women’s Intercollegiate Sports Endowment Resource
Dedicated to supporting women’s varsity athletics at the university, this fund helps enrich the quality of training and competition for athletes across all women’s sports, while also enhancing development opportunities for coaches.

Yale Women’s Center
Founded in 1970, the Yale Women’s Center strives to be a safe space for all genders and identities. It serves as an umbrella organization for groups on Yale’s campus and beyond that address issues of gender and sexuality.

To learn more about the anniversaries and the various events planned throughout the year, please visit celebratewomen.yale.edu.

For more information about how you can help support women at Yale, please speak with your gift officer or contact us at:
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Women at Yale: A History

1869
Women arrive at Yale
The School of Fine Arts opens as the first Yale school to accept women.

1886
First woman graduates
Graduating with a Bachelor of Laws degree from Yale Law School, Alice Rufie Jordan Blake becomes Yale’s first female graduate.

1894
First women earn doctoral degrees at Yale
Seven women earn their Ph.D.s two years after Yale welcomes women seeking graduate degrees.

1920
First medical degree
Louise W. Farnam receives her medical degree from the School of Medicine, just four years after receiving her Ph.D. from the university.

1969
Yale College opens its doors to women
The inaugural class of first-year women arrives at Yale College.

First varsity women’s team
The women’s field hockey team becomes the university’s first women’s varsity sport.

Above: photograph of Louise W. Farnam Ph.D., M.D.; Yale University Manuscripts & Archives