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## **PBCC program brings back women from the past to celebrate Women's History Month**

### **Student actors portray extraordinary women**

(Feb. 28 – Lake Worth, FL) Palm Beach Community College will recognize Women's History Month by celebrating women from the past who have excelled—as far back as 600 B.C. The event is sponsored for the third year by Crossroads, a program at PBCC that prepares displaced homemakers with the employability skills they need to enter or re-enter the work force.

A Crossroads graduate will speak about how the program improved her life and the value of knowing that such extraordinary women succeeded in spite of overwhelming odds. Working with gifted student actors, Crossroads will stage a first-hand experience with extraordinary women that history has forgotten at the "In Celebration of Women" event March 22 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Humanities Building at PBCC in Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave.

Dressed in period costume, the PBCC student actors this year will portray a diverse group of women, including:

- Sappho, an ancient Greek lyric poet whose poetry ranged from bitter political protest to enchanting odes to love, circa 600 B.C.
- Marie le Jars de Gourney, a self-taught French intellectual, scholar and feminist, circa 1590
- Mary Elizabeth Bower, a spy for Ulysses S. Grant who worked as a servant in Confederate President Jefferson Davis' home, circa 1860
- Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, a Novohispanic scholar, nun, poet and writer of the Baroque School, circa 1675
- Chien-Shiung Wu, a Chinese American physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project, circa 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Aphra Behn Page, the first professional woman writer in English, a prolific dramatist of the Restoration and pioneer in prose narrative, circa 1640-1689
- Henrich Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim, a German magician, writer and early feminist, circa 1500.

To add to the experience of hearing these women's stories, the event also will feature a photography exhibit, poetry and storytelling, textile and fine glass art, musical presentations and light refreshments. **The event is free and open to the public.**

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