



NOTABLE MINORITIES WHO CHANGED HISTORY

November 7, 2008

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

DID YOU KNOW?

- During the month of November, 2008, "Veterans of the Freedom Movement" series is on display at the Lewisburg Site.
- The Student Leadership Institute was held on the Columbia campus November 5, 2008. The institute was attended by over 125 participants, which included Columbia State staff and students, Generational Mentors, and high school students from our 9-county service area. This year's theme: "Encouraging Diversity: Challenging the Perception of Dissimilarity".

November

Dates to Remember:

American Diabetes Month
Lung Cancer Awareness Month

- 2 - Daylight Saving time ends
- 5 - Election Day
- 10 - Spring Registration for Current students begins
- 17 - Open registration
- 27-28- Thanksgiving Break

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Michelle Kwan

Michelle Kwan Olympic Figure Skater

Michelle Kwan was born on July 7, 1980 in Torrance, California. She is the daughter of Hong Kong immigrants. Kwan grew up watching her brother playing ice hockey and by the age of five had herself taken up ice skating. At six years old Michelle won her first competition and by 1994 she had been appointed the Olympic game alternate.

Kwan went on to win five World Championships in 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2003. She also went on to compete in the 1998 Nagano Olympics Kwan and was thought to be the one to win the gold medal. However, in a surprising turn of events, she received a disappointing second place Silver medal.

Kwan has become a college student at the University of California in Los Angeles. She still competes and has since received the 2003 World Championship. Additionally, in 2004 she won a gold medal at the U.S. Nationals and a bronze at the World Champions.

In 2006 Kwan was forced to withdraw from the Olympics in Torino, Italy because of a severely strained groin. Despite this set back and the fact that she did not compete during the 2006-2007 skating season, she refused to take a job as a commentator for NBC Sports and has stated that she has no plans to retire anytime soon.

Source: "Michelle Kwan Biography". Retrieved September 25, 2008 from the World Wide Web: <http://www.biography.com>



Stephen Hawking

Stephen Hawking The Renowned Scientist

Stephen Hawking is best known for his contributions in the fields of cosmology and quantum gravity. His scientific discoveries have been key to the breakthroughs in theoretical physics.

Hawking was born on January 8, 1942 in Oxford, England. At the age of eight his family moved to Saint Albans and at age eleven he attended Saint Albans School. After completing his schooling there he began attending University College, Oxford which was the college his father had attended. Hawking at first wished to major in Mathematics but it was not offered there and so he went into physics.

From University College Hawking then attended Cambridge to do research in Cosmology. It was here he gained his Ph.D. After attaining his Ph.D. Hawking went on to achieve many things such as writing a best selling book as well as contributing greatly to the world of science.

Hawking's achievements in themselves are amazing, but even more amazing is the fact that Hawking achieved all of this while dealing with the debilitating affects of the disease known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease. ALS short for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis affects the nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord leaving the sufferer virtually paralyzed. Hawking said that at first he was shocked to learn of his condition. Since the shock has worn off Hawking tries his best not to let it rule his life and the goals he sets. Since learning about his disease he has married and continues to contribute to the world of science.

Sources: "ALS Association". Retrieved October 9, 2008 from the world wide web <http://www.alas.org>. and "Professor Stephen Hawking Homepage". Retrieved October 9, 2008 from the world wide web <http://www.hawking.org>. "Notable People with Disabilities and Disaboom Community Serve..." <http://www.bestsyndication.com>