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## A Quick Walk through 150 Years of Women at IWU

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# Women's Summit 2020



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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21-22

*A Quick Walk Through  
150 Years of Women at IWU*



*The Board of Trustees  
approved enrollment of  
Women in 1870*

*Kate B Ross, class of  
1874, is the first women  
to enroll. She is also co-  
founder of IWU's Kappa  
Kappa Gamma chapter,  
the first IWU sorority .*



*Hannah I. Shur is the first woman to graduate in 1872. She attended for one year after transferring from Cornell College.*

*Jennifer Fowler Willings, M.A., is first female professor in 1874. She was part of the Literacy Department, receiving the same salary, responsibilities and title as male professors.*



*'Martha Buck was IWU's first female member of the Board of Trustees, following her husband's death in 1892. She was re-elected continuously until her death in 1906.*



*The first women's sport was Basketball in 1893. It was an intramural team.*

*It was not until 1971 that IWU had a women's intercollegiate sports team. Again the basketball team led the way.*



WHITTINGTON   HILES   MARQUIS   SINCLAIR   ALLEN   B. MITCHELL   C. MITCHELL  
SPRINGER   HAITZ   MCCOLLUM   KRAFT   WELCH   STOVER

1909 Women's Basketball Team



*Leona Miller, class of 1898, was IWU's first female Alumni Association President. Leona served for two terms starting in 1990.*





*The Board of Trustees voted to admit African Americans in 1867. It was 1910 when Josephine Mabel W. Jackson became the first known African American woman to graduate.*



*In 1917, Mildred Hunt,  
Professor of Mathematics is the  
1<sup>st</sup> full female professor in a  
STEM field.*

*In 1959, Dorothea Franzen was  
the first full professor in the  
sciences.*



*In 2006, IWU's Council for Women was created. In 2007, the first Council for Women Summit occurred on campus for students, alumnae, faculty and staff.*



*In 2019, IWU Appointed Dr. Georgia Nugent as the 20<sup>th</sup> President of IWU, the University's first women President.*

