

# CHOICES

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www.feministcampus.org

"We ask justice, we ask equality, we ask that all civil and political rights that belong to the citizens of the United States be guaranteed to us and our daughters forever." Susan B. Anthony

## Get Out HER Vote Drives Are Growing

Get Out HER Vote 2006 is building momentum in Michigan. Campus Organizers Cassidy Johnson and Kate Nielson spent two weeks traveling the state to hire students to register their peers to vote. In Detroit they met with the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) at Wayne State University and visited classrooms at the University of Detroit Mercy. They also spoke with faculty members and students at Wayne County Community College and Eastern Michigan University. Currently, feminist groups are registering students to vote at Kalamazoo College, Wayne State University, Wayne County Community College, Eastern Michigan and Oakland University campuses.

Additionally, the organizers met with students at the University of Michigan, Albion College and Grand Valley State University in an attempt to increase the number of FMLAs in the state. Cassidy and Kate will be returning to Michigan the first week of October to help with a final registration push before the October 10th deadline.



Are you registering students to vote on your campus? It's not too late. Voter Registration deadlines are approaching quickly and students

must speak out so their voices will ring just as loud as senior citizens with elected officials. Get all the information at [www.feministcampus.org/vote](http://www.feministcampus.org/vote)

Breaking News: Vote T-Shirts are now online, purchase yours today!  
[www.feministcampus.org](http://www.feministcampus.org)

## I Had An Abortion

Ms. Magazine has launched a groundbreaking campaign to put a women's face on the abortion issue by asking women to sign the Ms. Petition for Safe, Legal, and Accessible Abortion and Birth Control.

Now, in the Fall issue of Ms. The magazine has published the first group of signatories to the petition— women who have courageously stepped forward to publicly announce that they have had abortions and want to make sure that the procedure remains legal and available for others. Ms. will continue to add signatories to its website.

**Show your support: Sign the Ms. Petition for Safe, Legal, and Accessible Abortion and Birth Control, and forward the petition to your friends.**



What DOES a feminist look like? Send us your photos in a feminist tee and you can be in the next issue of **CHOICES!**

### FEM-worthy sites

[www.feministcampus.org](http://www.feministcampus.org)

[www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org)

[www.msmagazine.com](http://www.msmagazine.com)

[www.Feministing.com](http://www.Feministing.com)

[www.bitchmagazine.com](http://www.bitchmagazine.com)

[www.Womensmediacenter.com](http://www.Womensmediacenter.com)

## Afghan Women's Affairs Provincial Director Murdered

Safia Amajan, the provincial director of Afghanistan's Ministry of Women's Affairs in Kandahar, was assassinated by gunmen outside her home as she left for work. She was opening girls' schools and advocating for women's rights in Afghanistan. The murder of Safia Ama Jan has been claimed by the Taliban.

This is not an isolated case. Girls' schools and teachers are under daily attack. Schools are closing and parents are keeping their daughters home out of fear. In five districts of Kandahar, where Ama Jan was killed, all girls' schools are now closed and half the girls' schools in the four southern provinces (states) of Afghanistan are closed.

For more feminist news sign up at [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org)

### Save the Date!!

March 24-25, 2007 for FMF's National Young Women's Leadership Conference on in Washington, DC.

Let your voices be heard! Send updates on your group's activism to [CHOICES@feminist.org](mailto:CHOICES@feminist.org)

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## In the Know...

### bell hooks: the Power of Feminism

October 2, 2006, 7:00 PM Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. *Ms. magazine* is co-sponsoring a reception to immediately following the event.

More info at <http://wmwsc.org/>.

### 2006 Stanton/Anthony Conversations 100 Years Since Susan B.: The Future of Feminism

Interfaith Chapel at the University of Rochester Friday, October 6  
Luncheon 12 noon, conversations 1:30

Keynote Speaker: Lynn Sherr, ABC News correspondent & author

Panelists include:  
Crystal Lander, Feminist Majority Foundation Campus Program Director

Register online at [www.rochester.edu/sba](http://www.rochester.edu/sba)

### No matter where they are in the world... Every young woman Aspires to a better life

National Young Women's Week of Action raises awareness about the needs of young women, not only in the U.S., but all over the world.

October 15-October 21, 2006

### Research on Women and Education 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Conference

Women Transforming Communities through Pedagogy, Critical Scholarship and Activism

October 26-28, 2006  
Marriott Courtyard  
Detroit, MI

## Tips for Growing Your FMLA

The George Washington University's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) is always looking for undergraduate students, women and men, to join their group.

Through tabling at student organization events, and speaking out to the public, the news of this strong FMLA is spreading across campus. Through educational events, the group pledges to increase the number of feminists in the Washington DC community and within FMLA. Furthermore, FMLA is always conscious of the events that other progressive organizations host. As such, by co-sponsoring such events, the GWU students can learn through other student groups what the FMLA is about.

GWU's FMLA also understands that money is power. Highly productive feminist fundraising promotes feminist ideas while dispersing feminist information and group events. Building a strong, intelligent student organization is not a simple task. GWU FMLA is increasingly reaching out to the campus community and becoming a stronger feminist group.

-Jennifer Meekel, FMF Intern

Share ideas about your campus group with us at [campusteam@feminist.org](mailto:campusteam@feminist.org) for future ezines.

## Farewell

Feminist leader Ann Richards died from esophageal cancer on Wednesday, September 13 at the age of 73. Richards was the first woman elected Governor of Texas in 1990. Dubbing her administration the "New Texas," she appointed more minorities and women than any previous Texas administration. After leaving office, Richards did not retire, she continued to fight for women's rights by working to increase the number of women running for public office. She will be missed.

## Hispanic Heritage Month: Latina feministas

National Hispanic Heritage month is September 15-October 15. The month includes the independence days of several Spanish speaking countries. Celebrating the contributions and achievements of Hispanics across the world, Hispanic feminists are of no exception, but the rule.



A key organizer of the early labor movement and a social justice activist, Dolores Huerta co-founded the United Farm Workers with Cesar

Chávez in 1962. She later organized a successful non-violent boycott against the California table grape industry that lasted five years and resulted in the signing of a collective bargaining agreement with the United Farm Workers. Huerta, a national icon, founded the Dolores Huerta Foundation which trains young organizers, she also serves on the board of FMF.



Social justice activist, author and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Rigoberta Menchú is a self-educated

activist who has proven to be a great leader. She was the subject of a book called *I, Rigoberta Menchú*, in 1982. Hugely popular, it brought attention to the human rights abuses and the political atrocities that occurred during the civil war in Guatemala. In 1992, Menchú was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her activism in social justice and the rights of indigenous peoples. Remaining politically active, Menchú works with the UN on human rights issues and joined with four other Nobel Peace Prize women to call for a non-violent resolution to the stand off between the US and Iran.

-Rachel Fugate and Elaine Heberlein, FMF

### Did You Know...

An estimated 50,000 women are trafficked into the USA each year as sex labor. Fifth on the list, the USA is only topped by Thailand, Taiwan, Japan and Germany

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