

Dear LSC Campus Community:

March. I am so amazed at how quickly we have moved into the pre-spring month that usually marks the end of terrible snow and ice here in the Northland. This year, March seems to be gearing up for a spring/winter season. Don't put your shovel away just yet and keep doing the "Icehawk Walk".

March is of course National Women's History Month as well as NCAA March Madness season and Irish-American Heritage Month. This year, the Christian holiday of Easter occurs on March 31, due to the timing of the Paschal full moon (Easter is based on the Jewish lunar calendar whose month is 29.5 days, hence the celebration of Easter moves between March and early May, since Easter Sunday is always the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox).

March has a few interesting days dedicated to foods, pets, and even the death of emperors. For example, March 1 is National Peanut Butter Lover's Day and March 4th is national Pound Cake Day. Dr. Seuss was born on March 2, and it is National Pi Day on March 14th (math aficionados think of it as a celebration Pi with pie...pizza or sweets). Shakespeare's line "Beware the Ides of March" has forever associated Julius Caesar's assassination with March 15th, or the middle of March.

Reflecting on National Women's History month, I am reminded of all of the contributions of women in every aspect of human endeavor. I am certain many of you have sheroes you admire in politics, science, art, literature, human rights, and so many more areas. I considered talking about some of my sheroes here, but realized that to name a few is to leave out so many more women who have shaped me, particularly those who directly made a difference in my life.

So, when you have some time during this national Women's History Month, pause in your busy day to think about the women in your family, your educational career, your work life, or close friends. Think about how they have shaped you, influenced you, and nurtured you to become the best YOU that you can be. If you are able, thank them and let them know how much their caring has meant to you.

(The identification of special days in March was based on:

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