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### Stewards

Of the five leadership traits needed in the 21st century as espoused by The Athena Group Learning Institute, stewardship is the one least expressed in the leadership development literature. In this month's enewsletter, we profile two amazing stewards: Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Katherine Siva Saubel, both of whom have been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, Seneca Falls, New York.

The defender of the Everglades, Marjory Stoneman Douglas moved to Florida in 1915 to work as a reporter for the *Miami Herald*. Originally a society reporter, she became a crusader for women's rights, conservation, and social justice. Douglas became the public voice for preservation of the Everglades and wrote her book, *Everglades: River of Grass*, in 1947, the same year that Everglades National Park was established. The book began:

*There are no other Everglades in the world. They are, they have always been, one of the unique regions of the earth; remote, never wholly known. Nothing anywhere else is like them...*

Douglas fought against paving over the Everglades; she was often against the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1970, she established a voting constituency, Friends of the Everglades. A tiny woman, known for her trademark hats and glasses, she commanded attention whenever she spoke. In 1986, the National Parks Conservation Association established the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award "to honor individuals who often must go to great lengths to advocate and fight for the protection of the National Park System." After her death in 1998,



Marjory Stoneman Douglas

at the age of 108, in a fitting tribute, her ashes were spread in the park she loved so much.



Katherine Siva Saubel

One of the last fluent speakers of her tribe's language, Katherine Siva Saubel of the Cahuilla tribe in California, worked to preserve her people's language and customs. She memorized sacred songs traditionally performed by the men. She also learned about native plants from her mother, a medicine woman, and she recorded the information in a journal. She worked with prominent linguists and anthropologists, co-produced a Cahuilla dictionary and a grammar book, wrote a book on plant usage, and wrote her memoir.

The dominant interpreter of her tribe's culture and history, Saubel also served as tribal chairwoman on the Los Coyotes Reservation in San Diego County. She served as President of the Malki Museum from 1965 until her death. This museum, which she co-founded, has as its mission promoting scholarship and cultural awareness and preserving the culture of Southern California Indian cultures. Named "Elder of the Year" by the California State Indian Museum, Saubel received an honorary doctorate from La Sierra University in California. In 1994, she was the first recipient of the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of the American Indian's Art and Culture Award.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Katherine Siva Saubel are among the more than 850 women profiled in our book *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America*. Their accomplishments inspire us and remind us how important it is to continue to tell women's stories.

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***Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America***

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