



April 2019 Her Story ENewsletter 2019 Inductees into the National Women's Hall of Fame

The National Women's Hall of Fame announced its 2019 Inductees in early March. They include AIDS researcher Flossie Wong-Staal, who was profiled in our July 2017 ENewsletter, Jane Fonda and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Let's discover more about Jane Fonda and Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

The winner of two Academy Awards, actress, political activist, fitness guru, writer and producer Jane Fonda received her first Oscar nomination for the movie *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* Fonda grew up in an acting family and attended Emma Willard School before enrolling at Vassar College. She studied art, served as a fashion model and appeared on Broadway before acting in movies. Her breakout film was *Cat Ballou* in 1965; the film received five Oscar nominations. To date, a still active Jane Fonda has also received Emmy awards and Tony nominations.



Jane Fonda

After fracturing her foot, Fonda turned to aerobics and strengthening exercises and embarked on a parallel career as a fitness guru. Her first exercise video, *Jane Fonda's Workout*, was released in 1982 and is credited with helping start the fitness craze among baby boomers. She has released many additional videos, accompanying books and audio programs. Her life has been the subject of a documentary and she has written an autobiography. Her awards include the AFI Life Achievement Award and an Honorary Palme d'Or from the Cannes Film Festival for Life Achievement.



Sonia Sotomayor

The first Hispanic and first Latina justice and the third woman on the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2009. Born in New York City to Puerto Rican parents, Sotomayor is an avid New York Yankees fan! She also knew by the age of ten that she was going to become an attorney. She was admitted to Princeton University on a full scholarship already convinced of the importance and value of education. She entered the Yale University Law School, also on scholarship, and served as editor of the Yale Law Journal during her time there.

Upon her law school graduation, Sotomayor became an assistant district attorney in New York County. A very hard worker, Sotomayor joined a private law practice in 1984 where she specialized in intellectual property litigation, international law and arbitration. Having wanted to be a judge since she was in elementary school, Sotomayor achieved that ambition in 1992 when she was appointed by President H.W. Bush and confirmed to a seat on the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York. A trailblazer, she was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1998. Her many honors include honorary law degrees and the Katharine Hepburn Medal from Bryn Mawr College.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Jane Fonda and Flossie Wong-Staal are among the more than 850 women profiled in our book *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America*. Women's accomplishments continue to inspire and encourage us. Continue to help us tell women's stories!

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