



A TIMELINE OF THE WOMEN
WHO CHANGED AMERICA



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In this month's ENewsletter we profile two women featured in our book *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America* who played important roles in getting it to publication – both separately and together: Madeleine Albright, who wrote the foreword, and Steffie Allen, who arranged for Madeleine Albright to write that foreword.



The first female Secretary of State and thus the first woman to serve as the nation's top diplomat, **Madeleine Albright** was born in Czechoslovakia. She was educated in London and Yugoslavia before her family immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Denver. There she attended Kent Denver School. Her father taught at the University of Denver – today the Josef Korbel School of International studies is named in his honor. Albright earned her bachelor's at Wellesley, where sweatshirts many years later were emblazoned with her important remark: "There is a special place in hell for women who don't help other women." Albright, who spoke Czech and French as well as conversational Polish and Russian, earned her master's and doctorate from the Columbia University Department of Law and Government.

Dr. Albright's illustrious career included stints as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, as a member of the National Security Council, as a faculty member at Georgetown University, and as chair of the consulting firm founded in 2001, The Albright Group. In 2009 her international group merged with another international consulting firm and became Albright Stonebridge Group, part of Dentons Global Advisors. Albright's many honors include induction into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame and the National Women's Hall of Fame and many honorary doctorates. She authored several bestselling books including *Madam Secretary: A Memoir* (2003) and *Fascism: A Warning* (2018). Albright died in early 2022.



Stephanie "Steffie" Allen was born and grew up in Colorado. Allen attended Kent Denver School with Madeleine Albright; they became fast friends. Allen was highly active physically, which in the 1950's was considered unusual. She was a champion horse jumper; she famously beat the Army Cavalry in horse jumping, hearing the coach of the Army team admonishing his charges for being "beaten by a girl!" After attending the University of Denver, Allen served on the boards of more than thirty civic and community organizations and co-founded the AthenA Group which focused on developing women as leaders and striving to ensure that the workplace fully valued and utilized women's contributions. Later, she founded the Women'sVision Foundation, to further ensure women's leadership in corporations.

Allen was the founder of the Colorado Women's Coalition and served as President of many women's organizations including the Women's Forum of Colorado, the Junior League, and the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce. She saw herself as a champion of women as equal partners to men. Allen has been inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame. She died just a few months after Albright, in 2022.

Madeleine Albright and Steffie Allen 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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