

AMANDA GORMAN

Amanda Gorman is a poet and activist. She was born March 7th of 1998. Amanda was the first named **“National Youth Poet Laureate”** in 2015. Amanda writes poems about marginalized populations and groups, problems that women face, and the battle against oppression. In 2021 (dos mil veintiuno) Amanda leyó un poema por la inauguración de Joe Biden. Amanda leyó su poema *“The Hill We Climb.”* Un mes después, Amanda fue la primera persona en leer un poema en el **Supertazón²**. Amanda leyó un poema durante el **Espectáculo del medio tiempo³**.



MAE C JEMISON

Mae C. Jemison was born on October 17, 1956 in Decatur, Alabama. She is an engineer, physician, and a NASA astronaut. In 1992, Jemison became the first African-American woman to go to space. She also writes books and appeared in an episode of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" on television. Jemison was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the International Space Hall of Fame. Today, Jemison works as part of a project team for the United States government.



YULIMAR ROJAS

Yulimar Rojas is an Olympian. She is an Olympian from Venezuela. Yulimar participates in track and field events. Yulimar is a jumper. Yulimar participated in the 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games. Yulimar has won several Olympic medals. She won a silver medal at the 2016 Olympics in the triple jump event. She also set the record for the indoor triple jump event distance in 2018. Her record is 15.43 meters. In 2021, Yulimar was named "Athlete of the Year" in Venezuela. Yulimar is the first woman with that title in Venezuela. In the 2020 Olympics, Yulimar won her first gold medal in the triple jump. She also set a new triple jump distance record.



AMALIA PÉREZ

Amalia Pérez is a Paralympian. She is a Paralympian from Mexico. Amalia participates in weightlifting events. Amalia is a weightlifter. Amalia participated in the 2000, 2008, 2012, and 2016 Olympic Games. Amalia has won six Olympic medals. She has won four gold medals in weightlifting events. She also has won two silver medals. Amalia wanted to participate in the 2020 Olympics for the last time, but she was not able to participate. Amalia has to use a wheelchair because Amalia does not have the strength of her muscles. She is paraplegic. Amalia holds the record for the weight she lifted at the 2016 Olympic Games.



ELIZABETH BLACKWELL

Elizabeth Blackwell was born on February 3, 1821 in England. In 1832 her family moved to the United States. Elizabeth wanted to study medicine, but no university would allow her to study because she was a woman. However, in 1847 she was accepted to Geneva College in New York. In 1849 she graduated first in her class. In 1857 she opened a women's clinic and in 1868 she opened a medical college. In 1875 Elizabeth returned to London to become a professor of medicine at the London School of Medicine for Women.



MARIE CURIE

Marie Curie was born on November 7th, 1867 and died in 1934. She was Polish and French. Marie Curie was a scientist and a chemist. She studied radioactivity. She discovered two elements: Radium and Polonium. She also received the Nobel Prize with her husband. In fact, she was the first and is only woman to win the Nobel Prize. She was also the only person to win the Nobel Prize in two categories. She won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903 and Chemistry in 1911.



FRIDA KAHLO

Frida Kahlo was born on July 6th, 1907 and died in 1954. Frida was Mexican. When she was a child, she survived a diagnosis of and battle with polio. But when she was 18 years old, she was in a bus accident. After the accident, she had many health problems. She decided to be an artist and a painter. She is best known for her self-portraits. She married another painter, Diego Rivera. In 1940, she became an art teacher in Mexico.



ROSALIND FRANKLIN

Rosalind Franklin was born on July 25th, 1925 and passed away in 1958. She was from England. Rosalind was a scientist - a chemist. She was a chemist that studied DNA with X-rays. Rosalind's work was not recognized during her lifetime. She died of cancer in 1958. After her death, her work and the work of her students led to the discovery of the structure of DNA: the double helix. Her students won the Nobel Prize for the discovery.



BESSIE COLEMAN

Bessie Coleman was an American civil aviator. She was born on January 26th, 1892. In 1915, she decided that she wanted to be a pilot. But there was a problem. Schools in the United States did not accept women or African Americans to train to become pilots. In 1920 Coleman left the United States and went to Paris. In Paris, she learned how to fly an airplane. On June 15th, 1921, she became the first African-American woman to earn a pilot's license. Her impact on aviation was recognized after her death. In 1995, Coleman was recognized in the Women in Aviation Hall of Fame.



MISTY COPELAND

Misty Copeland is an American ballet dancer. She was born on September 10th, 1982 in Kansas City, Missouri. Currently, Misty is a dancer for the American Ballet Theater. It is one of the leading classical ballet companies in the United States. In 2008 she received the Leonore Annenberg Scholarship Award in the Arts. On June 30th, 2015, Copeland became a principal dancer for the company. She was the first African American female principal dancer in 75 years. Also, Misty Copeland wrote a book titled "Life in Motion."



CATERINE IBARGÜEN

Caterine Ibarгүйen is an Olympian. She is an Olympian from Colombia. Caterine participates in track and field events. Caterine is a jumper. Caterine participates in the long jump, the high jump, and the triple jump events. Caterine participated in the Olympic Games from 2004 to 2016. Caterine won two Olympic medals. She won a triple jump gold medal in 2012. Also, Caterine set the Colombian high jump record with her jump of 1.93 meters. Caterine is going to participate in the Olympic Games in 2020.



YUNIDIS CASTILLO

Yunidis Castillo is a Paralympian. She is a paralympian from Cuba. Yunidis participates in track and field events. Yunidis is a runner and jumper. Yunidis participated in the 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016 Olympic Games. Yunidis has won eight Olympic medals. She won seven gold medals in the 100 meter, 200 meter, and 400 meter runs. In 2012 Yunidis set records in all events that she won. In 2016 she won a silver medal for the long jump. Yunidis is going to participate in the 2020 Olympics for the last time. Yunidis does not have a right arm. Yunidis lost her right arm in an accident when she was 10 years old.



ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was born on October 13th, 1989 in New York. She is American. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is from the United States but her mother is Puerto Rican. In 2007 she was accepted to Boston University. She studied international relations. Today, Alexandria is a Representative for New York. Alexandris works in Washington, DC. She represents the state of New York in the House of Representatives. Alexandria is the youngest woman to serve in the United States House of Representatives.



RACHEL CARSON

Rachel Carson was born on May 27th, 1907 and passed away in 1964. Rachel was a conservationist, a biologist, and a writer. In 1962 Rachel wrote and published her book "Silent Spring." This book is about the pesticide "DDT". Rachel wrote that DDT is a very dangerous pesticide for the environment. Because of her book, the United States government banned many pesticides, including DDT. She also helped form the United States Environmental Protection Agency.



SONIA SOTOMAYOR

Sonia Sotomayor was born on June 25th, 1954. She was born in New York, but her parents are Puerto Rican. She is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. She was nominated to the Court in 2009 by President Barack Obama. She is the third woman, but the first Latina to hold this position on the Court. She graduated from Princeton University and Yale University. In 2019 she was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame.



RITA MORENO

Rita Moreno was born on December 11th, 1931. Rita is a Puerto Rican - American actress, dancer, and singer. She is best known for her roles in: "Singing in the Rain," "West Side Story," and "Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego?" She has won many awards in her long career. Also, Rita is one of the few people to win an Emmy Award, Oscar Award, Tony Award, and a Grammy Award. In 2009 Rita received the National Medal of Arts from President Barack Obama.



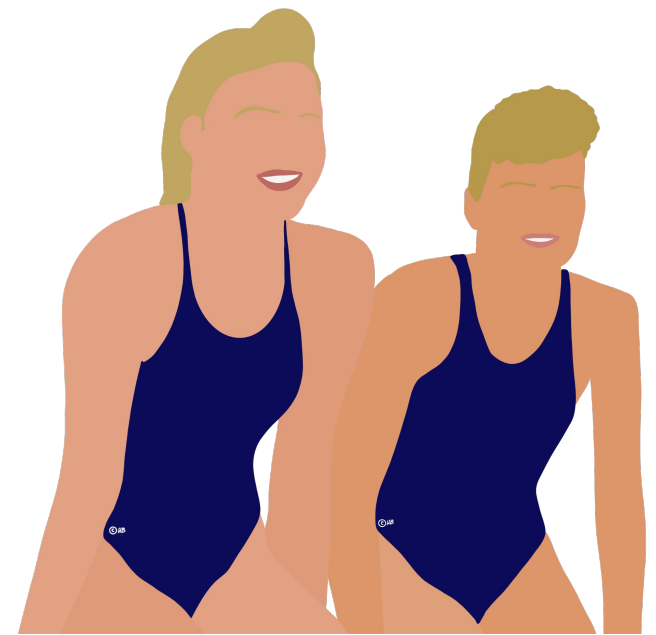
CICELY TYSON

Cicely Tyson was an American actress. She was born on December 19th, 1924 and passed away in 2021. During her career, Cicely was recognized for her portrayal of strong African-American women. In 1972 Tyson played the role of Rebecca Morgan in the film "Sounder". After the film, she was nominated for the "Academy Award" and a "Golden Globe" for best actress. In 1974, Tyson played the leading role in the film "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman." She later received two Emmys. The Emmy Award for Best Leading Actress and the Emmy Award for Actress of the Year.



CLAUDIA Y SILVIA POLL

Silvia and Claudia Poll are sisters. Also, they are Olympians. They are Olympians from Costa Rica. The sisters participated in swimming events in the Olympic Games. Silvia participated in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games. Claudia participated in 1996 until 2004. Silvia won an Olympic medal. She was Costa Rica's first Olympic medalist. She won a gold medal. Claudia also won a gold medal and two bronze medals for Costa Rica in swimming events. The four Olympic medals are the only Olympic medals for Costa Rica.



YANINA ANDREA MARTÍNEZ

Yanina Andrea Martínez is a Paralympian. She was born on Christmas Eve. She is a paralympian from Argentina. Yanina participates in track and field events. Yanina is a runner. Yanina participated in the 2012, 2016, and 2020 Olympic Games. Yanina has won two Olympic medals. She won a gold medal in the 100 meter running event in Brazil in 2016. She also won a bronze medal in Japan in 2020. Yanina started running in high school. Yanina has cerebral palsy.



KATHERINE JOHNSON

Katherine Johnson was born on August 26th, 1918 and passed away in February 2020. Katherine was a mathematician. She really liked math. In 1958 Katherine began her 33 year long career with NASA. Some people say that she was "a human computer." She calculated the equations needed to launch shuttles into space and return astronauts to Earth. During her lifetime, she received multiple awards and recognitions for her work.



DIANA TRUJILLO-POMERANTZ

Diana Trujillo-Pomerantz was born on January 4th, 1983 in Colombia. Diana Trujillo is an aerospace engineer. She is Colombian. In 1990 Diana moved to Florida with just \$300 and nothing else. She wanted to learn English and study engineering. Diana studied engineering at the University of Florida and the University of Maryland. After graduation, Diana began her career with NASA. Diana is the leader of the NASA team that designed the Perseverance Mars rover. Diana did the first NASA program in Spanish of the Perseverance rover in 2021.



MALALA YOUSAFZAI

Malala Yousafzai was born on July 12th, 1997 in Pakistan. Malala is an activist, a writer, and a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Malala received the Nobel Prize for her work on education rights for all children. Malala gives speeches about the rights of all children, but especially the right to education for girls. In 2013, after the failed attempt on her life, Malala wrote her own book, "I am Malala."



TU YOUYOU

Tu Youyou was born on December 30th, 1930. She is a pharmaceutical chemist. She is Chinese. In 1969 she was appointed to direct a project for the Chinese government. The project was to find a treatment for malaria. By 1972 she had discovered "artemisinin." In 1981 she presented her results to the World Health Organization. She received the Nobel Prize for her work in discovering this malaria treatment and saving many people's lives.



RUBY BRIDGES

Ruby Bridges was born on September 8th, 1954. In May of 1954 the Supreme Court of the United States decided that schools could not keep students from attending school because of the color of their skin. When Ruby was 6 years old, four federal marshals walked Ruby and her mother to her new school. Ruby was the first African-American person to enter William Frantz Elementary School. Ruby Bridges desegregated that school by being the first African-American to go to school there.



SIMONE BILES

Simone Biles is an American artistic gymnast. She was born on March 14, 1997 in Columbus, Ohio. Simone has won 36 total medals during her career. Simone has won twenty seven (27) gold, five (5) silver and four (4) bronze. Simone won seven of her medals at the Olympic Games. Seven medals is the record for Olympic medals won by an American gymnast. Simone Biles and Shannon Miller have both won seven Olympic medals. Simone Biles is known as the most distinguished gymnast of all time.



KAMALA HARRIS

Kamala Harris is a politician and a lawyer. She was born on October 20, 1964. Kamala Harris is the Vice President of the United States. From 2011 to 2017 she was the Attorney General of California. She was also a United States Senator from 2017 to 2021. In January 2021 Kamala became the Vice President of the United States. Harris is the first woman to be Vice President. She is also the first African American woman to be Vice President.



TERESA PERALES FERNÁNDEZ

Teresa Perales Fernández is a Paralympian. She is a paralympian from Spain. Teresa participates in swimming events. Teresa is a swimmer. Teresa participated in the Olympic Games from 2000 to 2020. Teresa has participated in 6 Olympic Games! Teresa has won twenty-seven Olympic medals, but has won forty-one world competition medals. She has won seven Olympic Games gold medals! Also, Teresa has more medals than all the other Paralympians. Before being a swimmer, Teresa did martial arts. Now Teresa has to use a wheelchair.



JANE GOODALL

Jane Goodall was born on April 3, 1934 in England. She is a scientist. She studies chimpanzees. In 1960, Jane moved to Africa to work in the Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania. Jane observed and studied the behaviors of the chimpanzees. She discovered that humans and chimpanzees have similar behaviors and emotions. Today Jane is an activist for animals and chimpanzees.



ANTONIA NOVELLO

Antonia Novello was born on August 23, 1944 in Puerto Rico. She is Puerto Rican. Antonia Novello was a doctor. Novello studied medicine in Puerto Rico at the University of Puerto Rico. Antonia also studied at Johns Hopkins University. After, she was the Surgeon General of the United States. Novello served in the 1990s. Antonia was the first woman and first Hispanic to serve as the United States Surgeon General.



BETTY WHITE

Betty White was born on January 22, 1922 and passed away on New Year's Eve of 2021. Betty White was a famous and popular actress in the United States. She acted in many television shows. She is best known for her work on "Golden Girls." During her lifetime, Betty received many awards including Emmy Awards and Screen Actors Guild Awards. She was also known for her work in defense and protection of animals and as an activist for racial injustice.



SALLY RIDE

Sally Ride was born on May 26, 1951 and passed away in 2012. Sally was an astronaut. Sally was the first American woman to go into space and she was the third woman in the world to go into space. Sally traveled into space on the Inspiration and Challenger space shuttle missions. After her trips into space, Sally continued to work for NASA. Sally was part of team that performed the investigations into the accidents of the Columbia and Challenger space shuttles. Ride was the only person to participate in both investigations.



SELENA

Selena Quintanilla-Pérez was born on April 16, 1971 and tragically passed away on March 31, 1995. Selena was a singer. Selena is considered one of the most popular Latin singers. Selena is best known for “Tejana” music. Her most popular song is “Bidi bidi, bom bom.” Selena tragically passed away in a hotel. She was murdered by her friend and director of her fan club: Yolanda Saldívar. Today, there are many movies, shows, and more dedicated to Selena's life.

