

Office of Diversity & Inclusion

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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Name one woman in your life that influenced you the most. What did she teach you?

My mother has been the greatest influence in my life. As a single mother who was moving up the proverbial career ladder, I watched her balance so many roles with grace and fluidity. She taught me the value of going above and beyond, how to balance competing priorities, and how to show up with authenticity, empathy, and compassion. She engrained in me the idealism that drives me in my work and made sure that I understood the value that diverse experiences, people and places would

have on my life. MARCH 2022