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POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If I can create the minimum of my plans and desires, there shall be no regrets...”

- *Bessie Coleman*

Upcoming dates for February/March

Feb - Black History month

March - Women’s Empowerment Month

March - Irish History Month

March - Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

THE DIVERSITY CORNER



Featured Leader - Bessie Coleman (January 26, 1892 – April 30, 1926) was an early American civil aviator. She was the first African-American woman and Native American to hold a pilot license, and is the earliest known Black person to earn an international pilot's license. She earned her license from the Federation Aéronautique

Internationale on June 15, 1921. She was a high-profile pilot in notoriously dangerous air shows in the United States. She was popularly known as "Queen Bess" and "Brave Bessie" and hoped to start a school for African-American fliers. Coleman died in a plane crash in 1926. Her pioneering role was an inspiration to early pilots and to the African-American and Native American communities.

Did you know - She applied to many flight schools across the country, but no school would take her because she was both African American and a woman. Robert Abbot, a famous African American newspaper publisher told her to move to France where she could learn how to fly. Since her application to flight schools needed to be written in French, she began taking French classes at night. Finally, Coleman was accepted at the Caudron Brothers' School of Aviation in Le Crotoy, France. She received her international pilot's license on June 15, 1921 from the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale. She then returned to the United States.

POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK (SUMMARY) – This quote correlates with the bible scripture: ***“Write the vision and make it plain, so that he may run who reads it.”*** The first step is to create a plan and then next, is the action it takes to make those plans come to life. And as long as we try to accomplish those goals, then whether you accomplish them or not, you will have no regrets because you gave it your all.

~ COREY SHORTER, CIDE, ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

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