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2013 Virginia Women in History Program Honors Eight Outstanding Women

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The first woman elected to the Virginia Senate, an award-winning journalist, a champion for the plight of orphaned girls, one of the first licensed pilots in Virginia, a respected teacher and principal, and the first African American woman to serve on the Virginia Supreme Court are among eight Virginia women recognized by the Library of Virginia as part of its Virginia Women in History program. This annual program includes materials and related learning activities tied to the Virginia Standards of Learning and a traveling exhibition.

The 2013 Virginia Women in History program culminates on March 28 with an evening program recognizing the honorees. The ceremony begins at 6:00 PM at the Library of Virginia and will be hosted by May-Lily Lee, with a reception to follow.

The women honored this year are:

Elizabeth Ambler Brent Carrington (1765–1842), Richmond

Concerned about the plight of orphaned girls, Elizabeth Ambler Brent Carrington helped establish the Female Humane Association of the City of Richmond at a time when women rarely played a role in public affairs.

Mary C. Alexander (1893–1955), Lynchburg

One of the first women to be licensed as a pilot in Virginia, Mary C. Alexander owned and operated a scheduled air service between Norfolk and Washington, D.C., during the 1930s.

Louise Reeves Archer (1893–1948), Vienna

A highly respected teacher and principal, Louise Reeves Archer inspired her students through her dedication and commitment to their education.

Eva Fleming Scott (1926–), Amelia County

Recipient of the VABPW Foundation Business Leadership Award

A pharmacist, Eva Fleming Scott was the first woman elected to the Senate of Virginia.

Ann Compton (1947–), Roanoke

An award-winning journalist, Ann Compton broke new ground as the first female White House correspondent for a national news organization.

JoAnn Falletta (1954–), Norfolk

A dynamic and compelling conductor, JoAnn Falletta is an advocate for contemporary music.

Cleo Elaine Powell (1957–), Brunswick County

The first African American woman to serve on the Supreme Court of Virginia, Cleo Elaine Powell encourages young people to create a culture of diversity and respect for the law.

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Elizabeth Inez Pruitt (1962–), Tangier Island

Elizabeth Inez Pruitt fills a vital need in the isolated community of Tangier by serving as its primary health care provider.

Dominion is the signature sponsor of the 2013 Virginia Women in History program and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* is the media sponsor. To learn more about the program, Library of Virginia events scheduled for Women's History Month and this year's honorees, visit www.lva.virginia.gov.

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About the Library of Virginia

The Library of Virginia (www.lva.virginia.gov), located in historic downtown Richmond, holds the world's most extensive collection of material about the Old Dominion and has been a steward of the commonwealth's documentary and printed heritage since 1823. The story of Virginia and Virginians has been told in many ways since 1607. At the Library of Virginia it is told through more than 116 million manuscripts and more than 1.9 million books, serials, bound periodicals, microfilm reels, newspapers and state and federal documents, each an individual tile in the vast and colorful mosaic of Virginia's experience.

Editor's Advisory: Images of the 2013 honorees available upon request.