

Opening Statement

Hello my name is Amelia Earhart. I am the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. I believe that everyone should have the opportunity to fly. Especially women. Although it doesn't seem like it, women have every opportunity that men have in aviation and they should step up to the position. Not only do I want woman to learn how to fly but I want everyone to be able to pursue their true passion in life. I was the president of a group called the "Ninety-Nines," an international organization of women pilots that promotes the advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight. With that, I believe education should be available to everyone. In the State of the Union, President Obama said "I am sending this congress a bold new plan to lower the cost of community college- to zero." Not only would this bring better education to everyone, this would help many reach their dream careers. He also said "I firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds." I could not agree more with this statement. Women should get every right that men do, from equal pay to childcare. Women, like men, should try to do the impossible. And when they fail, their failure should be a challenge to others. I want young women to know that they have huge potential and make them understand that the limits imposed on them by men and by society does not dictate their way of living. Thank you.