



Women's History Month

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HARMAN International is a multi-faceted company with a diverse group of professionals who all contribute to the complex nature of our work. Multiple brands across multiple business units, it's amazing how such a unique group of people thrive and feed off of each other so as a team we meet

the many challenges that are a part of our daily work lives.

I started to think about some of my female colleagues when March began, and the commemoration of Women's History Month made the news. For those unfamiliar with this month-long celebration, let me give you a brief overview, as well as some comments I received from those colleagues of mine as they reflect on being a part of the HARMAN Luxury Audio Group.

Women's History Month is an annual month-long celebration that highlights the many contributions of women to events from the past as well as contemporary society. Here in the United States, as well as the United Kingdom and Australia, it is celebrated in March. This commemoration began in Sonoma County, California in 1978 as Women's History Day, then became recognized as a national week in 1980 and finally a month in 1987.

In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th as National Women's History Week, along with this quote:

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian Families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

And from my colleagues, I asked this simple question: As it pertains to Women's History Month, what can you share regarding your career in our industry and specifically working for HARMAN?



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The audio industry has traditionally been male-dominated. I still remember the first time I went to Northridge and had lunch with the team. The meal was eaten in silence and the atmosphere was slightly awkward. I was the only woman at the table and the topics of interest for men and women were different. However, Harman is a company which is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace that values all employees and their unique perspectives. In the later stages of the work, I received a lot of help and respect from