Nancy Hopkins works in the Center for Cancer Research within the Biology Department of MIT. She studies early vertebrate development using the zebrafish, investigating the causes of certain cancers. In addition to her scientific work, since 1994 Hopkins has worked to promote women in science. In 1995 she was appointed Chair of the first Committee on Women Faculty in the School of Science at MIT. In 1999, a summary of the findings of her committee, the “MIT Report on Women in Science” was published and widely read. Hopkins is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and served on its Council.

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Denise Dee Denton (1959-2006) began her career as the only woman in the department of Electrical & Computer Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During her meteoric career, she went on to become Dean of Engineering at the University of Washington, and Chancellor of the University of California, Santa Cruz, and was a leader in the areas of research, education, professional development, and diversity.

“She was bigger than life. She opened doors and stood in them to let others through. She mentored young scholars and students. Her enthusiasm for science was clear and infectious. She was a force—a magnificent force. She pushed the institutions she inhabited to be better than they wanted to be.”

~ Former University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor Donna Shalala

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