Courage, conviction, persistence, resistance …
the oxygen that makes the fires of unionism burn bright.”

— Karen E. Magee,
NYSUT President
2014-17
“A woman is like a tea bag — you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.”

— Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the United States, 1933-45
“There is a great deal of work still to be done. But I am optimistic... [We’re] stronger than ever .... We will never give up.”

— Sandra Feldman, AFT President, 1997-2004
"I am an example of what is possible when girls from the very beginning of their lives are loved and nurtured by people around them. I was surrounded by extraordinary women in my life who taught me about quiet strength and dignity."

— Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States, 2009-14
I do know one thing about me: I don’t measure myself by others’ expectations or let others define my worth.”

— Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
We need to reshape our own perception of how we view ourselves. We have to step up as women and take the lead.”

— Beyoncé, Singer-songwriter
“You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.”

— Maya Angelou, American Poet, Memoirist and Civil Rights Activist, 1928-2014
“Join the union, girls, and together say Equal Pay for Equal Work.”

— SUSAN B. ANTHONY, AMERICAN SOCIAL REFORMER AND WOMEN’S RIGHTS ACTIVIST, 1820-1906
“Don’t put limitations on yourselves. If you have a dream, an ambition, a goal, an aspiration, keep your intention and vision clear and work towards that goal.”

“We have to build things that we want to see accomplished, in life and in our country, based on our own personal experiences … to make sure that others … do not have to suffer the same discrimination.”

— PATSY MINK
FIRST ASIAN-AMERICAN CONGRESSWOMAN, 1929-2002
"We gain our power and our strength together and, as we do our union work, we have each other’s back."

— Jolene T. DiBrango, NYSUT Executive Vice President