



BILLIE JEAN KING

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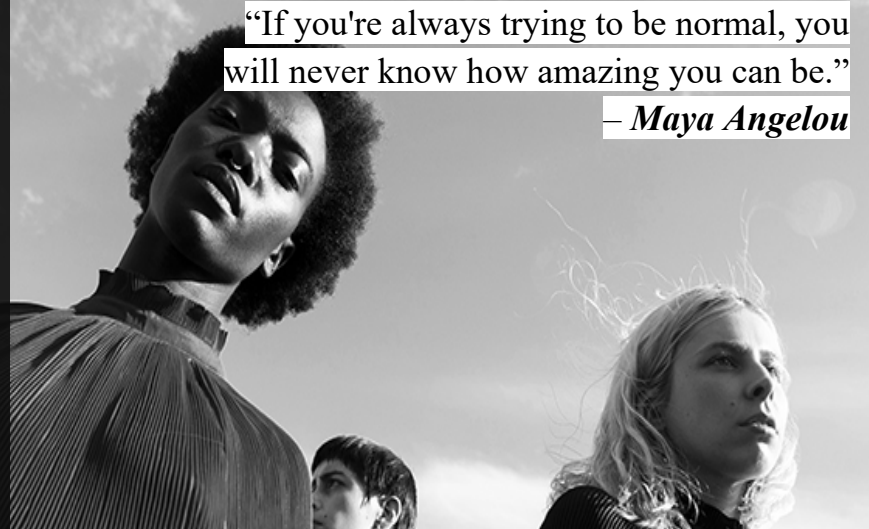
was an **American tennis great** who broke down barriers by pushing for equal prize money for women and became one of the first well-known openly gay athletes.

While in 1972, King netted three Grand Slam titles in one year, she is probably best known for her 1973 match against former men's champion Bobby Riggs, dubbed the "Battle of the Sexes." She claimed victory for women everywhere, stating "I thought it would set us back 50 years if I didn't win that match," she said. "It would ruin the women's tour and affect all women's self-esteem."

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"If you're always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be."

– *Maya Angelou*



CELEBRATING WOMEN

March is National Women's History Month in which we recognize the contributions and achievements women have made across many fields

EVENTS

NOAA's 2021 National Women's History Month Program

March 23, 1:30 pm EST [Virtual Webinar](#)
Ms. Jill S. Tietjen, PE
President and CEO, Technically Speaking, Inc.

Women in Environmental Leadership (WEL) Series: The Future is Here

March 27, 1:00 pm EST

Anacostia Community Museum Urban Waterways project will be hosting four virtual community forums of female panelists to give us a glimpse into the future of environmental justice. Register [here](#).

