

## I want to be like Rosie!



American women entered the workforce in unprecedented numbers during World War II, as widespread male enlistment left gaping holes in the industrial labor force. Between 1940 and 1945, the female percentage of the U.S. workforce increased to 37%, and by 1945 nearly one out of every four married women worked outside the home.

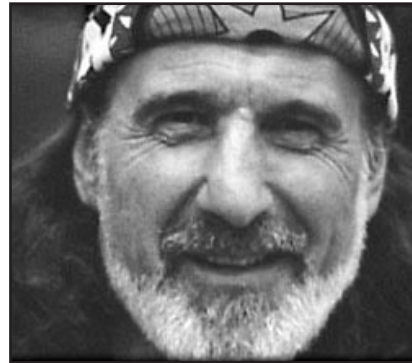
“Rosie the Riveter,” star of a government campaign aimed at recruiting female workers for the munitions industry, became perhaps the most iconic image of working women during the war.

### Want to know more about MANUFACTURING?

Check out class offerings for your school in **Career and Technical Education**

[www.area18.org](http://www.area18.org)

## Frank Serpico An Honest Cop



Frank Serpico, a New York City police officer is most famous for testifying against police corruption. Born in Brooklyn, NY, Serpico was the youngest child of poor, Italian immigrants.

Serpico was shot during an arrest attempt after receiving a tip that a drug deal was about to take place. The bullet struck just below the eye and lodged at the top of his jaw and Serpico lay bleeding in the hall. Serpico, who was armed during the drug raid, had only been shot after briefly turning away from the suspect when he realized that the two officers who were with him did not follow, raising the question whether Serpico had actually been brought to the apartment by police to be executed.

The NY Metro Magazine published an article about Serpico titled, “Portrait of an Honest Cop.” He was awarded an NYPD gold shield and promoted to detective.

### Want to know more about LAW ENFORCEMENT?

Check out class offerings for your school in **Career and Technical Education**

[www.area18.org](http://www.area18.org)

## Fantasia Singer/Single Mother



Never give up on your dreams, as shown by single mother, American Idol Season 3 winner, **Fantasia Barrino**. At the age of 25, after publicly admitting her battle with illiteracy, Fantasia walked across the stage of her former high school in cap and gown to receive her high school diploma after successfully completing all of the requirements for her GED.

While some have criticized Fantasia for her illiteracy and single parent status, she should be commended for having the courage to finish what she started.

Fantasia’s story proves that a life Interrupted by poverty, rape, illiteracy, pregnancy and single parenthood can still be put on track. A period of struggle does not have to equate to a lifetime of failure.

### Begin your DREAMS today!

Check out class offerings for your school in **Career and Technical Education**

[www.area18.org](http://www.area18.org)

## Chef Morimoto Language No Barrier



Born in Hiroshima, Japan, Masaharu Morimoto, known as the “Iron Chef,” stars in the popular Food Network program by the same name. Morimoto came to American in 1985 and worked in some of Manhattan’s prestigious restaurants, when he was discovered by Sony Corporation’s executive staff members.

When Iron Chef America was first approved as a regular series on American TV, Morimoto was reluctant to come on board, fearing TV executives would drop him for someone else.

Morimoto understands English, but doesn’t speak it well and is heavily accented. Much of the time, producers let him speak Japanese. They subtitle him when he’s speaking in English, and dub over him when he’s speaking Japanese.

### Want to know more about CULINARY ARTS?

Check out class offerings for your school in **Career and Technical Education**

[www.area18.org](http://www.area18.org)