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An Interview with Title IX Panel Members

Part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Sports Stories Oral History project

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Jackie Joyner Kersee, Ellyn Bartges, Linda Carpenter and R. Vivian Acosta, panelists who spoke about their experiences with Title IX and the impact of that legislation, were interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Sports Stories* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

Date: Mar 25, 2021 Location: Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Multi-Purpose Room

Interview Format: Digital Video

Interviewer: Peggy Kusinski, NBC5 – Chicago, retired

Technical Support (cameraman, etc.): Kurt Williams & Garrett West, ALPL
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Biographical Information/Overview of Interview: On March 25, 2021 the ALPL Oral History Program hosted a panel discussion with several women whose lives were impacted by the passage of Title IX legislation in 1972. The conversation focused primarily on the impact on women's involvement in athletics in Illinois, but also in the country as a whole. Peggy Kusinski, an award winning sports reporter with NBC5 in Chicago (recently retired), moderated the discussion. Participants included Jackie Joyner-Kersey, the Olympic champion heptathlete and renowned as one of the world's greatest athletes, Dr. Ellyn Bartges, who participated in Illinois's first girls state basketball tournament in 1977 and who went on to write her Ph.D. dissertation on the subject, and Dr. Linda Carpenter and Dr. R. Vivian Acosta, who co-authored the definitive book on Title IX, named appropriately *Title IX*. The event was broadcast over Zoom and was later made available on YouTube.

Topics discussed included the origins of the Title IX legislation, the role that Title IX played in expanding opportunities for girls (high school) and women (college level and beyond), and the hurdles and challenges the panelists encountered in their own lives, both before and after Title IX was adopted. The topic of transgender women competing in girls' and women's sports was also addressed before the discussion was opened for those watching to ask questions.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Title IX; Jackie Joyner-Kersey; Ellyn Bartges; Dr. Linda Carpenter; Dr. R. Vivian Acosta; Peggy Kusinski; high school girls' athletics; transgender participation in sports.

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