In honor of Women's History Month, who is the most influential woman in your life?

By far, my mother. My mother, for better or worse. My mother of course! My mom! The women in my life who encouraged me to take on this job and go to sea, because they believed in me. None of the men did. Mother. wife and daughter Michelle Obama Dr. Torrie Hanley My mother, smart, caring, supportive and willing to try things that were not mainstream or what others thought she should be doing. was... my mother. My wife. My girlfriends. My wife My spouse Me. Jane Reno (Janet Reno's mother). My wife My female colleagues spouse My mom, who as I grow older realize made so many sacrifices (life and career) for my benefit - any success that I have at all is because of her. And, she still managed to be a leader in her own field, too. Tied between mother, wife and daughter. Overall, my mom. But at WHOI I've always looked up to Susan Humphris and Jean Whelan. My mom My Mother. Michelle Obama My mother My mom. My daughters Every woman who has used her voice and power for the advancement of humanity. mom Boring and cliche, but as a kid I was mesmerized by Sally Ride. Exploration and discovery

got under my skin when I learned about her.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

My mom, who taught me to ask questions and care about the environment.

My mother

My Daughters.

my mom

Oooh, that's tough. Who's had positive influence in my life may vary over time depending on professional/personal needs at that time. Currently it is Lesley Wyborn, a senior career geoscientist from Australia's ARDC. She's amazing & accomplished so much!

My mom

My mom

Heather Benway

My mother. I think this may be a similar answer for most people. Not everything she taught me was good, but because of her and the things I watched her go through, I grew up guarding who I spent my time with and didn't surround myself with shady characters.

Firstly, I want to point out that a person who identifies as a woman is a woman; I'm confused what that portion of the question is meant to explain or imply. Outside of my own family, my therapist has had a profoundly positive influence in my life, and has helped deal with some very difficult situations.

my mom

My mom

Michelle Obama

wife

My spouse

My wife, who is smart, funny, creative, loving, a wonderful mom and a wonderful daughter

I'll focus on my "work life" and say Eugenie Clark - the woman who first inspired me to pursue ocean science.

None. I can't say that there is a single woman I truly look up to. Which is sad being a woman myself. There isn't a man either to look up to. Once you learn just a little but more about someone you reveal something that crushes any reason to look up to them.

My mother - although only having a high school degree, she made a home that fostered my education and self-confidence. That allowed me to go out into the world to earn a master's degree and create a rewarding career.

My mom!

My mother!

Samus Aran

Grandma

my mom, she got her degree at 50 while working full time running a restaurant (with my dad who also was a full time school teacher) and raising 3 children

mother

My Mom

All the supportive women in my life. I can't pick one.

Marsha Moses, my 6th grade science teacher and Judy McDowell, WHOI PI

Silvia Earle

Life: my mother Research: Cindy Lee Van Dover

Nice question, thank you for asking. Maya Angelou, my two aunts on my mother's side, Mary Oliver, Mary Karr, the women who fought for our right to vote, the women who fought for our reproductive freedom,

I have had the benefit of working with many excellent women in my career so far, and have drawn inspiration from them all.

My mom

I suppose my mom. She's always very supportive. Here at WHOI, I'd say Sheri White. She's very understanding & helpful. She's very involved in a lot of groups. She has a lot of information to provide & is very insightful about things.

my wife

my daughter

My mother.

Susan Humphris was instrumental in getting me into Ocean and Science.

Mom & sister

My Auntie Barbara taught me so many interesting artistic things as a child.

My wife.

My mom, my grandmother and my friends.

My Aunt, a software engineer (received her degrees in 1958 and 1962).

My spouse!

Mother. People that identify as woman are not in fact woman.

Several women in leadership roles along my path who set an example of what a respectful, productive, and fun workplace could be.

My mom

My wife. She keeps me focused on the good things about my job and the things I can do to make my circumstances better. I wish WHOI had more resources I could use to take some of the burden off of her so that we could enjoy life more.

my wife

My mother, of course. And my wife. But I'd like to give a shout out to Rachel Carson, who inspired me to pursue the research I do.

My supervisor Isa Welch. She is caring, smart gets it done. I am very lucky to work with her.

My wife

Heidi Sosik!

My mom. :-)

Mother