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# Governor Newsom, First Partner Siebel Newsom, and the California Museum Announce the 18th Class of the California Hall of Fame

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom, First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom, and the California Museum today announced the 18th class of the California Hall of Fame, consisting of trailblazers in athletics, civil rights, culinary arts, entertainment, and more. For the first time in the history of the California Hall of Fame, this class is entirely comprised of women in a meaningful recognition of women's achievements, which have historically been underrepresented in California's history. The posthumous class will be inducted on Thursday, December 19 in a virtual ceremony.

## California Hall of Fame 18th Class Inductees:

**Julia Child:** Cook, author, television personality

**Ina Donna Coolbrith:** California's first poet laureate

**Vicki Manalo Draves:** Olympic gold medalist

**Mitsuye Endo:** Civil rights activist

**Dian Fossey:** Primatologist, gorilla conservationist

**Alice Piper:** Civil rights hero

**Tina Turner:** Singer, performer

**Governor Gavin Newsom:** "We are very proud to induct the California Hall of Fame's 18th class. This all-female cohort consists of powerful women who remain beloved cultural icons and civil rights luminaries today, truly embodying the California spirit."

**First Partner Siebel Newsom:** "We are thrilled to announce the induction of the first all-women class of honorees into the California Hall of Fame. These trailblazing women have shattered barriers, challenged societal norms, and driven progress that has transformed California and the world. By celebrating their extraordinary and lasting accomplishments, we are moving closer to truly honoring the rich diversity that defines our great state."

## Virtual Induction Ceremony Details:

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 6 p.m.

**LIVESTREAM:** Governor's Office [YouTube](#) | Governor's [Instagram](#) | California Museum's [YouTube](#)

"The California Museum is honored to be the home of the California Hall of Fame, celebrating remarkable individuals who have shaped our state and nation," said **Anne Marie Petrie, Chair of the California Museum Board of Trustees**. "The 18th class highlights the inspirational achievements of women who overcame obstacles, making indelible contributions to our culture and influencing the path of history. We are proud to play a part in recognizing their enduring legacies."

Launched in 2006, the California Hall of Fame honors history-making Californians who embody the state's spirit of innovation and have changed the state, the nation, and the world. Inductees are selected annually by the Governor and First Partner for achievements in arts, business and labor, entertainment, food and wine, literature, music, public service, science, and sports.

For details on the California Hall of Fame or to download media assets, visit the media kit [here](#).

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