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On June 23, 1972, President Richard M. Nixon signed the Education Amendments of 1972 into law. Within the Education Amendments are 37 words known as Title IX.

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Over the past 50 years, Marietta College's female athletes, coaches and teams have achieved amazing success. Looking back on Marietta College's history of women's athletics over the last half-century, it is imperative to recognize the substantial positive impact Title IX has made on our programs. It is also important to acknowledge that there is more work that needs to be done. We need your help to accomplish this.

Tangible support for our female athletes will play a critical role in the future of Marietta College. To honor and celebrate the efforts of our women's coaches and teams, gifts to support this special initiative will be utilized to renovate and upgrade the softball field, the only female-focused athletic facility currently on campus. A visible representation of support for female student-athletes, the softball field project will include:

- State-of-the-art scoreboard

- Lights

- Full turf field
- Bleachers (roughly 216 seats), press box (8x18), and walkways
- With your support for this project, you can help improve recruitment and retention abilities for all women's athletics, as well as encourage diversity, equity and inclusion on campus a vital component of the future success of the entire campus community. Updating the softball field also provides Marietta College the opportunity to host after-dark evening events and intramurals, as well as provide additional revenue streams through facility rentals to members of the community.

Honor former and current Marietta College female athletes, help enhance the student-athlete experience for our Pioneer women's teams, and learn more about how you can support this important initiative at **marietta.edu/title-ix-celebration** or by contacting the Office of Advancement at **740-376-4711**.

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