

# JESSICA COX

2018 AMELIA EARHART PIONEERING  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Jessica Cox is a Fearless Innovator. Born without arms, Jessica is fascinated by the limitless ways the human body can adjust to a variety of circumstances. Jessica has utilized dormant physical traits to adapt and use her feet the way

people use their hands.

Jessica is best known for becoming the first armless pilot in aviation history. Her achievement earned her a Guinness World Record medal and has been a trending topic on Facebook and featured on TV programs like Ellen,

Inside Edition, CNN, the BBC and more.

Jessica enjoys taking on new challenges, the latest of which are slacklining and rock climbing. She gives back to the global disability community as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Nobel Prize winning NGO Humanity and Inclusion. As a personal passion, she mentors children with limb difference and their parents. Described as a speaker "no one will ever forget," Jessica shows audiences around the world how to inspire enthusiasm and build authentic confidence.

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## DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES

Saturday, July 21 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Commercial Street Mall

Enjoy food and homemade crafts, live music, and plenty of activities for the kids on Atchison's beautiful pedestrian plaza. Sign a birthday card and join us for cake from 11am-noon for Amelia's 120th birthday!

## AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Saturday, July 21 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

223 N Terrace

Tour Amelia's childhood home.

\$6 adults; \$1 children 12 & under

## PIONEERING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD LUNCHEON

Saturday, July 21 | 12:00 pm

Benedictine College, 1020 N 2nd

Luncheon honoring 2018 award recipient, Jessica Cox. Tickets \$20

## HISTORICAL CHURCH TOURS

Saturday, July 21 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church, 300 S. 5th

Tour the historic church where Amelia was baptized.

## RIVERFRONT FESTIVITIES

Saturday, July 21 | Beginning at 4:30 pm

Atchison Riverfront

Enjoy live music, food, vendors, aerobatics and the "Concert in the Sky" fireworks finale on the stunning Atchison Riverfront, one of the highlights of the annual festival.

Free and open to the public.

# SPEAKER SYMPOSIUM

JULY 21, 2018 | 10:15 AM  
ATCHISON, KANSAS



**"WHEN A GREAT ADVENTURE IS OFFERED TO YOU - YOU DON'T REFUSE IT."**

## *Featuring*

Jessica Cox

2018 Pioneering Achievement Award Recipient

Abigail Harrison

Founder of The Mars Generation and aspiring astronaut

Shaesta Waiz

Founder of Dreams Soar and first female civilian pilot from Afghanistan

Cathy Scroggs

Symposium Moderator

# AMELIA EARHART FESTIVAL SPEAKER SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 10:15 AM  
BENEDICTINE COLLEGE O'MALLEY  
McALLISTER AUDITORIUM

## "NOT AFRAID TO FLY."

Join the Amelia Earhart Festival Committee and sponsors in welcoming to the Symposium Panel three women who, like Amelia, were not afraid to fly, not afraid to make the world seem a little smaller, not afraid to engage with people and share experiences. Amelia was known for her smile, her confidence, and her compassion. These are traits that today's panelists share with Amelia. We invite them to share their thoughts with us as we converse about the world Amelia circumnavigated and the town and state in which she was born.

# 2018 SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

## ABIGAIL HARRISON

Abigail Harrison is a girl with a dream. She aspires to be an astronaut. But it doesn't stop there—she dreams of becoming the first astronaut to Mars. With a dreams this big, it takes setting goals and working hard each day to make them a reality.



In 2011, at the age of 13, Abby began to speak publicly about her dreams. Her work over the years as an international STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) and space ambassador has led to a following of over one million people on social media.

In 2015, at the age of 18 years old, Abby founded The Mars Generation, a 501c3 nonprofit with the support of an advisory board of astronauts, engineers, scientists and her hundreds of thousands of online supporters.

## SHAESTA WAIZ

Dreams Soar founder Shaesta Waiz was born in Afghanistan, emigrating to the United States as a young girl with her parents and five sisters. She is the first female civilian pilot from Afghanistan, the first to earn undergraduate (and graduate) degrees in her family, both from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and flew around the world solo, inspiring thousands to reach for the stars.



At Embry-Riddle, she also started the Women's Ambassador Program — an initiative that seeks to mentor and support young women pursuing an education in aviation and engineering — then sought to advance her efforts to a global scale. Shaesta started Dreams Soar to share her story with women around the world, to let them know it is possible to achieve your dreams, regardless of the challenges and traditions you may face.

## CATHY SCROGGS

Cathy Scroggs is a recognizable voice in Manhattan, Kansas, as the recently retired news director of the Manhattan Broadcasting Co.

A native of Atchison and a graduate of Atchison High School and Kansas University, Cathy has been recognized with many broadcasting awards from the Kansas Association

of Broadcasting, the Associated Press, and the American Cancer Society. Cathy sings with the Timeless Acapella women's chorus and her quartet, The 4 Gems. For her involvement in civic activities and for her efforts to keeping her community informed, Cathy was the 2017 recipient of the Award of Harmony from the Little Apple Chorus and the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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