Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, First Woman Physician

Elizabeth Blackwell was born in Bristol, England on February 3, 1821. Her family emigrated to the United States in 1832. Elizabeth Blackwell attended Geneva Medical College in New York, where she was the only female student.

On January 11, 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman to earn a medical degree in the United States and she graduated on January 23, 1849, first in her class.

During her retirement, Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell maintained her interest in the women's rights movement by writing lectures on the importance of education. Blackwell is credited with opening the first training school for nurses in the United States in 1873.

Read about the obstacles that Elizabeth Blackwell had to overcome in order to earn her medical degree on <https://www.thoughtco.com/elizabeth-blackwell-biography-3528555>. Describe some of the hardships that Elizabeth Blackwell encountered as she tried to pursue her medical education and begin her medcal practice.

Who is a woman that you admire and why?

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