



WOMEN FROM HERE

Through the creation of portraits of **women from New Caledonia and elsewhere**, the students of the 1^e bac pro gestion administration of the Escoffier high school were able to take an interest in individual women who have marked their time and brought something positive to women and their community.

Thirteen women were chosen, thirteen successful role models, allowing the students to allow themselves to make choices, to finally ask themselves what it means to be a woman in 2018.

Why do you work exclusively on women?

"We decided to work on women because we want to show that women can also have a role in society.

If men can do it, so can women."

What is the purpose of this project?

"The purpose of this project is to tell the stories of 13 women who have championed important causes, both in society and in the workplace."



Exposed in this beautiful hallway, the portrait of 6 of his wives so we tell you the story :

Paula BOI - *1^{er} board on your right as you enter the corridor*

Born in Koumac in 1963, Paula began her artistic career at the KOUARE school in THIO. In 1983, during a mini festival in CANALA, Mrs BOI was hired as a graphic designer. She will then meet Jean-Marie TJIBAOU and that will launch her career. She will then work with young people to share the culture of her country. Her art is now recognized. Exhibited worldwide, she has participated in various projects in New Caledonia for the OPT, the Tjibaou Cultural Centre for which she was responsible for the graphic communication. Ms. BOIS "walks the talk". She believes that when you are convinced that what you are doing is good for you but can also be useful to others, you have to go all the way.

Hélène IEKAWE - *2nd table on your right*

Hélène IEKAWE was born on January 8, 1964 on the island of Lifou. She studied at the Lycée Lapérouse in Nouméa and graduated from the University of New Caledonia.

She has taught Kanak languages in secondary schools in the greater Noumea area.

In 2004, she began a political career that led her to the Assembly of the Southern Province and then to the Government of New Caledonia.

Since June 2015, she has been a member of the Government of New Caledonia, in charge of Education, the implementation of the civic service and higher education issues.

Jeannette WALEWENE - 3rd table on your right

For her students, Mrs. WALEWENE is a person of merit. She has studied and travelled to obtain a bachelor's degree and a master's degree.

Mrs. WALEWENE is a woman who draws her strength from her children. She takes care to make them participate in collective activities.

As a woman, she has the passion, conviction and will to prove her strength and knowledge.

Today, she is President of the Women's Commission at the EESC (Economic, Social and Environmental Council) of New Caledonia. As part of her job, she drives 7 hours a day and 7,000 km a month to meet New Caledonians.

She tries to find the energy to be available for her family and her work. She wants to help women gain confidence and prove that they can be responsible for their lives.

Diane BUI-DUYET - 4^e table on the right

Mrs BUI-DUYET started swimming at the age of five because her doctor had advised her to do so to fight against asthma. She took her first lessons at the Rivière Salée club.

Then she competed in championships and won her first victories in New Caledonia and then in the Pacific Games.

A specialist in the 100-metre butterfly, she was European Junior Champion in 1993 and broke the world record in 2009 with a race of 55 seconds 5 hundredths, a record that was not broken until 2014. Her swimming career lasted 25 years.

What motivates her? To strive to improve every time, to travel and win medals to make her parents and her country proud.

Mrs BUI-DUYET is now an agent of the Youth and Sports Department of the Southern Province, 6^e deputy mayor of Nouméa, in charge of youth, sports and relations with communities and associations.

She wants to pass on what she has learned. For her, life is full of obstacles. You have to hesitate, but it's important not to be afraid and to get help because, as she says, "alone you go forward, but with others you go further".

Véronique LEHOULLIER-MOLLOT - *5^e table on your right*

Mrs LEHOULLIER-MOLLOT is the academic delegate for artistic, scientific and cultural action of the Vice-Rectorate, academic referent of the mission "Prevention of discrimination and equality between girls and boys" and has been a volunteer for over 30 years.

She fights against discrimination. Her work consists of ensuring that girls and boys are equal, that they respect each other, that no difference is made, that they feel good.

She believes that you can make your mark in society without sacrificing your family. Her family is very supportive and has accepted her path.

She believes that there is no such thing as failure in life, but that one should not stay in one's comfort zone. For her, living means living intensely, following your determination, not letting anyone else think for you. You have to be dynamic, aim higher, aim for the best for yourself and also be kind to yourself.

Emmanuelle MASSON - *last painting*

A Caledonian, she began her schooling in Bourail and obtained her economic baccalaureate. Encouraged by her parents, she flew to New Zealand to continue her studies, determined to prove that she could make something of her life. Fifteen years later, she returned to New Caledonia.

Ms. MASSON was the first director of GONDWANA from 2018 to 2019.

She is an optimistic woman who is committed to protecting the environment. Her ecological commitment is turned towards future generations.

She believes that curiosity and interest in different areas is the key to getting ahead in life.