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Today, most American citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to vote in federal and state elections, but voting was not always allowed for women. About half of Americans (49%) say women gaining the right to vote has been the most important milestone in advancing the position of women in the U.S. I couldn't agree more. As a teenager, my parents instilled in me the importance of every single vote.

A Portland State University study found that fewer than 15 percent of eligible voters were turning out to vote for mayors, council members, and other local offices. Low turnout means that important local issues are determined by a limited group of voters, making a single vote even more statistically meaningful. As someone who cares deeply about our Calhoun community, I encourage everyone to vote. Your vote can make a huge difference right here at home.

I believe also that women have a strong voice. We need to exercise our rights and step into leadership roles across our communities. I'm thankful for female leaders like Kate Sheppard, whose efforts helped make New Zealand the first country to give women the right to vote. She shared, "Do not think your single vote does not matter much. The rain that refreshes the parched ground is made up of single drops." Let us remember the power of one vote and let's celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Remember to vote! Be counted!

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