

TRIVIA-LOGIC: COLLEGE CELEBRITIES BY JACK LECHNER

This is a classic logic puzzle, with one important difference: All the information in it is factual rather than arbitrary. If you already know any of the answers, you'll have a head start in solving the puzzle—but if you don't, you should be able to figure them all out from the clues given.

Five current celebrities each attended different institutions of higher learning. Each institution was founded in a different year, has a unique football team (two are named for birds, the Cardinals and the Sagehens), and boasts a famous alum of the past. Which is which?

1. Denzel Washington's alma mater was founded after 1831, but before 1925. Marianne Williamson didn't attend either the oldest school or the newest. Pomona College was founded more recently than Grinnell College. Grinnell College isn't the oldest of the five institutions, and Pomona College isn't the newest. Fordham University was founded more recently than Wesleyan University, but not as recently as the University of Miami.
2. Neither Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson nor Marianne Williamson (who didn't go to Fordham) attended the alma mater of Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman to run for vice president from a major political party.
3. Either Kumail Nanjiani (who didn't attend a school whose football team was named after a bird) or Dwayne Johnson attended a school that was founded in 1925. Either Denzel Washington or poet Charles Olson attended a school that was founded in 1841 (but not both). Either Kumail Nanjiani's or Geraldine Ferraro's alma mater was founded in 1846 (but not both).
4. The five institutions are Fordham University, the college founded in 1887, Lin-Manuel Miranda's alma mater, *High Noon* star Gary Cooper's alma mater, and the school that cheers for the Hurricanes (which isn't Grinnell's team).
5. The school founded in 1841 roots for either the Rams or the Pioneers. *Hello, Dolly!* composer-lyricist Jerry Herman's school supported the Hurricanes, and was founded more recently than Pomona College. Actor/musician Kris Kristofferson's alma mater was founded more recently than Charles Olson's or Kumail Nanjiani's. Geraldine Ferraro's alma mater (whose football team wasn't named after a bird) is older than Gary Cooper's school. The Pioneers (which wasn't Denzel Washington's team) have been around longer than the Sagehens, but not as long as the Rams.

ALMA MATER	FAMOUS ALUM	YEAR FOUNDED	FOOTBALL TEAM
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY			
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI			
POMONA COLLEGE			
GRINNELL COLLEGE			
FORDHAM			
KRIS KRISTOFFERSON			
CHARLES OLSON			
JERRY HERMAN			
GERALDINE FERRARO			
GARY COOPER			
DENZEL WASHINGTON			
MARIANNE WILLIAMSON			
GARY COOPER			
GERALDINE FERRARO			
JERRY HERMAN			
CHARLES OLSON			
KRIS KRISTOFFERSON			
		1831	
		1841	
		1846	
		1887	
		1925	
			CARDINALS
			HURRICANES
			PIONEERS
			RAMS
			SAGEHENS

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JERRY HERMAN			
GERALDINE FERRARO			
GARY COOPER			
DWAYNE JOHNSON			
LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA			
KUMAIL NANJIANI			
DENZEL WASHINGTON			
MARIANNE WILLIAMSON			
GARY COOPER			
GERALDINE FERRARO			
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