Rigoberta Menchú

Nobel Peace Prize Winner

"Student Engagement: Towards a Promising Future"

Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992, Rigoberta Menchú is an activist of the Maya K’iche’ ethnic group in Guatemala. She has dedicated her life to denouncing oppression and defending the rights of indigenous peoples. Her testimonial book, I, Rigoberta Menchú, won the prestigious Casa de las Américas award in 1983 and has been translated into a dozen languages. The book, which she narrated to anthropologist Elizabeth Burgos, describes in rich detail her story as well as the story of her people. She has been the recipient of more than thirty honorary degrees from universities around the world, and has been named “Ambassador of Goodwill” by UNESCO.

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