## **The Playing Field**

After Title IX passed in 1972, the number of women playing sports and entering law and medical school skyrocketed.

| HIGH SCHOOL             |       | 1971-72   | 2001-02   |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Varsity sports          | Boys  | 3,666,917 | 3,960,517 |
|                         | Girls | 294,015   | 2,806,998 |
| Basketball              | Boys  | 645,670   | 540,597   |
|                         | Girls | 132,299   | 456,169   |
| Baseball                | Boys  | 400,906   | 451,674   |
| Softball                | Girls | 9,813     | 355,960   |
| Soccer                  | Boys  | 78,510    | 339,101   |
|                         | Girls | 700       | 295,265   |
| COLLEGE                 |       |           |           |
| Playing sports          | Men   | 170,384   | 212,140   |
|                         | Women | 29,977    | 155,513   |
| Entering<br>med school  | Men   | 10,435    | 8,581     |
|                         | Women | 1,653     | 7,784     |
| Attending<br>law school | Men   | 85,554    | 69,390    |
|                         | Women | 8,914     | 65,701    |
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Source: National Federation of State High School Associations; NCAA; Association of American Medical Colleges; American Bar Association