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Chrystal Macmillan was the first woman to be awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Edinburgh, the first of her many pioneering achievements.

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Making History: First woman to lobby the House of Lords
Chrystal Macmillan spoke in the House of Lords in the appeal of five women for their right as graduates to vote for MPs standing for election to University seats (those Westminster seats that historically represented Universities rather than geographical constituencies). Although the case was lost, it became a cause célèbre.

Women’s voices for International Peace and Conflict Resolution
During WWI, Chrystal Macmillan organised the International Congress of Women at the Hague.

Campaigning for human rights and gender equality
Speaking at the International Woman Suffrage Alliance in Rome, 1923. Chrystal Macmillan challenged the law that bound a woman’s nationality to that of her husband.

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