Temple Grandin

Mary Temple Grandin was born August 29, 1947 in Boston Massachusetts. She was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at age two. Doctors suggested speech therapy as an option so her mother hired a nanny to help her all day every day. Grandin began speaking at age four. She went on to complete high school and graduate from college with a bachelors in psychology. She went on to receive her masters, then doctorates.

She is currently an American [professor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Professor) of [animal science](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal_science) at [Colorado State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_State_University), best-selling author and autism activist. She is also the inventor of the "[hug box](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hug_machine)", a device to calm those on the [autism spectrum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autism_spectrum). In the 2010, [*Time 100*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_100) list of the one hundred most influential people in the world, she was named in the "Heroes" category.She was the subject of the award-winning, biographical film, [*Temple Grandin*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple_Grandin_(film)). Grandin is a strong example that all children can learn and a child with a disability is unquestionably exceptional.