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Johanna Kappes





Johanna Kappes (1879-1933)

Physician, first regular female student in Germany

She was one of the first graduates of the first German girls' high school in Karlsruhe.

For the winter semester of 1899/1900, she was able to obtain permission to attend medical lectures at the University of Freiburg as an guest auditor.





She created a petition that was sent through the university to the government in Karlsruhe and triggered the consequential decree that opened the Baden universities to women on February 28, 1900. In Heidelberg, the second Baden university, the procedure was not applied.





In 1904, she earned her doctorate and, together with her husband, opened a joint practice, which she managed until her death.

Her dedication and determination significantly contributed to opening the doors of higher education for women in Germany.

