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**AAUW State College**

**USED BOOK SALE**


Penn State Snider Ag Arena  
 9 am-8 pm\*



**Sat., May 11**  
 through  
**Tue., May 14**

\*Closes early (7 pm) on May 14

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**AAUW** State College  
 Changing the climate for women & girls

**Have not yet signed up to volunteer?**  
[Used Book Sale Volunteer Sign-up](#)

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[bit.ly/BookSaleFACEBOOKevent](https://bit.ly/BookSaleFACEBOOKevent)

Come and enjoy the fruits of our almost year-long efforts, and meet new and old AAUW friends.

# AAUW Pennsylvania convenes outstanding state conference April 5-7



Hats off to AAUW Pennsylvania for successfully convening the 2024 spring conference in Harrisburg. The programming and speakers were clearly outstanding. Thank you to AAUW State College members who serve on the AAUW Pennsylvania board: **Cindy Hall**, President; **Ann Echols**, Finance Officer; and **Sally Kalin**, AAUW Funds Chair.

*Fourteen AAUW State College members attended the AAUW PA conference: (Seated) Sally Kalin, Cindy Hall, Carline Crevecoeur; (Standing) Ann Echols, Cyndee Graves, Sue Johnston, Pam Fuller, Dianne Gregg, Suzanne Kerlin, Naana Nti, Vasundara Varadan, Sherry Crassweller, Nancy Weinreb.*

*Not pictured: Grace Hampton and Penn State University Park students. The students attended as guests of the AAUW State College and AAUW Pennsylvania.*

## Speaker highlights:

**Kimberly Adams**, Board member, AAUW National, and the National Organization of Women - *Women in American Politics*;  
**Ajla Glavasevic Lausegger**, AAUW PA DEI Chair; Governance Committee, AAUW National - *Generative AI*;  
**Meghan Kissell**, Senior Director, Policy and Member Advocacy, AAUW National - *AAUW's Advocacy in Action*;  
**Gisele Fetterman**, Nonprofit Founder, Hugger, Dreamer – *The Power of Vulnerability*.



**Above:** Penn State student Carmin Wong with AAUW State College member Grace Hampton.

**Left:** U.S. Senator John Fetterman with AAUW-Pennsylvania President Cindy Hall.





## Gift basket from AAUW State College, featuring member talents, raises funds for AAUW Pennsylvania

Thank you to AAUW State College members who contributed items for the gift basket that was auctioned off to raise funds for AAUW Pennsylvania.

The “*We Are...Happy Valley!*” basket included a Penn State pillow made by **Dina Liberatore**, Indian relish made by **Vasundara Varadan**, Tait Farm goodies donated by **Amy Wilson**, four books on Penn State donated by **Jackie Esposito**, including *The Nittany Lion*, which she co-authored, a packet of stationery featuring **Ann Echols’** award-winning art, and more. The basket raised the single highest amount (\$112) among the 12 baskets donated by branches from around the state. The funds raised, \$1,010, will benefit AAUW Pennsylvania.



## Let your vote count in the AAUW election: Vote today

AAUW State College, the largest branch in Pennsylvania, has had a major impact on election participation rates and the outcome of the AAUW National elections. Your vote is even more critical this year because of the opportunity to make AAUW truly inclusionary by voting out the requirement of a college degree for membership. AAUW Pennsylvania supports the Bylaws revision; now it is your turn to take a stand.

**Thank you to the 40% of our branch members who have already voted.** Others may have scrolled past the email containing the election link sent on April 3, with plans to vote later. After that, it slipped our mind.

AAUW is looking to the State College branch for a leadership role again this year. Vote and be counted in this important vote — the Bylaws amendment.

### It takes approximately two minutes to vote:

1. Find the email **dated April 3, 2024**, from AAUW with the subject line "AAUW Election 2024." You will need your elector ID and password, contained in this email. You may have also received a link from [simplyvoting.com](https://simplyvoting.com) on April 30.
2. Click the link provided in the email: <https://aauw.simplyvoting.com/>
3. Vote for the nominated National Officers (up to four).
4. Vote on the Bylaws Revision.
5. The deadline to vote is **noon on Wednesday, May 15**. Vote today to remove this from your list of things to do. That's it! You are done. Thank you!



## Branch officer nominations finalized

President Elect, **Molly Kunkel** (2024-2026)

VP Marketing & Communications, **Connie Schroeder** (2024-2025)

Co-Secretary, **Chitrita (Chobi) Debroy** (2024-2026)

Co-VP Programs, **Renee Cloutier** (2024-2026)

*--Submitted by Amy Wilson, Nominations Chair*



**Thank you** to outgoing Co-Secretary, **Chriss Schultz**, for her service to the Branch.

**Nominations Committee** members included Amy Wilson (chair), Carol-Beth Book, Candace Davison, Sherry Lonsdale, and Sue Werner. Thank you to the committee for their work this winter/spring to identify new branch leadership. Nominees will be elected prior to the June 6 Banquet.

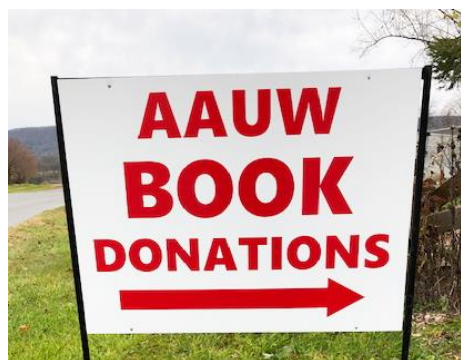
## Donna Trapp recognized at April 25 CCCHS Dinner



**Right:** Donna with Workshop co-lead Suzanne Kerlin and Used Book Sale co-chair Mary Ann Blair.



At the April 25 Centre County Council of Human Services (CCHS) Volunteer Dinner, Donna Trapp, AAUW State College Used Book Sale Co-Chair, was honored, along with twenty-three other community volunteers recognized for their work serving local nonprofit organizations. About fifteen branch members attended the dinner. Way to go, Donna!



## Used Book Workshop to reopen June 18

The AAUW State College Used Book Workshop will resume accepting donations in the outdoor bins, 24/7, on Tuesday, June 18. The workshop itself will be open and staffed on Mondays, 6-8 pm and Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 am-noon. Check out [Book Donation](#) to be sure your books meet the donation guidelines.

## 2024 Branch scholarship applicants vetted



Names of the branch scholarship recipients (2023-2024), vetted by the Scholarship Committee in April, will be submitted for approval at the May board meeting. Selected recipients will be introduced in the June *Branch Bulletin* and invited to the Award & Scholarship Banquet.

Three women also received scholarships to attend the National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) meeting this spring, all Penn State University Park students: **Amanda Perry** (History); **Madison Reid** (Enterprise Technology Integration); and **Jodie Roberts** (Engineering Science).



### AAUW State College Award & Scholarship Banquet to be held Thursday, June 6, 5:30 pm

AAUW members will come together for the annual spring banquet after a very busy year. It will be an opportunity to welcome many new members, reconnect with old friends, meet this year's scholarship recipients, honor branch award winners, and install new officers.

The banquet will take place on **Thursday, June 6**, at the **Wyndham Garden Inn**, 310 Elks Road, Boalsburg. A Meet & Greet with a slide show of the past year's activities and a cash bar starts at 5:30 pm. The dinner and program will begin at 6 pm.

Buffet Dinner Menu: salad (green, pasta, and fresh fruit); entree (vegetable lasagna, stuffed chicken breast with apple cranberry stuffing, honey tarragon carrots, steamed broccoli, red skin potatoes); dessert (variety of options), and coffee and tea.

**Reservations are due by Wednesday, May 29. Cost is \$35 per person.**

*--Betsy Manlove, AAUW State College Program VP*

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**Complete and mail this form with your check, payable to "SCAUW, Inc."** Please send check to Christine Bishop, 205 First Avenue, State College, PA 16801.

**Note:** "SCAUW" has only ONE "A"

**NAME** (Member): \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** (Guest): \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Christine Bishop, [cbishop@ccysb.com](mailto:cbishop@ccysb.com), (814) 441-3571.

## Support education funding in the 2024-25 state budget



This year the governor has proposed \$1.8 billion in additional funding for our public schools, of which \$872 million would be targeted to students who are most shortchanged by the current system. The PA Schools Work Campaign, a coalition of 17 organizations from across Pennsylvania, considers this year's public education budget "worth fighting for." The proposal is a first step towards closing the unconstitutional \$5.4 billion funding gap identified by the state's Basic Education Funding Commission (BEFC).

**How does Centre County fare with the total 7-year tax equity supplement proposed by the BEFC?** Bald Eagle Area School District's equity supplement is \$2.1 million, Bellefonte Area School District's equity supplement is \$0.7 million, and Penns Valley Area School District's equity supplement is \$3.4 million. State College Area School District is not eligible for an equity supplement but would have a total increase and savings of \$1.2 million for 2024-25. The savings are due to basic education and special education increases as well as a reduction in cyber-charter overspending.

**Please contact your PA legislators and show your support for this budget.**

Representative Kerry Benninghoff: (717) 783-1918

Representative Scott Conklin: (717) 787-9473

Representative Paul Takac: (717) 772-0750

Senator Chris Dush: (717) 787-7084

Senator Wayne Langerholc Jr.: (717) 787-5400

You may also go to [www.house.state.pa.us](http://www.house.state.pa.us) or [www.pasen.gov](http://www.pasen.gov) and write an email.

*--Sue Johnston, AAUW State College Education Committee Chair*



## Fair Districts Update

The effort to have an independent redistricting commission in Pennsylvania by 2030 has begun with the introduction of House Bill 1776. To refresh your memory, this effort is to take the legislators out of the redistricting process and have a citizen's commission draw the maps. The purpose is to eliminate gerrymandering and draw competitive districts where possible.

Briefly, the three essential aspects of the bill are: 1) genuine independence of commissioners in the selection process and in creation of maps, 2) robust public participation, strong rules for transparency, and shared access to data and other information, 3) clear and prioritized mapping criteria.



Why is this important to AAUW? Much of our mission is dependent on our state legislature. We need to be able to choose our legislators rather than have them chosen for us based on district lines. Presently, the focus of Fair Districts PA is on getting as many co-sponsors as possible. Please call:

- Scott Conklin, co-sponsor, to thank him: (717) 787-9473
- Paul Takac: ask him to co-sponsor (717) 772-0750
- Kerry Benninghoff: ask him to co-sponsor (717) 783-1918

Contact the following individuals and urge them to see that the bill gets a vote in committee and on the floor:

- Representative Carol Hill, (717) 787-7514, is the House State Government Majority committee chair and controls the committee's agenda.
- House Majority Matt Bradford, (717) 772-2572
- Speaker Joanna Clinton (717) 772-9850

Senator Kearney of Delaware County will introduce a companion bill, SB1076, in the Senate soon.

For more information and talking points, go to [fairdistrictspa.com/updates](http://fairdistrictspa.com/updates).

*--Sue Johnston, AAUW State College Liaison to Fair Districts PA-Centre*



## May is APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) Heritage Month



The State College APIDA community held its Second APIDA Heritage Festival on April 20, 2024. To view many wonderful photos of the event, visit [APIDA-Daily Collegian](#) and [APIDA 2024 Market Night](#).

Schlow Library is hosting three children's diversity events this month. Learn more: [Schlow Children's Calendar May 2024](#).



COMMUNITY DIVERSITY  
CONFERENCE

*Embracing & Implementing Inclusion.*

## Community Diversity Conference planned for June 25

Save the date for Community Diversity Group's biannual Diversity Conference scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, from 8 am to 4 pm at the Penn Stater Conference Center. The cost to attend is \$115 and includes lunch and refreshment breaks. More details are available at [June 25 CDG Conference](#). Registration will open soon!

## National Day of Racial Healing identifies strategies to overcome racial barriers



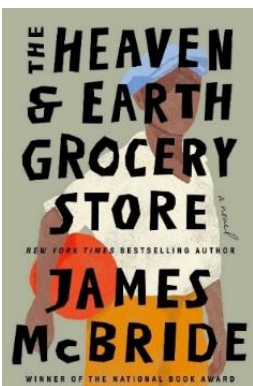
**Left:** Chiluvya Zulu, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging for State College Borough, moderated the meeting. **Right:** Committee organizers and facilitators Naana Nti, Carline Crevecoeur, and Carmen Vanderhoof (members of both AAUW State College and the Community Diversity Group).

Launched by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in 2017, the National Day of Racial Healing (NDORH) brings people together in their common humanity and inspires collective action to create a more just and equitable world.

Racial Healing is at the heart of racial equity. It is about people

building relationships and trust to develop shared goals and a collective will to create and sustain racial equality. Part 1 of the NDORH, "A conversation to identify racial barriers," was held on February 2. Part 2, "A day to identify strategies to overcome racial barriers in order for healing to occur," took place on April 12.

Sponsored by AAUW State College, the Community Diversity Group, the Borough of State College, and the Borough's Racial Equity Advisory Commission, the two-event program was well received, and each day drew over seventy attendees. Check here for more information on [Day of Racial Healing](#).



### **¡ADELANTE! Book Club - Thursday, May 16, 2:30 pm**

The Adelante book club is modeled after the AAUW Diversity Outreach for Impact Program, featuring diverse cultures in fiction and nonfiction books.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 16, at 2:30 pm**. We will discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store: A Novel* by James McBride. It tells the story of a Black and Jewish neighborhood in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in the 1920s and '30s.

To join, contact [info@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:info@aauwstatecollege.org). New members are welcome.

**Zoom:** [Adelante](#); **Meeting ID:** 829 5972 5054 **Passcode:** 381730

*Diversity Committee members include Naana Nti (Chair), Carline Crevecoeur, Denise Rupert, Malu Tejada, Sophie Penney Leach, Maria Schmidt, and Carmen Vanderhoof.*





## CCRRA recognizes AAUW State College as a Green Community Partner

On April 8, Centre County Recycling and Reuse Authority (CCRRA) recognized the AAUW State College Used Book Workshop and Sale as a “Green Community Partner” at their annual recognition lunch. Each year, AAUW State College recycles thousands of books deemed unsellable at the annual book sale, following CCRRA guidelines.

Twenty-five Centre County groups received recognition at the event for their outstanding practices in recycling.



## April 9 Paint & Sip draws a crowd

Fourteen adventurous branch members and friends gathered at the home of Carline Crevecoeur to explore their creative side and to learn about watercolor painting from member and artist **Chobi DebRoy**.

Several attendees reported that they were able to overcome their hesitancy to try watercolor painting for the first time. Thank you, Chobi, for leading the way!



## April 11 Time to Care with Chemba Raghavan

An illuminating program and a call to action, *Time to Care: Mothers’ Mental Health & Children’s Development*, featured Dr. Chemba Raghavan, Senior Advisor in Early Childhood Development for UNICEF.

The program was co-sponsored by AAUW State College, Penn State UNESCO, Penn State UNICEF Club and Penn State UN Campus Advocates. **More:** [UNICEF-Early Child Development](#)

**Left:** Branch VP for Program Dr. Betsy Manlove with Dr. Raghavan.

## Mary Dupuis honored for 50 consecutive years of voting



*Pictured left to right: Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Amber Concepcion, Mary Dupuis, her daughters Catherine and Betsy, and Commissioner Steve Dershem.*

Mary Dupuis was inducted into the Pennsylvania Voters Hall of Fame for having voted in Pennsylvania elections for 50 consecutive years. On April 26, the Chair of the Centre County Board of Elections, County Commissioner Amber Concepcion, presented Mary with a certificate of recognition signed by the Governor and the Pennsylvania Secretary of State.

Mary is a longtime member of the AAUW State College board, currently serving as Public Policy Co-Chair. Among her notable contributions through the years are serving as President for two terms, creating the Education Committee and the STEM Committee, regularly volunteering at the Used Book Sale, serving on the Funds Distribution committee, and being a member of the AAUW-Pennsylvania board. She has also been honored as a CCCHS Volunteer of the Year. Thank you, Mary, for your commitment to the branch and for setting such a fine example of civic responsibility!

### *Have You Heard?*

Condolences to **Gert Finley**, whose husband, Bob Finley, died on April 15. They have two daughters, Heather and Jennifer, who also live in State College.

Congratulations to **Grace Hampton**, who was selected to be a member of the Penn State University Emeritus Academy. The academy is dedicated to fostering a vibrant community of retired faculty who continue contributing to the University's mission through mentoring, teaching, and research. Grace is a professor emerita of art, art education, and integrative arts in the College of Arts and Architecture at University Park.





## Easy links to renew your membership

Following are quick links to renew your membership, and a list of engagement opportunities:

- [Online membership renewal](#)
- [Paper membership form to mail with check](#)
- [Member engagement opportunities](#)

Questions? Contact Membership VPs [Susan Chyczewski](#) and [Carline Crevecoeur](#)

*Welcome*  
New Members

**Pam Fuller** - [pjam830@gmail.com](mailto:pjam830@gmail.com)

Hello, AAUW State College, and thank you for welcoming me to your recent state meeting! I enjoyed learning about AAUW and your State College Branch in particular. I look forward to continuing my education as I get more involved in your important mission. For a bit about me personally, I was born to musicians and raised in Phoenixville, PA (yes, I say "wudder"). I came to central Pennsylvania in 1984 for college and never left!



After 32 years in various roles at Penn State, I continue my work with higher education as a Client Success Manager at Watermark—a software company that supports institutions' assessment and accreditation processes. Personally, the words that follow represent my favorite life roles: Wife, Mother, Friend, Veteran, Advocate, Facilitator, Philanthropist, Nonprofit Board Chair, Project Manager, Singer, Traveler, and generally a lover of people and life! I look forward to meeting and working with you all!

**Shannon Holliday** - [shannon.holliday@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.holliday@gmail.com)

Greetings! I am a native of New Orleans, a mother of three daughters, and a grandmother of two granddaughters. As a Hurricane Katrina survivor, I know what it is like to be homeless and suffer the loss of possessions and loved ones. I moved to Happy Valley in 2007 and completed my bachelor's degree at Kaplan University (currently Purdue Global) as a nontraditional adult learner. I graduated with honors in Communications/Organizational Communications in 2011.



I have worked at Penn State for nine years in the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing, where I am the assistant to the Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion. I have a second concurrent career as a receptionist at The Village at Penn State.



My volunteer activities are numerous. To name a few, I am the board chair for Bridge of Hope Centre County, and am active in Global Connections, Community Diversity Group, and the Penn State Forum on Black Affairs. I am proud to serve as the first African American on the Ferguson Township Planning Commission. I believe in creating opportunities for others through my work in justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, ability, and belonging.



**Amy Miller** – [arm107@psu.edu](mailto:arm107@psu.edu)

My name is Amy Miller, and I am excited to be a part of AAUW. I am originally from northeast Pennsylvania, very close to the New York border above Scranton. I came to Penn State in the 1990s to pursue a career in Journalism and never left. I have been working at the Pattee and Paterno Library since I was a student and am now a supervisor for the Common Services Department.

I love to read and learn and have been volunteering at the Used Book Sale for several years with Altrusa International of Centre County. I love to be able to give back to the community and am friends with several members who helped me learn more about the wonderful things that AAUW does and who encouraged me to join. I also love to be outdoors and take photos of the animals and flowers that are all around us.



## Sign up at book sale for July 10-13 AAUW-staffed booth at Central PA Festival of the Arts

The sign-up book for volunteering at the AAUW State College-staffed info booth at the Arts Fest will be available at the May 11-14 Used Book Sale Hospitality table in the front lobby. **Jackie Esposito** serves as branch liaison to the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. Thank you, Jackie!



With sadness, I am writing this letter to announce that I am stepping down from the role of President-Elect-2024-26 of the State College Branch of AAUW on June 30, 2024.

It has been a tremendous honor to have been nominated and selected to work with such an important and prestigious organization alongside such dedicated members. I am grateful for the confidence placed in my potential to lead the organization. AAUW's values and vision as intersectional, inclusive, intergenerational, and empowering have always inspired me, and I had hoped to bring these to the forefront during my tenure as incoming President. The Branch is well poised to grow and embrace change. The Strategic Planning Committee I proposed and Chair, is providing a blueprint for the next steps.

The organization has the opportunity to challenge itself with openness to creative ideas and positive communication.

While stepping down from my current role, my commitment to our Branch and its mission remains unwavering. I am confident in our potential to significantly impact the community and the state of Pennsylvania. I am eager to continue my involvement as Chair of the Strategic Planning Task Force as AAUW State College continues to move forward with our efforts to create a fair and equitable environment for girls, women, and all people.



Branch members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. It is a great place to learn about what is going on and to offer input.

The next board meeting will take place via Zoom on **Monday, June 10, 11:45 am–1 pm**. Click here to join us: [bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardMeeting](https://bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardMeeting)



### ***Branch Bulletin dates***

Normally, *Branch Bulletin* items are due the last Monday of the month. With this being part of Memorial Day weekend, items will be due instead on **Friday, May 24**. Please send items for the June bulletin to editor [Connie Schroder](#).