

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 5:30 pm
A Conversation with Women Entrepreneurs

Join us for an evening with three amazing local women entrepreneurs. You will hear from women who have been there, done that, and are now sharing their knowledge and experiences. We hope you can join us. It will be an evening of inspiration, connection, and learning. Participants include:



Michele Crowl, Ph.D., Executive Director

Discovery Space – www.discoveryspace.org

In 2011, Michele was part of the team of volunteers who opened Discovery Space, a hands-on science center in State College. With her past experience working in science centers and her Ph.D. research she led STEM programs for children. In 2017, Michele became the executive director, moved Discovery Space to a larger building, and expanded programs to wider audiences. She has earned a B.S. in Astrophysics from Penn State, an M.S. degree in Informal Science Learning from Oregon State, and a Ph.D. degree in Science Education from Penn State. Michele is a member of AAUW State College.



Alison Kurtz, President

Ameron Construction – www.ameronconstruction.com

In 1991, Alison graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Business Administration. She joined Ameron Construction in May 1991 and planned to stay for one to two years. Twenty years later, she was appointed president of Ameron Construction, where she oversees all financial aspects of the company, manages employees, and sometimes acts as the company's in-house computer administrator.

Alison has served on several local boards, such as Leadership Centre County and College Township Industrial Development Authority.



Olivia Weinstein, Co-founder/Chief Executive Officer

The Pursuit By You, LLC - www.thepursuitbyyou.com

Olivia and her sister Eva founded The Pursuit, a healthy cooking and nutrition program. As teenagers, the sisters lost their father to suicide and became financially independent. They both put themselves through college by working 80 hours a week. In 2020, the duo won first place in the Ben Franklin Technology Partners TechCelerator, for their Pursuit Pitch. Their mission is to provide support to populations who face financial obstacles and are at the greatest risk of diet-related diseases. This business is personal. This is their Pursuit.



Carolyn Donaldson, Program Moderator

Carolyn currently serves as the Community Engagement Manager at WPSU Penn State, the public media station for Central and Northern Pennsylvania. She is a creative storyteller, relationship builder, and a solid oral, visual, and written communicator. She has been in TV news for more than 25 years and is a firm believer in public media and making connections with the community. She also serves on several boards, including NETA (National Educational Telecommunications Association), Mount Aloysius College, and the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. Carolyn is a member of AAUW State College.



Please share the program flyer (left) with friends and colleagues via this link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-SKH0ULCFsoPmuhxlgNB8Jc_5Cov5fGN/view?usp=sharing

Register in advance: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpf-GhrTgrH9X5FPXwpYQpgT6jasnoeKAF>

You won't want to miss this compelling program so be sure to sign up today. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

--Jeannine Lozier, AAUW State College Program Committee

AAUW STATE COLLEGE AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 3rd



Recognizing Our Best

We need YOU to help us recognize our Branch's best by submitting nominations for the awards described below. Nominations should include a brief paragraph on how the person, group, or organization meets the award criteria.

Nominations should be sent to Chriss Schultz, cschultz8g@gmail.com and Suzanne Kerlin, suziekerlin@gmail.com, Awards Committee Co-Chairs, no later than **Thursday, February 3rd**.

Outstanding Woman Award

The Outstanding Woman Award recipient is an AAUW State College member who has given meritorious service to the branch and to the community over multiple years. Awardees for the past five years include: 2017 – Centennial Committee; 2018 – Carol Hodes; 2019 – Sue Johnston; 2020 - Mary Dupuis; 2021 – Cindy Hall and Sally Kalin

Making a Difference Award

This award honors a member who made a big difference in something important to AAUW State College within the past year. The recipient exemplifies the spirit of AAUW and need not be a branch officer or committee chair. Recent recipients include: 2017 – Cindy Hall; 2018 – Michele Crowl, 2019 - Star Campbell; 2020 – Ann Echols; 2021 – Dina Liberatore

Gateway to Equity Award

The Gateway to Equity Award honors an individual, group, or organization that by action and philosophy has promoted AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, or research. Past recipients include: 2017 – *Penn State University Commission for Women*; 2018 – *Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program*; 2019 – *Interfaith Human Services*; 2020 – *Fair Districts PA Centre County*; 2021 – *Carol Eicher and the Community Diversity Group*

Centre County Council for Human Services Volunteer of the Year

The CCCHS Award honors an individual who has devoted outstanding volunteer service to an organization. The recipient will be recognized at the annual spring CCCHS Rose Cologne Volunteer dinner. Past recipients include: 2017 – *Mike Williams*; 2018 – *Jennifer Karch*; 2019 – *Angie Hay*; 2020 – *Suzanne Kerlin and Sherry Crassweller*; 2021 – *Ann Echols*

--Chriss Schultz and Suzanne Kerlin, AAUW State College Awards Co-Chairs



2022 AAUW STATE COLLEGE COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH APRIL 1st

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW State College philanthropy is guided by the following values:

- We believe that advancing equity for women and girls expands the opportunities for everyone to participate productively in the economy and improves the overall quality of life for individuals, families, communities, and nations.
- We believe that collaborative community-based initiatives form a robust foundation for advancing equity locally and, ultimately, globally.
- We believe that lifelong education is a critical and essential pathway to equity.

Grant Conditions:

- Grant applicants must be non-profit organizations located in Centre County, Pennsylvania.
- More than half of the clients in the program to be funded must be women or girls.
- Grant application approval does not guarantee subsequent funding.
- AAUW State College reserves the right to partially fund or deny funding to a program based on a determination of the suitability of the project.
- An application that seeks support for a specified portion of a program will generally receive greater consideration than one that looks to the AAUW State College as its sole funding source.
- Non-profit organizations receiving grants from AAUW State College for programs they sponsor agree to acknowledge our support in ways visible to their clients and the public such as in program materials, newsletters, annual reports, and more. They also agree to submit program assessments after the completion of funded proposals.

The grant application is available at: https://aauwstatecollege.org/community_grants_centre_county/

If you have questions about the 2021-2022 community grants application process, please contact the Philanthropic Priorities and Funds Distribution Committee Co-Chair Connie Wheeler,

cmwheeler15@gmail.com. **The grant application period is February 1st, 2022 – April 1st, 2022.**

--Connie Wheeler and Donna Trapp, AAUW State College Philanthropic Priorities and Funds Distribution



BRANCH UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications are now being accepted for the AAUW State College Undergraduate Scholarships for Women. Please share this information with female Centre County residents pursuing their undergraduate degrees for the upcoming academic year 2022-2023. Our branch will award **up to 3-4** scholarships based on financial need and circumstances of the recipient. All scholarship funds are deposited into the student's account at her institution. **Application deadline: March 1, 2022.**

Additional scholarship information can be found: <https://aauwstatecollege.org/scholarships>

--Maria Schmidt, AAUW State College Scholarship Committee Co-Chair



DIVERSITY CORNER

2022 Black History Month Resources

Online Events & Resources:

A collaboration of the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (some require registration). More:

<https://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/>

Black History Month Resources | PBS LearningMedia

<https://www.ninepbs.org/blogs/education/black-history-month-resources-pbs-learningmedia/>

Black History Month Children's Books

- *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* by Vashti Harrison
- *The Power of Her Pen: The Story of Groundbreaking Journalist Ethel L. Payne* by Lesa Cline-Ransome (Author) and John Parra (Illustrator)
- *Patricia's Vision: The Doctor Who Saved Sight* by Michelle Lord (Author) and Alleanna Harris (Illustrator)
- *She Was the First!: The Trailblazing Life of Shirley Chisholm* by Katheryn Russell-Brown (Author) and Eric Velasquez (Illustrator)
- *Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School* by Janet Halfmann
- *The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath* by Julia Finley Mosca (Author) and Daniel Rieley (Illustrator)
- *National Geographic Kids* – <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/black-history-month>
- PBS LEARNING MEDIA | Black History Month – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f00AatzvxCO>

Celebrating Black Woman in History

Lucy Laney – <https://wpsu.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/bf10.socst.us.indust.lucylaney/lucy-laney/>

Daisy Bates – <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/daisy-bates>

Althea Gibson – <https://www.biography.com/athlete/althea-gibson>

Susie King Taylor – <https://www.nps.gov/people/susie-king-taylor.htm>

Patricia Roberts Harris – <https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/patricia-roberts-harris/>

Maria Louise Baldwin ('Molly') – <https://www.nps.gov/people/maria-l-baldwin.htm>

Barbara C. Jordan – <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/barbara-c-jordan>

Emma Azalia Smith Hackley – <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/hackley-emma-azalia-1867-1922/>

Elizabeth Carter Brooks – <https://nbhistoricalsociety.org/portfolio-item/elizabeth-carter-brooks-1867-1951/>

Frances E.W. Harper – <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/frances-ellen-watkins-harper>

Hallie Quinn Brown – <https://www.nps.gov/people/hallie-quinn-brown-ca-1850-1949.htm>

Ida B. Wells – <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/ida-b-wells-barnett>

Josephine A. Silone Yates – <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/yates-josephine-silone-1852-1912/>

Marian Anderson – <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/eleanor-anderson/>

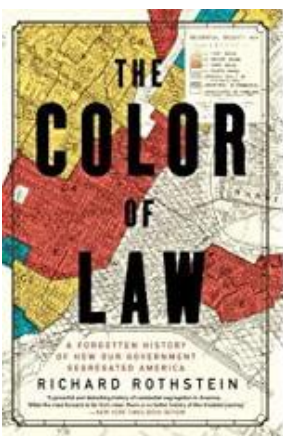
Mary McLeod Bethune – <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/mary-mcleod-bethune>

Mary Church Terrell – <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/mary-church-terrell>

Nannie Helen Burroughs – <https://library.arlingtonva.us/2020/05/21/this-week-in-19th-amendment-history-nannie-helen-burroughs/>

Lillian Parker Thomas – <https://blackthen.com/lillian-j-b-fox-first-african-american-writer-white-newspaper-indiana/>

--Maria Schmidt, AAUW State College Diversity & Inclusion Committee



¡Adelante! Book Club to meet March 17th

Our book club is modeled after the AAUW Diversity Outreach for Impact Program, featuring diverse cultures in both fiction and nonfiction offerings.

We meet during the afternoon every other month on the third Thursday of the month, with our next (virtual) meeting taking place on **Thursday, March 17th at 2:30 pm**. We will discuss *The Color of Law: A Forgotten history of How the Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein. This nonfiction book came out in 2017 and argues that residential racial segregation in the United States is not an accident but a matter of government policy. To participate with the group, please contact info@aauwstatecollege.org. We warmly welcome new members.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84109016353?pwd=MUlkWjVNN0h4R1hXR0hncjF3c3B2QT09>

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, February 14th**. Please send submissions for inclusion in that issue by **Monday, February 7th** to *Branch Bulletin* Editor Connie Schroeder, connieschroeder@gmail.com. *Bulletins* are sent electronically to branch members and friends and also are accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.