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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Leadership and Membership Growth Starts with You

AAUW Pennsylvania is pleased to present Una Martone, CEO of Leadership Harrisburg, who will lead an interactive discussion on ready-to-implement strategies for leadership development and membership growth.

Please share the following program flyer with friends and colleagues:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Tx6N3Dx0-5aPdnOdv_ZjnhuPRPE4U1hr/view?usp=sharing

Registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdOCvqj%204rGNc5cH4LA3EOu1dHe2ssj46C>

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 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. When she joined Ameron Construction in May 1991, she 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, including Leadership Centre County and the 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 in 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-SKH0ULCFsoPmuhxIgnB8Jc_5Cov5fGN/view?usp=sharing

Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpf-GhrTgrH9X5FPXwpYQpgT6jasnoeKAF>

You do not 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



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

#Time to Care – Paid Leave Efforts in Pennsylvania

We will all need time to care for ourselves or our loved ones - and they will need #timetocare for us. We must ensure #paidleaveforall is passed so every working person has both the time and money needed to survive. We do not have paid leave in Pennsylvania or at the Federal level. #TimeToCare shines a light on needs faced by working women and men. Marianne Bellesorte, the 2017 AAUW PA Gateway to Equity Awardee for her work on paid leave, will provide an update on paid leave legislation and what advocacy steps you can take.

Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuc--ppzwpHtxpzdV1pigo9wV6kYmZYk2x>

--Sue Johnston, AAUW Pennsylvania Central District Coordinator



MID-STATE LITERACY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS for ESL CLASSES

The Mid-State Literacy Council is working in partnership with local congregations to help refugee women from Afghanistan settle into their new homes in the State College area. In addition to coordinating donations of clothing and furniture, we will be offering English as a

Second Language classes to enable the women to function more independently and support their children's social and educational development. **Details:**

- Classes start late February
- Meet 2-3 times per week during the school day for 1-1.5 hours (based on teacher availability)
- Classes to be held on Zoom
- High quality ESL textbooks will be provided to students and teachers
- Teaching experience preferred; additional training provided
- ESL experience not required
- Interest in and experience with other languages and cultures is helpful

Interested in helping? Please write to Erika Reutzel-Bechtel at ebechtel@mid-stateliteracycouncil.org or call (814) 238-1809. Thank you.



AAUW STATE COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT for WPSU MARCH 12th PLEDGE DRIVE

Join WPSU for a night of volunteering and representing AAUW State College! WPSU is in need of six phone volunteers to help the evening of **Saturday, March 12 from 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm** during the Spring TV Pledge drive for your public media station. This is also a great opportunity to showcase AAUW State College's mission and promote the May Book Sale, which will be mentioned during our time there. If you have one, be sure to wear your AAUW State College T-shirt.

Volunteers come to the WPSU Studio in Innovation Park and will be treated to goodies and trained on how to take phone pledges during the program which is "Brit Floyd Space and Time" program with ticket giveaways as the thank you gifts. Masks will be required. **If you can help, please contact Carolyn Donaldson by Friday, February 18th** at zestdonaldson@gmail.com or call or text 814-931-7778. Thanks in advance for your help in this matter!

*--Carolyn Donaldson, WPSU Penn State Community Engagement Manager
and AAUW State College Marketing & Communications Co-VP*



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, and research. AAUW State College's 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.

Grant Application: 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 Co-Chairs

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.** For additional scholarship information: <https://aauwstatecollege.org/scholarships>

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



DIVERSITY CORNER

Black History Month (February 2022) Resources

Online Events & Resources:

This is 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).

Black History Month Resources:

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

Black History Month Resources | PBS LearningMedia

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

A robust list of both Children's and Adult reading, posted on our AAUW State College blog:

<https://aauwstatecollege.org/2022/01/21/2022-black-history-month-resources/>

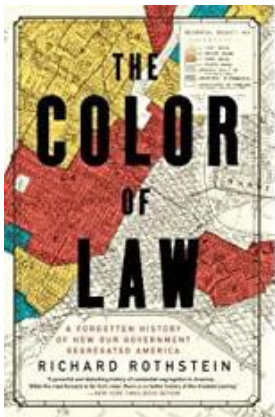
Recognizing the Accomplishments of Black Women

Black women are seldom recognized in history or science texts. Friday February 11th was National Inventors Day, which occurs during Black History Month. Did you know that a black woman named Marie Van Brittan Brown invented the home security system and first closed-circuit TV? Read more about her career at <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/brown-marie-van-brittan-1922-1999/> Also, Goldie Blox, a company that encourages girls in computer sciences, compiled a list of 13 Black Women in STEM. These women chose educational paths that were nontraditional and pursued careers such as cancer researcher, surgeon, engineer and oceanographer. See their biographies here:

<https://goldieblox.com/blogs/news/10-black-women-in-stem>.

--Carol Hodes, AAUW State College Education Chair

"Telling Your Story" This CEW (Cultural Empowerment for Women) program is planned for March 17th from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. AAUW State College is a co-sponsor. Zoom link and details will be provided in future *Branch Bulletins*.



¡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=MUIkWjVNN0h4R1hXR0hncjF3c3B2QT09>

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair



BUILDING CONNECTIONS
THROUGH COMMUNITY

STEM EMPOWER CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP

The following update was written by the GWIS (Graduate Women in Science) Empower Committee, who facilitates the annual Empower conference.

The 2022 Empower Conference was held February 5th and it went great! We had so many wonderful speakers that talked about their identities within science, how their identities shape their work, and how we can tell stories about ourselves and our research to a diverse array of audiences. We also learned about intersectionality and how to be better allies, accomplices, and co-conspirators in the fight for marginalized individuals to be more present and accepted within STEM.

Our conference also was designed to be as accessible as possible, using closed-captioning features and ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters throughout the day. All of these successes would not have been possible without our many sponsors and donors, including AAUW State College. **We appreciate the continued support of AAUW State College in allowing us to run this conference and create a space in which we can feel comfortable, fulfilled, empowered, and inspired to continue on our paths as scientists!**

--Submitted by Michele Crawl, AAUW State College STEM Co-Chair, on behalf of the Graduate Women in Science Empower Committee

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

GINA MOTTER - gmmotter125@gmail.com

Gina has always been eager to support AAUW's mission to support and empower women and girls. It reminds her of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization founded by and in support of women educators and excellence in education, of which she has been an active member of for many years.

Gina earned a Bachelor of Science in Education (with a specialization in English) in 1983 from what was then Millersville State College, and a Master of Education (with a specialization in English) from Shippensburg University in 1984. Additionally, she did graduate work in English teaching Curriculum and Instruction at Penn State, University Park.

Gina has now retired after nearly 30 years in education, 21 of them with the State College Area School District. While at State College Area High School, she mentored 17 full-time, year-long PSU English teaching interns, with 15 of them being women. This professional development collaboration was mutually beneficial to both Gina and her interns.





KAREN VANCE - KarenVance@psu.edu

Karen is the Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Research at Penn State. She has been engaged in institutional research, analytics, assessment, and planning for more than 20 years with experience across the pre-kindergarten to graduate school spectrum. Her teaching experience includes various psychology courses, including statistics for psychology majors. She holds a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from Texas Christian University with an emphasis on social cognition and stereotypes.

While at Penn State, she co-chaired the University-wide Climate Study Working Group, which worked diligently to implement an instrument to allow marginalized communities' voices to be heard and in turn, to affect institutional change at the university. As an advocate for educational equity, she has joined AAUW to support the association's mission to advance equity for women and girls.

BOOK DONATIONS for MAY 14-17th SALE RUNNING HIGH

Book Workshop Co-Lead Suzanne Kerlin reports that book donations have been heavy over the past several weeks. To date, over **1400 boxes of books** have been processed - culled, sorted and priced – for the May sale. Donations will be accepted into early April, date TBD.

For book donation information, visit:

https://aauwstatecollege.org/used_book_sale_donations/

Right: Sorters Mary Ann Blair and Sue Werner assess the condition of donated books and determine in what category they belong.



USED BOOK WORKSHOP OPEN HOURS

Monday: 6:00-8:00 pm; Tuesdays/Wednesdays 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

2197 High Tech Road (across from airport) - behind Handy Delivery

Book Donations welcome in outdoor bins 24/7 or inside during workshop hours.

More info: info@aauwstatecollege.org

Join Monthly Board Meetings

All branch members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. They generally occur via Zoom at **12:00 noon the first Monday of each month**. If you want to receive the agenda, please notify either Sally Kalin (sallywkalin@gmail.com) or Linda Friend (lx5@psu.edu) several days before the meeting. Spring meetings include: **March 7 and April 4.**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183353133?pwd=amFnek1qSnErRHdvQ3o2RjVGdGdmZz09>

Submit Events to the Branch Website Calendar

Link to submit events for the
Branch web calendar:

<https://forms.ale/4XoLCaOnLKl>



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, February 28th**. Please send submissions for inclusion in this issue by **Monday, February 21st** 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/>.