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CELEBRATE!

AAUW State College Award & Scholarship Banquet

Wednesday, June 8, 5:30 pm

Meet & greet followed by dinner & program

Centre Hills Country Club

153 Country Club Lane off East Branch Road

After two years without a spring banquet it is exciting to be able to come together once again and meet **Branch award honorees** and **Scholarship recipients** (shown on the next two pages). We are also celebrating a busy AAUW State College year, which culminated with last week's Used Book Sale.

The cost to attend is $28. Reservations are due May 30th. To attend, please complete the reservation form on page 3.

There is an upper parking lot close to the building. A shuttle (golf cart with driver) will be available if you have to park in the lower parking lot. Car-pooling is recommended.

Dinner & Program – The program will follow a social time with a wine bar. Dinner menu is a Pasta Bar Buffet featuring roast chicken, a variety of pasta and sauces (including vegetarian), an Italian garden salad, bread, dessert, and beverages.

Branch Honorees

recognizing exceptional contributions to the branch



NAANA NTI
Outstanding Woman



ESTELLE STROUP
Member Making a Difference



JORDAN GLOVER
CCCHS Volunteer of the Year

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES
Gateway to Equity Award

Naana Nti – Naana is the branch Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair and an enthusiastic liaison to the Community Diversity Group. She has also been instrumental in bringing virtual programs to the branch through Zoom technology.

Estelle Stroup – Estelle is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Used Book Sale, recruiting, organizing, and training volunteers with a cheerful and relaxed can-do attitude. She has a positive attitude and a wonderful work ethic.

Jordan Glover – As the Membership Co-Vice President, Jordan welcomes new members to the branch. She also serves on the Diversity and Inclusion and Program committees and is the website coordinator. In addition, Jordan serves as the Diversity & Inclusion Chair on the board of AAUW Pennsylvania.

Ten Thousand Villages – Ten Thousand Villages is committed to economic equity that advances the status of women and their families in developing nations. The State College store partners with AAUW State College on holiday shopping day(s), when a small percentage of the sale proceeds are awarded to AAUW State College.

Branch honorees were selected from nominations made by branch members to the Awards Committee chaired by Chriss Schultz and Suzanne Kerlin. Other committee members include Anne Ard, Betsey Manlove, Sue Poremba, and Susan Werner.

Scholarship Recipients

Combined scholarships total $28,000



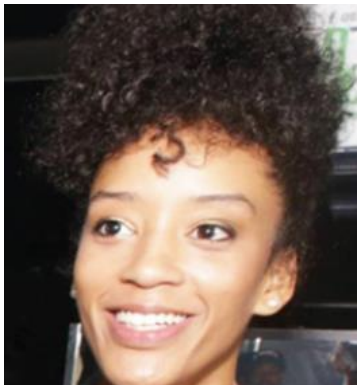
SAMIRA GENDY
Simmons-Jansma Project Renew Grant



KIANA LEIJA
Evelyn Chostner Marboe Scholarship



KENDRA NAPIER-FONASH
Suzanne McCrae Kerlin Scholarship



TIARA HERNANDEZ
AAUW State College Branch Scholarship

Samira Gendy - After Samira's mother passed away, she ended up homeless for three years and dropped out of high school. She is now a single mother of three and a Penn State-World Campus student, on track to graduate in 2024 with a Letters, Arts, & Science degree.

Kiana Leija - Following years of undiagnosed and untreated mental health issues, Kiana redefined her educational goals and enrolled at Penn State in 2019. She will graduate this December with a major in Human Development & Family Studies.

Kendra Napier-Fonash - Through perseverance and hard work on personal growth, Kendra has returned to college to pursue a B.S. in English at Penn State with an African American & Women's Studies minor. She plans to graduate in May, 2023.

Tiara Hernandez - Tiara was a child of the foster care system. She overcame severe financial difficulties and other challenges to turn her life around. Next May, she will complete a B.S. degree in Human Development & Family Studies from Penn State.

Scholarship recipients were selected from applications received by the Scholarship Committee chaired by Leslie Laing and Maria Schmidt. Other committee members include Mary Adams, Maryann Domitrovitz, Falene Hamilton, and Suzanne Kerlin.



Branch members are welcome to invite non-AAUW members to attend the banquet. Be sure to share the educational requirement with them if they express interest: AAUW State College Membership Application. If they join at the banquet, they would be eligible for a special half-price annual membership rate of $42.50.

Installation of New Officers – Earlier this spring, the branch Nominations Committee presented the following leadership slate of officers for 2022-2024. The committee was chaired by Naana Nti, leading Talat Azhar, Christy Bartley, Ann Echols, and Connie Schroeder.



CARLINE CREVECOEUR



ANN ECHOLS



CONNIE SCHROEDER

Co-Presidents: Carline Crevecoeur and Ann Echols
VP Marketing & Communications: Connie Schroeder

Officers returning for a second term include **Chris Schultz**, Co-Secretary, and **Nina Cowart**, Co-VP Programs.

With permission of the nominee, additional nominations may be submitted **by May 31st** to Naana Nti, naananti500@gmail.com. If no additional nominations are received, the above nominees and officers returning for a second term will be elected either by e-vote or by affirmation at the June 8th banquet, in accordance with AAUW State College branch bylaws.

Questions? Contact Sally Kalin, sallywkalin@gmail.com.

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60th ANNUAL AAUW STATE COLLEGE USED BOOK SALE IS A HUGE HIT!



Sale Chair Dina Liberatore was happy… and unflappable.



Saturday morning brought out lots of treasure hunters.

Thank you, Volunteers & Shoppers!



ABOVE: *A Father-Daughter duo found exactly what they were looking for.*

RIGHT: *A girl…in a nook… with a book! The Children's section is the largest area of the sale.*





Carline Crevecoeur on a break.

TWO SALES in EIGHT MONTHS

After cancelling our 2020 and 2021 sales due to Covid, we were able to have a fall 2021 event with gross sales of **$123,751**. Add that to the spring sale total of **$141,360** and in eight months there were gross sales of **$265,111**. Hard work pays off!



Shoppers enjoying the hunt.

SALE HIGHLIGHTS

Boxes brought to sale

3,080

Attendance

5,924

Gross Sales*

$141,360

** workshop & sale expenses not yet deducted*



Sally Kalin took charge of Special Collections.

SPECIAL THANKS

for your leadership!

Sale Chair
Dina Liberatore

Workshop Leads
Sherry Crassweller
Sue Hiester
Suzanne Kerlin

Volunteer Coordinator
Estelle Stroup Call

Branch Treasurer
Vasundara Varadan



Volunteer staffing at the sale is a combination of AAUW members, community members and groups, and friend. Above member Star Campbell (right) is pictured with her friend Diane Kalata.



A chance to read in the sun!

Sale proceeds fund scholarships and grants to local non-profits with programs that reflect our mission. The Used Book Workshop reopens for donations starting **June 14th**.



BRANCH MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE by JULY 1st

The total cost of AAUW membership for 2022-2023 is $85, which includes national, state, and local membership. Renewals are due June 30th, with the new membership year commencing **July 1st**. (Members who joined starting April 1, 2022 are covered through June, 2023.) Thank you in advance for your continued support.

RENEW ONLINE:

1) Go to **my.aauw.org**
2) Scroll below the blue login button and click **Forgot Password** at the bottom.
3) Enter your email address, then click **Reset Your Password** to receive your login email. Note: If you do not receive the email, contact connect@aauw.org for help.
4) Once the email arrives, enter your email address and **Create and Confirm your Password** and access your **Personal Snapshot.**
5) Follow the steps to renew your national (all but $3 is tax-deductible), local, and state AAUW memberships.

NOTE: Skip the option of documenting your degrees. You can do this later. There appear to be bugs in the software because it is not working correctly.

6) Print or download your receipt.

RENEW BY CHECK:

As always, writing a check for $85 payable to AAUW State College Branch and mailing it to P.O. Box 735, State College, PA 16804 also is an option.

Questions? Contact Branch Membership Co-VPs: Charlene Harrison (chh1@psu.edu) or Jordan Glover (jmg6097@gmail.com).



¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB to MEET JUNE 2nd

The next (virtual) meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 2nd at 2:30 pm.** The group will discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This book is based on the true story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit. It shares the lengths she must go to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives all for the sake of her family and her legacy.

To participate, please contact info@aauwstatecollege.org. New members are welcome.
Join Zoom Meeting: June 2 Book Club meeting

PLAN to ATTEND THE JUNE 21st COMMUNITY DIVERSITY GROUP CONFERENCE

The Community Diversity Group is planning to host its fourth in-person Community Diversity Conference on June 21st, 2022. This one-day event will be held at The Penn Stater Conference Center and Hotel from 8 am to 5 pm. In consideration of inclusiveness, vaccination and masking will be required to protect attendees who are vulnerable.

A slate of speakers will present on important topics, including creating more inclusive communities; community health and healing; civic engagement; and interrupting structural oppression. Penn State University President Dr. Neeli Bendapudi will offer opening remarks.

For details: June 21 Community Diversity Group Conference
To register: CDG Conference Registration

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair

VOLUNTEER for JULY 13 - 17 ARTS FESTIVAL AAUW STATE COLLEGE-STAFFED INFORMATION BOOTH

AAUW State College has regularly supported the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts by volunteering our time to staff the Information Booth at the corner of College Avenue and Allen Street. After a two-year COVID absence, Arts Fest needs AAUW State College to come and be part of all the renewed excitement. If you can volunteer two (2) hours of your time on any of the Arts Fest dates/times listed below, contact Jackie Esposito, Archivist122@yahoo.com. **Available slots include:**

Wednesday, July 13, **Thursday, July 14, Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16:**
9:30-11 am; 11:00 am-1:00 pm; 1:00-3:00 pm; 3:00-5:00 pm
Sunday, July 17: 10:30 am-12:30 pm; 12:30-2:30 pm and 2:30-4:00 pm

CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHARES BOOK SALE HISTORY

Branch member **Jackie Esposito,** who is on the board of the Centre County Historical Society, wrote a piece about the AAUW State College Used Book Sale for its *Encyclopedia of Centre County History*, currently posted on their website. Thank you, Jackie. The history of the book sale always makes for an interesting read. The article was drawn from the branch's centennial history, which Jackie co-authored: https://centrehistory.org/article/aauw-used-book-sale/



AAUW-PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION: JUNE 3-5

Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

Time is short for branch members to register to attend the AAUW-Pennsylvania Convention June 3-5. Late registrations are still being accepted but the window to register is almost over. This year's meeting features a wide variety of offerings including wonderful speakers, a Friday night meet and greet, branch presentations and an update from AAUW National CEO **Gloria Blackwell** on Sunday morning.

For members wishing to attend, AAUW State College will cover the registration cost. Late registration fee ($35) and hotel costs will be the member's responsibility. If you plan to attend and are interested in carpooling, contact Sally Kalin, sallywkalin@gmail.com. **Learn more and sign up today!** https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/2022-state-convention/



The last issue of the *Branch Bulletin,* before the summer hiatus, will be **Friday, June 17th**. It will include news from the June 8th Award & Scholarship Celebration and the AAUW PA conference. **The next issue after June 17th will be out in mid-August.** Please send submissions for inclusion in the June 17th issue by **Friday, June 10th** to *Branch Bulletin* Editor Connie Schroeder, connieschroeder@gmail.com.
Bulletins are sent electronically to branch members and friends and are also accessible at https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/.

JOIN MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

All branch members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. The next board meeting will take place at the Used Book Workshop at 2197 High Tech Rd.

Monday, June 13th, time TBD

To receive the agenda, please notify either Sally Kalin (sallywkalin@gmail.com) or Linda Friend (lxf5@psu.edu) three days before the meeting.

Submit Events to the Branch Website Calendar

Link to submit events for the Branch web calendar: https://forms.gle/4XoLCgQnLKjYQFc98

USED BOOK WORKSHOP reopens for book donations: Tuesday, June 14th 9:00 am – 2:30 pm