



MISSION & ACTION e-News

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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AAUW News and Events



The 2010 NCCWSL Women of Distinction

25th NCCWSL Attracts Nearly 500 Students

The 25th anniversary [National Conference for College Women Students Leaders](#), held June 3–5 at the University of Maryland, College Park, attracted nearly 500 students from the United States, Jamaica, and Nepal. The [support of AAUW states and branches](#) made this conference possible and helped send 53 scholarship recipients to the event. Please enjoy all the [conference highlights](#), including [blog posts](#) from the event.

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Member Survey on the Way: Check Your Mailbox!

The 2010 AAUW Member Survey is enclosed in the Spring/Summer issue of *AAUW Outlook*, which you should receive shortly. Please take this opportunity to help shape AAUW's programs and activities. It's easy — just follow the directions on the survey and return it to AAUW in the envelope provided. Or, if you prefer, you may log in to the Member Center and complete the survey online at www.aauw.org/membersurvey2010. Make your voice heard! The deadline for completing and returning the survey is July 30, 2010.



AAUW Hosts Capitol Hill Briefing on Latest Research Report

AAUW recently hosted a Capitol Hill briefing to present our new report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, to congressional staff and members of the public. Nobel Prize winner and AAUW member Carol Greider, AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman, report co-author and AAUW Research Associate Christianne Corbett, and AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Director Lisa Maatz discussed key barriers that continue to block women's progress in STEM fields as well as steps Congress can take to help break through those barriers. [Request a copy](#) of *Why So Few?* and then read the [transcript](#) or watch a [webcast](#) of the briefing.

AAUW Outlook Wins Award

AAUW Outlook has won an EXCEL Award from [Association Media & Publishing](#) for the magazine's new design, which was introduced in 2009. Association Media & Publishing, a nonprofit, professional society of association publishers, gives [EXCEL Awards](#) to honor outstanding association magazines, newsletters, scholarly journals, electronic publications, and websites. The recently released [Spring/Summer 2010 issue](#) of *AAUW Outlook* focuses on social media.



Member News and Resources

AAUW of Virginia Honors State Senator Mary Margaret Whipple

AAUW of Virginia presented its first Woman of Achievement Award to Virginia State Senator Mary Margaret Whipple at a luncheon on April 24. The new award spotlights a Virginia woman who has had a significant positive impact and provided leadership within the state. Whipple, a longtime member of the AAUW Arlington (VA) Branch, has served on Arlington's school board and county board and was elected to the state senate in 1995. In 2009, *Washingtonian* magazine recognized Whipple as one of the 100 most powerful women in Washington. According to Whipple, "AAUW gave me my start in public life."



2010–11 ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club

The 2010–11 [¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club](#) list will be available by June 30. Thank you for all the great books you submitted! If your book is selected, you and your branch will be recognized and sent a special gift.

Chapter Leaders Playground — Leadership Partner

AAUW members are joining the [Chapter Leaders Playground](#), an online community for volunteer leaders from numerous nonprofit organizations. Your AAUW membership gives you access to more than 40 free 30-minute leadership webinars a year to help you achieve even greater success as a state or branch leader. AAUW member Jennifer Ingram of Maryland will be featured July 7 in a [webinar entitled "Lazy Leader Success."](#) Please attend this session and support the AAUW community. [Join today!](#)

AAUW 2010–11 Calendar

With art created and voted on by members, this unique 18-month calendar has dozens of anniversaries and events that are significant to those who care about equity for women and girls. If your calendar does not arrive in your mailbox by the end of June, please e-mail development@aauw.org or call 202/728-3307.



Engage a Graduate in AAUW at No Cost to You!

Spring is the time of graduations, and AAUW has a terrific gift suggestion for you! Give an AAUW membership through AAUW's [Give a Grad a Gift](#) program. This program enables members to give a free one-year national AAUW membership to recent college graduates. Do you know interns or student teachers who will graduate this year? Go to the AAUW website and give them a free one-year membership as a thank you for the work they have done this year. What better way to introduce them to AAUW!

Free Trip to Convention?

Win a free trip to convention, including hotel, airfare, and registration! Two lucky AAUW members will win an all-expense-paid trip to the June 2011 AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C., courtesy of our partners at World Medical Card. In addition to receiving discounted rates on their own cards, members can raise funds for their branches while helping to make their communities safer. Visit the AAUW website to [find out more](#).

Fellowships and Grants

Fellowships and Grants Reviewers Needed

AAUW's annual review and selection panels provide seasoned experts in academia and the professions to provide critical analysis of the thousands of eligible applicants for AAUW's fellowships and grants. We are always seeking new talent and expertise. Visit the [Fellowship and Grant Selection Panels](#) web page, and please pass the information on to your networks!

Public Policy News

Mother's Day and Father's Day Tied to Pay Equity

AAUW celebrated Mother's Day by joining with coalition partners to bring you a funny Mother of the Decade award video that also stressed the importance of fair pay for all women. For Father's Day, the men of AAUW will spread the message about the importance of pay equity for women in their lives and for our country in general. Keep the momentum going by urging your senators to [continue the fight against wage discrimination by acting swiftly on the Paycheck Fairness Act](#) and by adding AAUW's [Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act web stickers](#) to your website, blog, or social networking profiles.

AAUW Prepares for Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings

AAUW will be submitting questions we'd like senators to ask Solicitor General Elena Kagan during her U.S. Supreme Court confirmation hearings — scheduled to begin June 28 — and we want you to be a part of the process. Submit your suggested questions [now](#). You can also read the [statement](#) released by AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman about the nomination and check out our position paper on [federal judicial nominations](#).

New Program in a Box Released: Women and the Courts

The Public Policy and Government Relations Department recently released a new [Program in a Box](#) — AAUW Summit on Women and the Courts — that addresses the critical impact federal courts have on women and girls and the ways AAUW members can highlight these issues in their branches. Summits provide a forum to talk about judicial appointments, consider the legal aspects of gender and race discrimination, and discuss politicians' positions in reference to their appointment or confirmation choices. A summit can also educate members on the various methods of financial and nonfinancial support the [AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund](#) provides to those pursuing sex discrimination cases in academia or the workplace.

Equal Pay Day Set for 2011

The National Committee on Pay Equity, in conjunction with AAUW and our coalition partners, announced that the next Equal Pay Day will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Build on your branch's [success](#) from this year and start planning Equal Pay Day 2011 now! View our new state-by-state gender pay gap [data](#) and [fact sheets](#); download AAUW's [Pay Equity Resource Kit](#) and [Pay Equity Program in a Box](#) for ideas, tips, and resources to use in your community throughout the year; and [order AAUW posters and stickers](#) for use at your events, meetings, programs, and protests.

National Girls Collaborative Project

New AAUW STEM Facebook Page

Does your branch support a science and math club, camp, or scholarship for girls? Connect with AAUW members and friends across the country on our new [AAUW STEM Facebook page](#). You can share what works, post events and pictures, and learn about what AAUW is doing to spark girls' interest in science and math.

AAUW Member Benefits

The Benefits of Benefits

You read recently in *AAUW Outlook* about how socially conscious shopping can raise millions of dollars for AAUW. Here is a quick glance at some of our newest member benefit partners.

[Health Proponent](#). This highly regarded service offers AAUW members and their families assistance with clinical and administrative issues involving medical bills, caregiving, and other health care needs. Their team of highly trained advocates (typically registered nurses supported by a team of medical directors and benefits and claims

specialists) are available to help with coordination of care and services at a discount to AAUW members.

[Assurant Short Term Health Care](#). Need short-term insurance coverage between jobs? Have a student in school who is no longer insurable through your family plan? AAUW has partnered with Assurant to provide you medical coverage for short-term situations.

[The Princeton Review](#). Know any students preparing for SATs or graduate admissions testing? Your AAUW membership can help them receive 15 percent off their test preparation courses with The Princeton Review.

[TravelSmart Partners](#). Vacationing close to home this year? TravelSmart has scheduled several high-quality yet budget-friendly, four- or five-day Travel Escapes for AAUW members. Visit California wine country and meet female vintners ... tour the castles of the Hudson decked out in their holiday best ... sport your best hat at the Kentucky Derby! [Find out more](#) about pricing, dates, and details.

We welcome your comments on *AAUW Mission & Action*. Please send feedback to editor@aauw.org.

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