



## Auburn AAUW Connection

### A Note from the President

#### A few quick notes before we slip into summer!

What an incredible year we have had! Not only was our Trivia Bee successful, but we were able to grant nearly \$30,000 in scholarships this year - and that's in addition to sending 10 young women to Tech Trek Camp and 4 more to the online camp.

We also adopted an Ally Policy which allows individuals who do not hold degrees or associates degrees but who believe in our mission to join our organization. If you have friends or family who expressed interest in our book or hiking groups or in our organization in general, let them know they can join by completing and submitting the [ally member application](#).

**Remember to renew your membership.** We've tried to make it easy and as available as possible. Use our link to the [membership renewal form](#) and then pay dues either by check our through our PayPal website. Please note that National increased dues by \$2 for the year. Dues will be \$119 this year in total.

For membership questions, please contact Sandra Scott, Mary Lambeth or Barbara Gerletti Weiss if you have questions.

### Events for June

On June 9, AAUW will host a presentation on Staying Safe in the Digital Age featuring a representative from the Placer County Sheriff's office and Lisa Lareau from Tri Counties Bank. They will provide us information about what to watch for, how to safe, and what to do if you do get scammed. It will be held at Pioneer Methodist Church off Lincoln Way from 5:30 to 7 pm.

We have opened this event to the public, so please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

We will need to take care of a quick bit of business at the meeting. We need to take a vote on the Membership VP (Mary Lambeth) which we accidentally missed at the May 28 meeting. Then we will install our new board. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING! It helps with planning, table set up etc. Email [Pam Hart](#) and tell you are coming.

On June 19, Branches at the Carnegie is hosting the Auburn Chamber mixer and will feature nonprofit members of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. AAUW has been invited to have a table along with 20 other nonprofits. It looks to be a great time! Join us at 5:30 pm if you can.

## 2025 Scholarship Winners



AAUW awarded 18 scholarships totaling \$24,000. At the May 28 awards ceremony, we were fortunate to hear from 17 of those recipients.

[Read more in the Auburn Journal article.](#)

## Updates from our 2024 Scholarship Winners

### From Jazmin Aviles

I would love to share my first year of college experience with your AAUW branch. My first year at UC Davis has been amazing. I enjoy all my classes and have made several meaningful friendships. My courses have been mostly calculus and chemistry, which have their own ups and downs, but I enjoy expanding my knowledge, which is worth it. I have also been part of the Biology Undergraduate Scholars Program for my first year, which has been a wonderful experience. I gained more support for math and chemistry, and have also gained knowledge about scientific research. Through this program, I'm currently taking a lab skills course where I learn introductory lab skills. I really enjoy this course, and it helped me realize that I truly want to work in a lab environment in the future. Unfortunately, due to a lack of funding, this program will end after my first year, but I'm still immensely grateful to have been a part of it. For my second year, I hope to be a lab assistant for a research lab on campus. I'm also hoping to add a minor in Neuroscience along with my Molecular and Medical Microbiology major. Overall, my college journey has been an experience that has exceeded my expectations. I'm incredibly thankful to the AAUW Auburn branch for your generous and much-needed support. Thank you for making it possible for me to attend UC Davis and for helping me continue my education and make these wonderful memories. I'm also very thankful for the opportunity to qualify for additional funds. I will attach my transcript and include my address.

Thank you again for your time and support.  
Jazmin Aviles

### From Ruby Lindstat

My first year of college has been amazing and I'm so grateful for the financial support the AAUW scholarship has provided me as I wouldn't be able to have all the experiences that I'm having without it. At the University of Montana, I have already been able to take Wildlife classes as a freshman and I've been involved with different clubs on campus including The Wildlife Society, the American Fisheries Society, and the Student Recreation Association (of which I've been elected to be Social Media Manager of next academic year)! I am also pursuing a certificate in ceramics after taking my first ceramics class last semester and a certificate in global leadership. Missoula is a beautiful city that I'm so happy to be living in, with rivers, mountains, and an adorable downtown. Additionally, with the support of one of my mentors/professors, I was able to secure my first job in the field of wildlife biology! This summer I will be working as a Wildlife Technician for the Institute for Bird Populations conducting occupancy surveys for American Goshawks!

Thank You!  
Ruby Lindstat

### From Ava Doak

It was SO amazing to hear from you! I've had a super eventful year and I would love to tell you more about it. Would you like a slideshow of what's been happening to show at your next meeting? I have the GPA and I will also send some transcripts. Thanks so much for your email!

Ava Doak

**From Madeline Hilmen**

I would love to share a bit about my first year at Clemson University. As expected, it came with many ups and downs. However, in the process of finding my footing at such a large school far from home, I became involved in a variety of programs and met many new people. I joined a sorority called Alpha Delta Pi, participated in a tutoring program for underprivileged children at local elementary schools, got involved in several campus ministry groups, and took part in letter-writing and academic programs. Most recently, I applied to be an athletic tutor, where I would work one-on-one with athletes and check in on them mentally and emotionally.

These are just a few of the things I'm involved in on campus, and I can't wait to become part of even more as my time at Clemson continues. I was also fortunate to travel not only across South Carolina but also to North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and beyond. It's been such a rewarding experience to see more of the country and immerse myself in different cultures and communities.

As for my current goals, while there has been a slight shift, my main focus remains the same. I hope to work in the nonprofit sector, ideally on an international scale, focusing on women and children. At the same time, I've found myself increasingly interested in athletic psychology. Although I haven't made a full commitment yet—or decided exactly what that path might look like—I'm keeping the possibility open.

I'm incredibly thankful for the AAUW and all the love and support you've shown me over the past year. I'm very grateful for the possibility of a scholarship renewal and would love to make the process as smooth as possible. Below, I've included the best address to send my renewal to, should it be approved. I've also attached a screenshot of my personal transcripts from my school account. However, if more official copies are needed, I'm happy to get them sent over.

Thank you again,  
Madeline Hilmen

**From Calie Anton**

Thank you so much for checking in. I finished up my freshman year of nursing school on Wednesday of last week. I am now home, awaiting to leave to serve on a medical mission in Zimbabwe for three weeks. Although the past year was extremely challenging academically, it was also full of some amazing moments with new friends that I will never forget.

Thank you!  
Calie Anton

**AAUW Auburn Groups News**

**Hiking Group**

Hikes twice a month. Contact Deb Sabo to get on the email list

**Bookends I**

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact Susan

Rushton **Bookends II**

Meets in the evening. Contact Sharon  
Watson-Hamilton

**Bookmarks**

Meets 3rd Friday at 2 pm. Contact Sue Dings:

**Booksters**

Meets 4th Tuesday at 2 pm. Contact Carol Francis

**Bridge Groups**

One meets 2nd Wednesday and the other the 4th  
Wednesday at 1 pm. Contact Meredith Bruck

**NEWS DEADLINES**

The Auburn AAUW Connection will come out at the beginning of each month.

Deadline to submit news, information, photos, is the 25th of each month.



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