

Welcome to AAUW Maryland 2017 Convention Speakers



Patricia Fae Ho, National AAUW Board Chair

An educator and women's advocate, Patricia Fae Ho has served in significant leadership positions with many nonprofit organizations, addressing issues of global equity and education. She has served as national AAUW board president, vice president, and director; Conference of State Leaders chair, New England regional director; and Massachusetts State and Branch president.

Ho was director of a Teacher Resource Center in New York and a gifted/enrichment education specialist. While living in England, she received certification in further and higher education, teaching at Highbury College, Portsmouth. Her education background includes a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, postgraduate study at Oregon State University, and RSA certification from the International Teaching and Training Centre in Cambridge, England.

A variety of nonprofit leadership roles including work with United Way, YWCA, League of Women Voters, Massachusetts County Commission on the Status of Women, Peabody Essex Museum, Head Start, Health Quarters, HAWC Domestic Violence, and the Museum of Science in Boston, have prepared Patricia Fae Ho for her position in AAUW.

Raised in Hawaii, Ho lives near Boston. She has traveled extensively and has led AAUW delegations to Israel, Cuba, and Poland.



Major General Linda L Singh, Adjutant General of Maryland

Major General Linda L. Singh, the first African-American and the first woman to hold the post of Adjutant General of Maryland. She brings command experience from Kosovo and Afghanistan — where she earned a Bronze Star — and executive experience from a multinational federal contractor.

Shortly after she was appointed, the *Baltimore Sun* headline read "With personable style, new general takes over the National Guard."

General Singh was appointed as The 29th Adjutant General of Maryland in January 2015. She is responsible for the daily operations of the Maryland Military Department, which includes the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and Maryland Defense Force. She is a senior advisor to the governor and is responsible for the readiness, administration, and training of more than 6,700 members of the Military Department with an annual budget of more than \$314 million. As The Adjutant General, she serves as the official channel of communication between the governor and the National Guard Bureau and serves as a member of the governor's cabinet.

General Singh grew up in Frederick County, Md., and is a long time Maryland resident of Prince George's County where she currently resides with her husband and two daughters. She received her commission in 1991 through Officer Candidate School at the Maryland Military Academy in Reisterstown, MD. Her military career spans more than 30 years of service in both the enlisted and officer ranks. She has served

in staff and command assignments at every level, including deployed assignments in Kosovo and a combat tour in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

She retired as Managing Director in Accenture's Health and Public Service North America operating unit in May of 2016. She managed a global team in order to leverage capabilities from Accenture's global public service business as well as external partnering relationships. She previously served as the Commercial Director for the Public Safety Portfolio, the account lead for the Veterans Affairs and the account lead for the Army.

Her military decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal and many more. General Singh is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College where she received a master's degree in Strategic Studies. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Columbia Union College, a master's degree in Business Administration, Military Management from Touro International University, a master's certificate in Six Sigma from Villanova University. She is a graduate of the United States Northern Command Joint Task Force Commander's course and is a fellow from the International Women's Leadership program at Harvard University/INSEAD.



Judge Cleopatra Campbell, AAUW Maryland Woman Of Distinction 2017

AAUW Maryland has selected Cleopatra Campbell as the Maryland honoree for 2017 after a review of several excellent nominees. Campbell represents the best of what AAUW supports. She has been a strong advocate in the fight for equity of women and girls. As one of the first women to become a member of the Frederick County Bar Association, she has stood as an advocate for other women. She was strong in her questioning of judges who demanded that women always wear skirts in court. When women were first admitted to the policy academy, she advocated for better fitting uniforms designed for women, for women's bathrooms and changing rooms, and for equal respect for these women. Before and during her term as an elected judge, she advocated for more women to enter the field of politics and sponsored receptions for candidates. She has spoken with many students wishing to enter the field of law, encouraging them to learn more by continuing their educations. She has frequently spoken to groups and individuals on making final plans including wills, trusts and burial plans, emphasizing the need especially for women to do so.

Judge Campbell mentored many young women attorneys just beginning their careers or continuing their careers. In her office, she employed young women who were exploring a career in law as either a paralegal or as an attorney. In her role as a defense attorney, Campbell often stood for those who are underrepresented. Her generosity allowed many to have legal representation without onerous fees. Her former clients speak highly of her, both in informal and formal settings.

Her generosity has extended to many charitable causes, including her many donations to AAUW Funds and her leadership of AAUW Maryland Funds and the Legal Advocacy Fund. She has been a strong leader in her church, serving on the vestry, organizing and administering special events. AAUW has been a better organization because of Cleopatra Campbell. Her membership of more than 40 years shows her dedication to our goal of equity for all women and girls.

Remarks by Two Attendees of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

Queen Nwafor is a current graduate student at Johns Hopkins University where she studies Educational Studies, with a concentration in Secondary Education. She received her undergraduate degree from American University in Communications, Law, Economics and Government and a certificate in Women, Politics and Political Leadership. Queen currently teaches American Government to 9th grade students in Baltimore City and is a 2015 Teach for America corps member. Passionate about education, youth equity, and policy as it relates to the socio-cultural state of inner-city youth, Queen hopes to blend her passions through education policy work in and around her home state of New Jersey. In doing so, she aims to use her cultural identity as a Nigerian-American woman, as an alternative voice to political conversations concerning youth of color.

Emily Dreszer, 2016 NCCWSL attendee, is a third-year student at Anne Arundel Community College pursuing a Transfer degree and an Associates in Paralegal Studies. She serves as the Vice Chairperson of the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council, Technology Officer of The Governor's Office of Children's Youth Advisory Council, and on campus as the Student Government Association Secretary, Campus Activities Board Marketing Chair, Campus Ambassador, and Habitat for Humanity Volunteer. As a part of the Maryland Transfer Advantage Program at the University of Maryland, College Park, Emily plans to study Government and Politics, International Relations. Her goal is to ultimately become an officer in the Judge Advocate General Corp. of the United States Navy.



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