

AAUW Maryland Funds
Annual Report
March 2022

After a year's Covid-caused delay, Dr. Yvette Myrick was finally able to address the attendees at the 2021 AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) as AAUW Maryland's Woman of Distinction (WoD). Her strong authentic message animated the eager student leaders, even on Zoom as necessitated by the lingering pandemic.

In July 2021 after a brief discussion of pros and cons, the summer conference attendees voted without dissent to continue AAUW Maryland's decade-long commitment to raise \$20,000 to become a Platinum Sponsor of NCCWSL's Women of Distinction awards ceremony.

Nominees for AAUW Maryland's Woman of Distinction were solicited over the summer with a reminder that our WoD should be someone who would inspire the student leaders, motivate members and others to donate, and have a history of service to AAUW. A special committee reviewed the nominations and at the fall conference recommended Dr. Pat Stocker for this high honor, which the attendees readily endorsed. See <http://aauw-md.aauw.net> for Pat's extensive personal and professional accomplishments and leadership contributions.

On fundraising, individuals and branches have been generously donating, some repeatedly.

Note: On the recently simplified donation page of the AAUW website, #4355 Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund is 7th on a list of 8 choices.

In November a committee, initiated by Tracy Lantz, met and proposed three group fundraising activities:

1. Afternoon Tea. Forty guests, members and friends of Pat Stocker, enjoyed gathering in person to honor her at the Silver Spring home of Anita Rosen. The event, on March 6, raised approximately \$3400 beyond expenses.
2. Branch challenge. If all of a branch's board members and half of its individual members contribute any amount to Fund 4355, the branch will receive special recognition at the summer conference. Donation deadline is March 31. Notify Ella Iams, ella.w.iams@gmail.com by May 31.
3. Silent Auction of goods, services, and experiences, coordinated by Alice Harrison and the Anne Arundel Branch. Please participate and bid generously at the Annapolis convention on Saturday, March 26.

We anticipate successfully reaching our \$20,000 goal by AAUW's April 1st deadline but still need your help.

NCCWSL 2022 will be held in late May, unfortunately again virtually, but AAUW Maryland members will be invited to attend the Women of Distinction event on Thursday, May 26, 11:00a-12:30p, via Zoom. Details forthcoming.

With thanks for your continuing support and generosity,
Dian Belanger
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