

**AAUW Maryland Funds
Annual Report
April 2023**

The 2023 AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will finally be held in person from May 31-June 2. Due to COVID, the past 2 years were virtual events. Our 2022 Maryland Woman of Distinction, Dr. Pat Stocker, gave her speech via Zoom in June 2022.

In August 2022 after a discussion of pros and cons, the summer conference attendees voted to continue AAUW Maryland's decade long commitment to raise \$20,000 to become a Platinum Sponsor of NCCWSL's Woman of Distinction awards ceremony.

Nominees for AAUW Maryland's Woman of Distinction were solicited and a committee reviewed the recommendations. At the Fall Conference it was announced that (then) State Senator Susan C. Lee had been chosen. In January 2023, Susan was appointed by Governor Moore to be the Maryland Secretary of State. She was readily endorsed by the conference attendees. Secretary of State Lee has been a champion of women and youth rights in her past roles in the Maryland legislature and Senate. In her current position, she is the Chair of the Governor's Subcabinet for International Affairs. She has also been a long time AAUW member.

Fundraising started immediately after the Fall Conference and is continuing with generous donations from individuals and Branches. National has made online donating much easier with their large red DONATE button on the National website. Fund #4355, Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) is listed 7th of 8 choices. We anticipate successfully reaching the \$20,000 goal by AAUW's April 15th deadline.

Secretary of State Lee will give her speech at the Woman of Distinction Ceremony on Friday, June 2 at UM, College Park. AAUW Maryland members will be given the opportunity to attend the event.

With thanks for your continuing support and generosity,

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