

# Breaking through Barriers

## Advancing equity for women and girls since 1881

### Is gender equity still an issue?

- ▶ Even when they work in the same job, recent female graduates working full time still earn less than their male colleagues. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens.
- ▶ Title IX, the law that outlaws sex discrimination in education, is under constant attack.
- ▶ Women make up only 38 percent of faculty at two- and four-year colleges. Of that number, just 36 percent of the female faculty members have tenure.

### What can you do? Join AAUW today!

As an undergraduate in a two- or four-year regionally accredited educational institution, you can become a student affiliate member of AAUW.

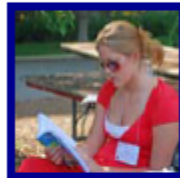
**"AAUW shares my vision. Through its advocacy, education, and research, AAUW focuses both on collegiate women and the policy-makers that craft society's rules, regulations, and opportunities."**

—Julie Miller, former Student Advisory Committee member, Vanderbilt University



### What is AAUW?

Since 1881, AAUW has been working to improve the lives of girls and women. Today, with approximately 100,000 members, more than 1,000 branches, and 500 college and university partners, AAUW uses its powerful voice to speak out on issues such as education, pay equity, civil rights, reproductive rights, affirmative action, and sex discrimination.



**"AAUW gave me inspiration, guidance, focus, and the ability to succeed, and it can do the same for you."**

—Jinelle Aguilan-Henley, former Student Advisory Committee member, Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Texas



### Develop student leadership traits:

- ▶ Attend the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**, an annual leadership training conference in Washington, D.C.

- ▶ Inspire change! Apply for a **Campus Action Project** grant of up to \$5,000 to implement innovative projects or programs to raise awareness on your campus.

- ▶ Become a member of the **AAUW Student Advisory Council** and speak about issues affecting students at local and national seminars and conferences.

- ▶ Join or start a student affiliate group on your campus and work with local AAUW branches to coordinate projects and workshops.

- ▶ Participate in **Campaign College**, the only program in the country that encourages young women to run for student government.

- ▶ Receive notification of AAUW's fellowships, grants, awards, and other programs. Each year, AAUW provides more than \$4 million to women, promoting student leadership and development.

**"My membership in AAUW has taught me invaluable leadership skills. Thanks to AAUW, not only am I a confident leader, but more importantly, I have been equipped with the tools to teach other women and girls how to become leaders as well!"**

—DaVina Hoyt, Student Advisory Committee member, Washington State University

### Tap into powerful networks!

- ▶ Get involved in AAUW's Capitol Hill Lobby Corps, check the AAUW website for updated information, and take action on issues that are important to you.

- ▶ Meet people who share your passion and work with mentors to plan the next step up your career ladder.

- ▶ Connect with your peers on a student affiliate e-mail list.



Jovita Camarza, deputy administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, one of AAUW's 2008 Women of Distinction, with a student affiliate.



### An Exciting New Affiliate Membership Opportunity

All undergraduates at AAUW college and university partner member institutions can receive a free, individual e-student affiliate national membership. Visit [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) to learn more.



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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.