**Live! Annual Holiday Celebration**

**Sunday, December 18, 2021, 2:00-4:00 pm**

**Ingleside at King Farm**

**710 King Farm Boulevard or 1615 Piccard Drive, Rockville**

**See attached map\***

**Bring an appetizer or dessert to share to celebrate the holiday season. Bring a guest. Drinks will be provided.**

**(Either the Club Room or Private Dining Room TBA by email)**

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**A Time for Giving:**

* **AAUW Greatest Needs Fund, #9110**. This general fund is for unrestricted gifts, which are used when and where they are most needed, thus providing flexibility to respond to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls.

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Then click Donate. Greatest Needs will be at the top of the list of donation choices. Use your credit card, or write a check, as above, designating your preferred fund(s). If you do not state a preference, your gift will go to Greatest Needs.

\***Montgomery College Foundation**. Gifts support scholarships for women returning to school, while supporting themselves and dependent(s).

To donate: Give online with credit card at <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni-friends-donors/foundation/donate.html/>. Or write check payable to Montgomery College Foundation, with “AAUW Kensington/Rockville Scholarship” in the memo line. Mail to Montgomery College Foundation, 9221 Corporate Blvd, 3rd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850.

**National Conference of Collegiate Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)**

State Senator Susan C. Lee as our 2023 Woman of Distinction! She will be honored at AAUW's 2023 National Conference of Collegiate Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) event in late May. Lee represents District 16, which is located in Montgomery County, and she is the State Senate Majority Whip. She is the first Asian American elected to the Maryland State Senate and was the first Asian American woman and first Chinese American to be elected to the Maryland legislature. She is one of the strongest advocates for women in the Maryland state legislature.

Thanks in advance for your generosity as we once again aim high to support this event! Maryland AAUW has a goal is to raise $20,000 to be a Platinum Sponsor of the NCCWSL Woman of Distinction event. As the end of the calendar year approaches, we encourage all members and branches to consider the Woman of Distinction fund in your philanthropy plans.

Let's honor Senator Lee for her support of all women in Maryland.

To donate by check:

Make your check out to AAUW

On the check put the fund name and number:

4355-Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund

Mail to: AAUW

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Go to aauw.org use the DONATE Tab.

Bea Dane and Tracy Lantz

AAUW Maryland Funds Vice President, and AAUW Maryland President

**2023 Women’s Legislative Briefing**

**This year's theme is: Empowered Women Protect Democracy.**

**The 2023 Women's Legislative Briefing WILL BE VIRTUAL.**

The Montgomery County Commission for Women and many co-sponsoring organizations invite you to the 2023 Women's Legislative Briefing. The purpose of the Briefing is to inform the residents of our state about legislative proposals before local, state, and national legislative bodies that address issues of specific concern to women.

The Montgomery County Commission for Women has established a tuition scholarship to support a high achieving student at Montgomery College who is pursuing a major in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM).  Please consider supporting this worthy cause when registering for the WLB.

Again, this year, special seminars will be offered for students in grades 6 - 12 through our **Emerging Leaders track.**

Registration:

$22 - Now Through January 27, 2023

$30 - January 28 -January 29, 2022

$5 Students/Emerging Leaders

To register for the meeting go to: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-womens-legislative-briefing-registration-427538478097](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.com%2Fe%2F2023-womens-legislative-briefing-registration-427538478097&data=05%7C01%7Cmsullivan%40niaid.nih.gov%7C216e0724a8bf42036e4808dacbd4828b%7C14b77578977342d58507251ca2dc2b06%7C0%7C0%7C638046410828174599%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=k3Ybr1ovb6tt5e9oUxY3jdN5kLaxda4U2bAAmCfroq8%3D&reserved=0)

[**STEMED FOR GIRLS**](https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/stemed-for-girls/)

**STEMEd for Girls 2022: Our Second Summer Supporting Girls** In the summer of 2022, hundreds of high-school girls participated in the second iteration of AAUW’s [STEMEd for Girls](https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/stemed-for-girls/" \t "_blank) virtual workshop series. This program, which was supported by generous contributions from [Arconic Foundation](https://www.arconic.com/foundation/" \t "_blank) and [Baxter International Foundation](https://www.baxter.com.co/en/our-story/corporate-responsibility/charitable-giving-grants), is designed to inform and inspire girls in grades 9-12 who are interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. It also provides guidance for the girls’ parents and caregivers. We especially encourage girls of color to participate.

**About the Program**

Girls and caregivers participated in nine 1.5-hour virtual sessions over June, July and August that highlighted exciting opportunities in STEM. Each session introduced participants to amazing women in STEM, engaged students in hands-on activities, and helped guide girls toward career options that matched their skills and interests. The discussions and materials highlighted a variety of STEM subjects, including biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, physics, and technology.

In the realm of mathematics, the girls used dimensional analysis to figure out how to maximize the number of people that could be housed in a community. For the chemistry session, participants learned about the materials and reactions used to build power-storage plants and design streetlights. During the technology session, participants explored how machine learning works. The STEMEd for Girls team also mailed participants “[STEMLingo kits](https://www.stemlingo.com/" \t "_blank),” so they could explore how to design electronics and program what they created.

In the final two sessions, staff and other experts gave the girls tips and best practices to prepare for college. They also shared resources for financial aid and standardized testing, and they helped the girls to explore options on their journey to pursuing STEM fields.

**Why it Matters**

Research shows that girls are systematically tracked away from science and math throughout their education—which limits their training and career options as adults. Black and Latina girls are even more likely than white girls to be dissuaded from STEM due to racism and reduced access to critical resources, opportunities, and role models.

When it comes to setting girls up for STEM success, it’s critical to ensure they have support from their caregivers. That’s why AAUW engaged this group from the outset, focusing several sessions on providing guidance and resources for parents, guardians, family members, educators and counselors.

**Our Reach**

Throughout the 2022 program, STEMEd for Girls was marketed on AAUW’s social media platforms, generating almost 500K impressions. We reached thousands of girls and caregivers, including many people of color: 26.3% of registrants were Black/African American, 17.2% were South Asian, 14.2% were Latina, 9.8% were East Asian, 6.7% were multi-racial, 2.5% were Arab or Chaldean, and 1.4% were Native American or Pacific Islander. About a quarter of the girls (24.2%) were in 12th grade, and another quarter (25.1%) were in 11th grade.

**Interest Groups:**

**Le Groupe Francaise**

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**Le Groupe Française**

**TBD**

The URL will be sent out prior to the meeting**.**

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No meeting in December

**Deadline for the January Newsletter is December 20.**

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***The Afternoon Literature Group***

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October 17, 2017, the group will be discussing My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante

**AAUW Vision Statement: *AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.***

**AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 135 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.**

**In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks and inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.**

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