

FOUNDED IN 1921, AAUW CALIFORNIA serves as a critical link between more than 13,800 members and 127 branches statewide and AAUW national. Underscoring the impact of our state organization, 22 AAUW CA members currently serve on the national board and committees. This level of involvement keeps California branches at the forefront of information, program implementation, and growth.

Expanding upon AAUW's renown as a resource and advocate on women's issues, AAUW CA collaborates with other groups with similar missions and goals. Recent accomplishments include joining forces with Attorney General Kamala Harris and Stronger California to end cyber-exploitation.

AAUW CA members donate over \$500,000 annually to special community projects and to AAUW-funded fellowships and grants supporting women seeking graduate degrees. Local branches also provide more than 90% of the support for Tech Trek and, in 2015, raised more than \$765,000 to send 850 middle school girls to ten week-long STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) camps.



(L to R) Honored with a 2015 Fellowship for her MBA work at Pepperdine University, Bianca Calhoun joins former Tech Trekker Shannon Cholakian in a conversation with 2014-2016 AAUW CA President Kathleen Doty. Cholakian, a Tech Trek camper in 2007, continued with the program as a Peer Counselor in 2010 and as a Senior Peer Counselor in 2013. She also served on AAUW's National Student Advisory Council.

Programs

Financial Literacy: Provides AAUW CA branches with the information and tools needed to present financial literacy programs within branches and their local communities. Contact: financialliteracy@aaauw-ca.org

International Advocacy: In keeping with the trend towards globalization and the dominant role of the United States in world affairs, strategic opportunities are sought to increase awareness of issues affecting women and girls worldwide. Contact: international@aaauw-ca.org

Title IX: AAUW California has joined with the California Center for Research on Women & Families, California Women's Law Center, Equal Rights Advocates, and Legal Aid Society - Employment Law Center to form the California Title IX Coalition. Contact: titleix@aaauw-ca.org

Younger Women's Task Force: YWTF is a movement by and for younger women to fight for social justice. YWTF forms a diverse and inclusive group of activists, organizers, allies, and professionals that is both local and nationwide. www.aauw.org/membership/ywtf
Contact: ywtf@aaauw-ca.org

State Projects



Tech Trek: Tech Trek is AAUW CA's all-scholarship, all-volunteer, week-long residential STEM camp. Since 1998, more than 11,000 girls entering 8th grade have attended one of ten camps on eight California university campuses. www.aauw-techtrek.org
Contact: techtrek@aaauw-ca.org

Speech Trek: Addressing such current social issues as gender bias and inequality, more than 600 high school students have participated in this statewide public speaking competition since 2006. Contact: speechtrek@aaauw-ca.org

Value to Members

- ✓ Personal and professional leadership development opportunities
- ✓ State website with directories, resources, shared success stories, blog
- ✓ Social media support and networking
- ✓ Online voting in statewide elections
- ✓ Online registration for conventions and Funds luncheons
- ✓ California Perspective newsletter to all members
- ✓ Branch locator on the state website for prospective members
- ✓ Support and guidance with effective branch governance models
- ✓ Branch Liaisons providing direct branch and member support
- ✓ Assistance in membership recruitment and retention strategies