



Tampa (FL) Branch

AAUW Tampa: Making A Difference for over 100 years



March 2021

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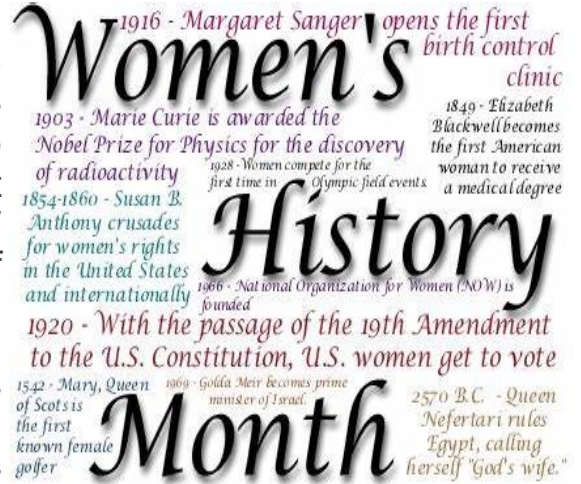
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The Tiempo

March is Women’s History Month. It is a time when we reflect on the contributions of women to our society and to our world. As we reflect, & celebrate the strides we have made, we must also acknowledge the work that is still ahead. We must continue to make progress in all of the AAUW goals. The history of the American Association of University Women mirrors the progress of women in the United States. As the number of women graduating from college grew, so has our membership. AAUW’s story began in 1881, when a small group of female college graduates banded together to open the doors for women’s career advancement and to encourage more women to pursue higher education. The organization has remained true to that mission.



Over the years, AAUW National has published hundreds of research reports, from an 1885 paper disproving a prevailing myth that college impairs a woman’s fertility to, most recently, a study documenting the economic impact of workplace sexual harassment. We have supported the academic achievements of many thousands of scholars, from scientist Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize; to astronaut Judith Resnik, the second woman to travel in space. Our advocacy efforts on the national, state, and local levels have propelled countless new laws, including the Equal Pay Act, first proposed in 1945 and finally passed in 1963; the Title IX amendment in 1972; the Family and Medical Leave Act in 1993; the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009; and the Paycheck Fairness Act, which was passed by the U.S. Representatives in 2019 but is awaiting action in the Senate.

We’ve come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. In many ways, the fight for gender equity is just getting started. We need your help. In our local chapter, you can help us in our membership drive. Invite friends, neighbors, and colleagues. In fundraising—donate as much as you can to help us meet our goal of \$4,200 for our scholarship and STEM programs. Please get involved. This is how we grow. This is how we pay it forward. This is how we leave a legacy. Join Us!!

Excerpts from the AAUW National website. . Contributions by Franca Washington



From the Desk of Dr. Sandra Johnson Austin, President

Dear AAUW Tampa Members and Guests,

This month we are celebrating countless women who have paved the way for you and for me. These women made history by being the first...We read about them in history as they have achieved what seemed to be nearly impossible in their day. Today, there are women who are on the front lines making history, caring for others in hospitals and nursing homes, teaching in classrooms and remotely, as well as managing households. So, AAUW Tampa wants to celebrate you for doing what you do, day-in and day-out. Women's History Month is giving you permission to celebrate you and to choose you even if it is just for a few minutes, an hour, a day, or the entire month! Yes, the entire month!

I know that we do not need a holiday to tell us that we are wonderful, fabulous, amazing, and just plain awesome! As women, we are 'fearfully and wonderfully made.' So, why not do that one thing that makes you deliriously happy. I love to exercise and when I do not get a chance to exercise, I am very cranky. I am challenging myself to do some form of exercise for 31 days straight, regardless of what is going on and these days, it is a lot! I must make time for my own self-care and I could use an accountability partner. Will you join me in this challenge? As I said, my challenge is exercising. Your challenge is whatever you want it to be. It could be starting to write a book, dancing to your favorite song, taking piano lessons, calling your best friend without interruptions from family members, etc. So, AAUW Tampa created a Kudoboard to 'Celebrate YOU!' It would be great to hear from you. Here is the link to our Kudoboard. <https://kudoboard.com/boards/3DkoLh40>. See you there starting March 1st through March 31st!



**Welcome to our newest members.
We look forward to getting to know
you.**



WE'RE TENACIOUS AND TRAILBLAZING.
*Advocating equity for women and girls
in Florida since 1929.*

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

AAUW Tampa is looking for your help. We know you support the mission and goals of AAUW because you donate, tune in to meetings, and cheer fellow members on! However, AAUW Tampa needs "boots on the ground". Will you consider one of the following?:

1. Vice President- work closely with president on assigned projects.

Taking this role does not mean you HAVE to progress to president.

2. Director of Scholarship- Lead an ad hoc committee to interview and select scholarship winners each year.

3. Director of Programs- Find six speakers a year to speak at meetings. A speaker is not needed in September, December, or January. Get ideas from the membership.

4. Facebook Manager- Keep AAUW Tampa Facebook Page updated- How fun is that?

Nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission). *Time in membership is not a factor! NEW Members are welcome.*

If you have questions, call:

Bert Dunbar @ 813.245.2820

Irene Bembry @ 863.602.5232

Mattie Parr @ 412.551.4018.

International
Women's Day

MARCH 8, 2021



ADVOCATE

AAUW FL Virtual Lobby Day 17 March 2021 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us in our mission to secure equity for women and girls.

- Identify State Legislators at: myfloridasenate.com and Myfloridahouse.com
- Review Legislative Agenda at: aauw-fl.aauw.net
- Sign-up To Become a Two-Minute Activist: <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline March 8, 2021

Award: \$1,000 Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

Criteria

- STEM Major
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Junior, Senior or Graduate Status
- Full-time Enrollment
- Financial Need
- U.S. Citizen and Resident of State of Florida

Requirements: Attend an interview in April 2021; Assist with fundraising events; Participate in one membership recruitment event; and Attend AAUW Tampa meeting for presentation of award.

The application is available online at
<https://tampa-fl.aauw.net/scholarship>

Committee Members:

Avis Chaplick
 Irene Bembry
 Joyce Ellsworth
 Connie Fountain
 Jacqui Vento

**MARCH
 HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY!**

Joyce Schuetz 18
Kathy Schmidt 26

AAUW
 Tampa Branch

**CALL FOR
 DONATIONS
 by March 20th!**

Would you be willing to give \$50 toward our fundraising goal of \$4,200?

Please give to support undergraduate, graduate, and Tech Trek scholarships.

Make checks payable to:	Mall check to:
American Association of University Women Tampa, Inc.	AAUW Tampa, Inc. PO Box 172715 Tampa, FL 33672

For more information, contact Yvette Williams, Director of Finance at AAUWTampaFinance@gmail.com or call (808) 265-8851.

The 2021-2022 scholarship applications are now available. The deadline is March 8, 2021. Visit <https://tampa-fl.aauw.net/scholarships> for more details.

Working to impact the lives of women and girls since 1881.

Jesalene Abreu
 Monise Harris
 Eve De Rosa
 Hamidah Figueroa
 Shamariah Preister

Your donation of \$50 or more will make a difference in the lives of the students. Thank you for paying it forward.

**AAUW Tampa Speaker
Saturday, March 20, 2021**



AAUW welcomes Dr. Thompson Dorsey as our guest speaker for March.

Dr. Thompson Dorsey is an educator who is new to the University of South Florida (USF). The USF College of Education welcomes Dana Thompson Dorsey, JD, PhD, as the new endowed chair of education innovation and director of the **David C. Anchin Center for the Advancement of Teaching**. In this role, Dr. Thompson Dorsey will advance the Anchin Center's mission of collaborating with teachers, school leaders, districts and other educators to improve the quality of education for students and transforming the teaching profession to attract, retain and develop quality, culturally responsive educators.

Dr. Thompson Dorsey comes to USF from the University of Pittsburgh where she was an Associate Professor in the School of Education's Department of Educational Foundations, Organizations and Policy and the Associate Director of the Center for Urban Education. Previously, Dr. Thompson Dorsey was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

We welcome Dr. Dana Thompson Dorsey to AAUW TAMPA.

Click on the link below to join the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8631166778?pwd=MkwwRlFtQWhjLy9VUVVrWTVXcWEyQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 116 6778 **Password:** 725238

Connect with your AAUW Tampa team.



Board Meeting March 13, 2021 10:30 am to 11:00 Via Zoom	General Meeting March 20, 2021 11:00 am-12:30 pm Via Zoom
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Board Meeting April 10, 2021 10:30 to 11:00 Via Zoom	General Meeting April 17, 2021 11:00 am-12:30 pm Via Zoom
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Board of Directors

President	Dr. Saundra Johnson Austin
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Did you know that March used to be called Mars? Named originally after a Roman God of agriculture, associated with spring. He was also known for his courage, prowess and al-

ways fighting for a cause. The month of March brings meaning of renewal and replenishment. Think of the larvae in a cocoon that will soon emerge as a beautiful butterfly (or moth). I was inspired by a website called Daisies and Pie, <https://daisiesandpie.co.uk/self-care-ideas-for-march/>, where self-care tidbits for March were outlined. A few of my favorites are a tech-free day; feed the birds; line dry your sheets; splash in puddles and be a visitor in your own town. So, let us all march forward (see what I did there?) with smiles on our faces and a pep in our step. Until next time, be safe, be well and be the light.

- Catherine Clark Martin, AAUW Tampa Member



CASES ARE RISING.
ACT NOW!



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS



<https://www.aauw.org/membership/>

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Shella Miller, Director of Membership at email: ShellaMiller078@gmail.com.
WE VALUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

VOTE in the AAUW Art contest on the AAUW National website by March 3rd.

Our very own Catherine Clark Martin has TWO submissions:

1. We all have a Role to Play.
2. Hummingbird

Please support her efforts and make



We received over 400 entries for the 2021 AAUW Art Contest. Now it's time to choose our winners!

Don't miss out on your chance to vote in this year's AAUW Art Contest! Through March 3, AAUW members can [vote](#) for their ten favorite entries. The six winning entries will be featured on a collection of AAUW note cards mailed to members this



spring.
Only vote for Catherine Martin's photos to increase her chances of winning



Thank you and good luck to everyone who submitted their work this year!

**AAUW Tampa Celebrates Leaders In Our Community
NOMINATING GUIDELINES**



- Must be a **model of leadership** in implementing or promoting the principles of advocacy, education, and or research in the interest of acquiring or sustaining equity for women and girls
- Must be a **non-partisan** selection.
- Must have **sustained status for at least three years.**
- Submit **nominee's biography** addressing the above guidelines by **March 8th** to aauwtampainfo@gmail.com.
- Winner will be announced at our culminating fundraising event on **March 20, 2021** membership meeting.
- Selection committee led by **Dr. Gloria Hilton**, Executive Committee Member.



**ORDER yours
by
March 31st**

*Support the
AAUW Tampa Branch
as we*

**SPARKLE
& BLING**

- * Purchase an AAUW Logo Rhinestone Bling Shirt.
- * Prices start at \$30.
- * Create a custom look with two rhinestone color options and four shirt colors.

Available now until March 31, 2021 at <https://christinaevette.com/shop/ols/products/aauw>

Profits from this fundraiser will support chapter initiatives such as the distribution of scholarships for college women at the junior, senior, and graduate levels and contributions to Tech Trek/ STEM camps for girls going to the 8th grade.

New Member Campaign

Sharing the Gift of AAUW and Shaping Our Tomorrow!

- Campaign Period: November 2020 - March 2021
- AAUW swag for the member who brings in the most, new members by March 20th
- Prizes for members who bring the most guests each month from November 2020 to March 2021
- Everyone's role is to Invite! Invite! Invite!
- 48 current members including 7 life members

**New Member Goal
by March 20th**

