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**2003  
21st Century  
Recognition**  
AAUW NC • Gold  
Brevard • Platinum  
Raleigh/Wake County • Platinum  
Winston-Salem • Platinum  
Greensboro • Gold  
Hendersonville • Gold  
Statesville • Gold  
Jacksonville Regional • Bronze

**AAUW NC  
Platinum • 2002  
5-Star • 2001  
7-Star • 1996 - 2000**

## Convention Highlights Issues, Programs

THE SCORES OF four teams shot up and down amid laughter and cheering during the fast-paced session of Women's History "Jeopardy" during the 2004 AAUW NC convention in Charlotte, March 26-28. Questions were presented in five categories and AAUW members learned firsthand how Brevard Branch takes women's history to the schools each March. Karla Atkinson led the game, while Ladene Newton revealed the questions and Margaret Madgwick kept score. Information packets were made available to other branches.

On a more serious note, Hendersonville Branch shared their program to help Latina girls. The five-year pilot program (8th-12th grade) assigns mentors, involves parents, and helps young Latina women develop skills, knowledge, and self-confidence needed to finish high school, achieve their life goals, and serve as leaders. Mary Jo Pribble coordinated the presentation, in which several women spoke. It was developed in response to an AAUW study showing Latina girls are at higher risk of dropping out of school than other students.

The two presentations were highlights of an annual meeting featuring an LAF Breakfast, well-informed speakers for Title IX issues, and Educational Foundation Fellows. Informative workshops, the First Timer's Reception, and terrific hospitality by Charlotte Branch, assisted by Statesville, Gaston Regional, and Salisbury



Students sponsored by branches enjoy the First Timers Reception during convention. They attended the Student Leadership Conference on Friday, and participated in the convention by networking and asking good questions. Standing from left, Marianne Rogowski, Shelia Lea, Melanie Hillman, Dawn Gooding. Seated: Teresa McMillan. PHOTO BY JOANNE HILL

Branches made the weekend a memorable one. The banquet speaker was Dr. Laura Kaplan. A highlight of the evening was the recognition of retired legislators Dr. Ruth Easterling and Bertha

Holt. They were presented with certificates by Mary Peterson, program vice-president and former federal public policy chair. Continued on page four



Ann Terry, South Atlantic Regional director, installs 2004-2006 AAUW NC officers. Joanne Hill, president, stands beside her. In the back, from left, Karla Atkinson, Brevard Branch, secretary and Evelyn Mercer (behind Hill), membership vice-president. Mary Peterson, program vice-president, and Millie Hoffer-Foushee, treasurer (2003-2005 terms) look on. PHOTO BY ESTHER LUMSDON