

# AAUW College/University Partnership Program Benefits Institutions and Women

NATIONWIDE, MORE THAN 550 leading institutions are members in the AAUW College/University Partnership Program. In North Carolina, which has 117 colleges and universities, including community colleges, Bible colleges, and a theological seminary, 14 benefit from this important program that fosters educational equity, while providing growth opportunities for students, faculty, and staff.

With the help of Lola Jackson, AAUW NC C/U liaison, branches can recruit institutions in their areas.

Both the colleges and branches benefit from these partnerships, including joint activities and scholarship endowment.

## Benefits (excerpts from [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org))

- Students and faculty have access to more than \$3.5 million in fellowships, grants,

and awards made available annually by the AAUW Educational Foundation: American Fellowships, Selected Professions Fellowships, International Fellowships, Career Development Grants, and the University Scholar-in-Residence Award.

- Leadership and professional development resources to help women on member campuses strengthen their skills. Options include AAUW conferences, seminars, and internships; participation on planning committees, awards panels, state and branch leadership posts, and access to a national network of professional women whose members can mentor, assist in job searches, and facilitate relocation.
- Discounts are available on research and publications produced by nationally recognized experts and scholars. Share new

resources and scholarships with academic departments, including education and women's and gender studies.

- Gain new perspectives on gender equity issues through complimentary subscriptions to AAUW publications such as *AAUW Outlook and Action Alert*.
- Strong community relations are vital to every campus. Participate in local activities that build goodwill and help women and girls in local communities, including Transitions Conferences, AAUW voter education and outreach, Sister-to-Sister Summits, and other activities.
- Enhance institutional visibility. AAUW is one of the nation's oldest and most respected education organizations. Through partnership with AAUW, enjoy increased visibility and enhanced public relations opportunities. Tap into an educated, informed, and diverse group of 100,000 activists who are concerned about and influence the debate on issues facing higher education. Receive recognition in the AAUW Membership Directory, through links on the AAUW website, and in articles in our publications highlighting AAUW activities.
- Benefit from AAUW's century of public policy participation at the local, state, and national levels. Today, AAUW is a strong advocate for education and a respected voice on critical issues. We work to expand financial aid opportunities and to guarantee responsible funding for all levels of education. We strive to increase access to higher education for communities that have been underrepresented on college and

university campuses, such as women in poverty; to ensure bias-free learning and gender equity in higher education, and to protect academic freedom and promote thoughtful and open learning environments by combating censorship in the classroom.

- Take advantage of exclusive member discounts for AAUW books and merchandise; education loans; credit cards; magazine subscriptions; quality health insurance plans; flowers, cakes, and gifts; auto insurance; website design services; and books.

Jackson will lead a workshop at the convention in New Bern. Branch members and representatives of colleges and universities are encouraged to come and learn more about this partnership that goes a long way toward making "education a gateway to the future for women and girls."

Can't wait until March? Contact Jackson at [Lvj21@aol.com](mailto:Lvj21@aol.com) or 336.644.6011.

## AAUW NC C/U Members

- Bennett College
- Blue Ridge Community College
- Duke University
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Lees-McRae College
- Louisburg College
- Martin Community College
- Meredith College
- Mitchell Community College
- NC A&T State University
- NC State University
- Peace College
- UNC-Greensboro
- UNC-Wilmington

## AAUW NC Convention Set for New Bern, March 31-April 2, 2006

### The Place

New Bern, the second-oldest town in North Carolina, is situated where the Trent and Neuse Rivers meet. The first capital of North Carolina under Royal Governor William Tryon, it was a major port and trading center in the 1800's. But that's not all! In addition to Tryon Palace, New Bern is abound with history around every corner with over 150 historic landmarks, the birthplace of Pepsi and a 157,000-acre national forest. New Bern and Craven County offer a variety of cultural, educational and historical attractions. From museums to a beautiful palace, there is something available for everyone, including the Historic District Trolley Tour.



Tryon Palace: Known in colonial times as one of the most beautiful public buildings in America, the elegant Georgian-style mansion was both home to Royal Governor William Tryon and the capital of the Colony of North Carolina. Restored to 18th-century glory, Tryon Palace is furnished with period antiques and art. The grounds are devoted to extensive gardens ranging from English formal gardens to a kitchen garden to wilderness garden areas. Tryon Palace, with four contrasting homes of exceptional beauty, features tours all year and an audiovisual orientation program and crafts demonstration daily.

### The People

- Convention Hosts: Twin Rivers/New Bern, Jacksonville Regional and Kinston Branches. Mary Peterson and JoAnn Hall are convention co-chairs.

### Education: Gateway to the Future for Women and Girls

- Importance of education in helping women and girls live fulfilling, healthy, secure lives.
- June Atkinson, Delores Parker, and other distinguished women will speak.
- Workshops focus on education issues, as well as one on credit equity.
- Networking
- Annual business session.
- Memorial service.
- Branch projects.
- Judy Atkinson, Winston-Salem Branch, is program vice-president.

### Lodging

- The New Bern Sheraton Grand Hotel features free high-speed internet access in all guest rooms, concierge service, outdoor pool, marina, fitness facility and free parking.
- Airport to Hotel shuttle is available. The hotel is located within walking distance of antique and specialty shops, restaurants, historic homes and churches.
- Make your own reservations at the New Bern Sheraton Grand Hotel: Phone: 252.638.3585, Fax: 252.638.8112, or [www.sheraton.com/newbern](http://www.sheraton.com/newbern).
- Room rates are \$109 plus 13% tax per room per night. Be sure to ask for the AAUW group rate when making reservations. The cut-off date for guaranteed room reservations is **March 1, 2006. After this cutoff date reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis. After March 1, the room rate will increase.**

## Atkinson, White Are Nominated

Karla Atkinson, current secretary, has agreed to run for another two-year term.

The committee plans to nominate Barbara White, a member of the Raleigh/Wake Co. Branch and former president of AAUW West Virginia, as membership vice-president.

Biographies will be published in the Spring 2006 Tar Heel News. Nominations may also be made from the floor at convention in March 2006.

### Nominating Committee

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## Computer Training: A Better Way

Nancy Shoemaker  
 AAUW NC President-Elect  
 RTPnet has recently updated the information they use to train folks on how to use computers. <http://www.rtpnet.org/collections/handouts/flier.html>

If you've learned to use your computer by trial and error, you may find that going through that material is a quick way to solidify things and show that you have learned a great deal.

If you want to help someone else learn to

better use a computer, you might like to try using those materials to structure the discussion. Those you help will end up with a set of notes they can refer to later.

If you do use these, I'd be interested in your feedback, particularly comments that I can pass on to groups at AAUW that are looking at how to get more members "up to speed" on technology. Contact me at [shoemaker@acm.org](mailto:shoemaker@acm.org) or 919.773.1340.