

AAUW Summer 2025 Newsletter

Loveland, Colorado

Summer Picnic

You are all invited to come and bring a spouse and/or friend to our summer picnic on August 23. Plan to come to the home of Sue Gerrard, 5400 W Highway 34 at 5:00 with a dish to share. We will plan to eat at 5:30. This is a good opportunity to bring guests who can learn about our Loveland branch and our activities and, hopefully, join. Those who join at this meeting can get a half price reduction in national dues. Instead of \$74., they will pay \$37. Plus state and local dues. Bring items for the raffle baskets for Conversations with Authors – things such as note cards, wine, chocolate, new books, gift cards, etc.

State Fall Workshop

You can start and end your day with AAUW. The state fall workshop is on Zoom from 9-12 AM. This is a good opportunity to find out more about the Colorado AAUW.



Fall Leadership Conference

The 5-Star Program

"A Framework for Success"

August 23, 2025
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Zoom Meeting with Breakout Sessions



Keynote Speaker
Tremayne Parquet
AAUW Deputy Director of Advancement

- Focuses on AAUW 5-Star Program to help guide branches toward success in alignment with AAUW's mission and priorities.
- Has supported branches with membership and fundraising initiatives
- Has overseen member support and customer service operations

Agenda

9:00 - 9:10 am	Opening Remarks and Introduction
9:10 - 9:40 am	Tremayne Parquet, AAUW Deputy Director of Advancement
9:40 - 9:50 am	Q&A
9:50 - 10:00 am	Break
10:00 -10:35 am	Breakout Session #1
10:35 -11:10 am	Breakout Session #2
• For each breakout session, participants select one of 5 rooms dedicated to a 5-star category	
11:10 -11:50 pm	Breakout Session Debrief and Discussion
11:50 -12:00 pm	Summary and Closing Remarks

From the Scholarship Committee by Kari Gomez-Smith

Because of the donations our members made to our scholarship fund this year, we were able to give 5 \$1,000 scholarships. We would like to be able to give more than five scholarships in 2026. If we raise enough money, we might be able to make each scholarship a little bigger, too.

Please think about making a contribution to our scholarship fund. You can do it in memory of a family member or friend, or as a tribute to a dear friend on their birthday, or just because you are thinking of them. You can also contribute because you think women should be education and you want to help outstanding young women in our community have the opportunity to receive a college education!

In addition, you can ask family members to make a donation in your name rather than giving you a gift. Our family has begun doing this in lieu of Christmas and birthday gifts. These gifts give twice – once to the person receiving the gift and a second time to the scholarship recipient.

No amount of money is too small to make a difference.

Scholarship donation checks need to be made out to AAUW Loveland and sent to our Treasurer Teri Smith. In the memo portion of the check, the donor needs to write Scholarship Donation. Teri's mailing address is: 3007 Douglas Ave., Loveland 80538

Conversations with Authors

This will be our 14th annual Conversations with Authors Event. It will be held on September 27 from 9 to noon in the Devereaux Room in downtown Loveland and includes presentations by two authors – Bob West and Cynthia Swanson – and a breakfast. There will also be raffle baskets. There will be Save the Date bookmarks available at the picnic to give to friends. This fundraiser also goes to assist in providing college scholarships.

Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners

Lillian Evans from Thompson Valley High School will be attending the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She will be studying psychology with a goal of becoming a therapist. Her career choice is the result of having a dysfunctional and chaotic family. Lillian told us in her essay, "Attending college is a personal and purposeful decision. I want to turn my difficult past into something meaningful." She said in her application that getting accepted to UCCS felt like hope to her.

Loveland student Chelsea Kennedy will be attending the University of Connecticut. Chelsea's experiences in DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) have allowed her to compete at the state, national, and international levels. She plans to have

a career in marketing and communications. Chelsea told us that the women in her family are her role models. They have always worked hard and she finds it an honor to utilize her scholarship to join the fight for women's equality. She wants to help promote the mission of AAUW.

Grace Kinnison, from Mountain View High School, will attend Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. Her interests are health and exercise science nutrition, and athletic training. Twice she won the State Championship in the discus throw. She will be the first in her family to go to college. She recently attended an orientation for freshmen students, and she is very excited to have the opportunity to further her education.

Another Mountain View student, McKenna Odorizzi, is interested in becoming a surgeon. Knowing that this will take many years of schooling, McKenna has taken classes at Front Range to help her get a head start. In early June she completed the Medical Assistant and Certified Nurse Programs. With these two certifications she will be able to work in the medical field this summer and while attending the University of Minnesota where she will have two majors. Her majors will be biochemistry and Spanish.

Jessica Russell is a gifted artist and very smart young lady. As a senior at Berthoud High School, she received A's in Chemistry Honors and Pre Calculus Honors. Her specialty is drawing anatomically correct insects and bugs of all types. She adds humor to her drawings, too. The AP drawing portfolio Jessica submitted to the College Board received a perfect 5 rating. The University of Wyoming and its excellent fine arts program will be welcoming Jess in the fall. Jess feels that life is a bit like writing your own book and college will give her many blank pages to fill.

Fall Meeting

Our first meeting of the fall will be Monday, September 22 at 6 pm. **Note the new time.** More information about the meeting will be in the next newsletter.

Book Club

This meeting will be at the home of Karen Danbom, 2581 Mary Beth Drive, at 1 pm on September 8 (a week later than usual because of Labor Day). We will discuss any of the books by authors presenting at Conversations with Authors – Twenty Miles of Fences by Bob West and The Bookseller, The Glass Forest, and Anyone But Her.

Great Decisions

The Future of NATO and European Security will be led by Martha DiCicco at 10 am.

Thank You!

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