



BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Due: May 31, 2022

Branch:	AAUW Fort Collins Branch		
President:	Barb Slattenow	Date:	May 31, 2022

Education & Training

Addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women.

Goals:	<i>What goals did your branch set this year that are in alignment with this macro area of National's Strategic Plan? Please prioritize your list and indicate after each goal what the current status is (i.e. completed, % completed, estimated completion date, etc.).</i>
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Education and Training was our 1st Priority in AAUW's National Strategic Plan

1. Contacting staff in International Studies with the focus on international students. 100%
2. Contacting administration at Colorado State University to present updated information on how CSU is addressing the future of women's work in a post-pandemic university. 100%
3. Contacting staff at Poudre School District for updates for Language, Culture, and Equity. 100%
4. Continuing to reach out to Colorado State University and Front Range Community College Students to become AAUW E-Student Affiliates. 100%
5. Having an online scholarship application process for 2022-2023 on our branch website. Scholarships awarded June, 2022. 100%

Programs:	<i>Did you identify and/or hold any programs/activities/events that were in alignment with this macro area of National's Strategic Plan? If yes, please give a brief description of each and the date in which it was held/conducted.</i>
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1. Program on October 16 by Jaymee Woolhiser, Branch Member / Staff Member, Colorado State University International Studies. Opportunities for how our community can get involved in the international community at CSU.
2. Program on March 19 by Colorado State University President, Joyce McConnell. Presentation on how and why we must support women inviting the community to join her in creating a roadmap for their shared future: the Courageous Strategic Transformation of CSU.
3. Program on April 9 by Marlena Gross-Taylor, Staff Member of the Poudre School District's Superintendent Cabinet. Presentation on how PSD helps students of different backgrounds and cultures.
4. Sending newsletters letters to members, students, prospective members to attend in person or Zoom branch meetings/webinars at the state and national levels, August, 2021 to May, 2022. Register for Virtual Fall Leadership August 21, 2021 and Virtual Public Policy Day on February 5, 2022.
5. Our branch awards scholarships to 2022 High School Graduates enrolled at Colorado State University and Front Range Community College; Freshman/Sophomores at Front Range Community College; Juniors/Seniors enrolled at Colorado State University. In addition to the scholarships recipients will be given AAUW membership for AAUW National, AAUW Colorado, and AAUW Fort Collins Branch.

Economic Security
Ensuring livelihoods for women.

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Economic Security was our 2nd Priority in AAUW's Strategic Plan

1. Mental Health Awareness and need for fundraising in our community. 100%
2. Availability of a class for members to learn more on Mental Illness. 100%
3. Our community continuing needs to recover from the Pandemic. 100%

4. Our branch reaching out with donations and in volunteering in projects. 100%	
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carole Crain, an instructor of Mental Health First Aid for SummitStone Health Partners, presented on January 15 helping people understand and learn how to deal with people with a mental illness. Also available to do an 8-hour class dealing with Mental Illness that is an ongoing crisis in Larimer County. 2. Branch members were involved in matching fund for donations for the Food Bank for Larimer County; New Socks Drive for pre-school children to high school – and other projects to be continued in the community. 	
<p><u>Leadership</u> <i>Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities.</i></p>	
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<p>Leadership was our 4th Priority in AAUW's Strategic Plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encouraging members to register/attend Virtual Fall Leadership on August 21, 2021. 100% 2. Recap program at NCCWSL 2021. 100% 3. Research an outstanding woman of strength, courage, and resilience. 100% 4. Submit one name for 2022 Virtual NCCWSL May 24-26. 100% 5. Encouraged members to register/attend Virtual Public Policy Day. 100% 6. Encouraged members to register/attend 2022 Annual Business Meeting on April 22, 2022 and Virtual State Conference April 23, 2022. 100% 	
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1. Opportunity for all members to attend the Fall Leadership on August 21, 2021.
2. 2021 NCCWSL Presentation on September 18 by Leslie Schenk who represented our branch at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.
3. Program sharing on February 19 by Nancy Brown on Agnes Wright Spring. Agnes was writer, editor, golfer, a suffragette and the first woman to become historian of two states: Colorado and Wyoming.
4. Corinne Neustadter's name was submitted to represent our branch at the 2022 NCCWSL – Corinne was a scholarship recipient and an E-Student Affiliate of AAUW National, AAUW of Colorado, and AAUW Fort Collins Branch.
5. Positive number of members attending Public Policy Day on February 5, 2022.
6. Opportunity for members attending via Virtual AAUW of Colorado Annual Business Meeting and Virtual State Convention, April 22-23, 2022.

Governance & Sustainability

Ensuring the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW well into the future.

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Governance & Sustainability was our 3rd Priority in AAUW's Strategic Plan

1. Sustaining membership with the Pandemic – by Zoom with the challenge of members preferring not to use Zoom. We met September and October in person and held our Holiday Breakfast on December 18 in person. Keeping in touch with members that were not on Zoom. 100%
2. Maintaining and strengthening relationships with Colorado State University and Front Range Community College, Fort Collins with AAUW University / College Partner. 100%
3. Inviting first female African American graduate of Cornell to present on her work. 100%
4. Encouraging members to take action with AAUW's Two-Minute Activist and contacting legislators in Colorado. 100%

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1. All branch meetings with programs were in person or via Zoom – August, 2021 to May (June), 2022. Cards, notes, texting, emails to members who were not on Zoom – August, 2021 to May 2022 – response was positive and all waiting to be in person 2022-2023.
2. Presentation scheduled May 21 on June 4 by Madgetta Thornton Dungy on her work in national, state, and local community on behalf of students of color, women, the arts, and nonprofit agencies. Also included three pieces of her “Church Ladies” art exhibit.
3. Interest Groups – AAUW Book Group is active year round and new groups include:
 - Bi-Monthly Birthday Social Time
 - Happy Hour
 - Dinner Out
 - International Dinners
 - Taking Care of You
 - Bridge
4. AAUW University / College Partner fees were paid by Colorado State University and Front Range Community College for 2021-2022. Renewal is important for AAUW awareness.