



April 2011

## New Information

### Supporting the Women of Wal-Mart

AAUW showed our commitment to equity and to the women involved in the historic, LAF-supported case [Wal-Mart v. Dukes](#) not only by providing financial support to the lead plaintiffs and by signing an amicus brief but also by literally standing with them before and during the [U.S. Supreme Court hearing](#).

- On March 28, AAUW, with [Alliance for Justice](#), co-hosted a reception for the plaintiffs. It was well attended by community members, local AAUW members, and AAUW staff. Each of the five plaintiffs who attended expressed their gratitude to AAUW during their speeches and spent time talking with staff.
- On March 29, LAF Program Manager Holly Kearn attended part of the hearing, and AAUW co-led a rally of support for the women outside the courthouse. Photos of AAUW signs during the rally appeared in coverage of the case in dozens of media outlets.

Visit [the AAUW blog](#) to read Kearn's account of the events, watch a video clip of Betty Dukes, and view photos.

### Obama Administration Takes Action for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and You Can, Too

Last week the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights issued [guidelines](#) on sexual violence in schools. The guidelines make clear a school's obligation to prevent and respond to sexual violence under Title IX's provisions on sexual harassment. The department also recently announced that it is investigating a sexual harassment complaint by students at Yale University. AAUW's Lisa Maatz was interviewed by [Good Morning America](#) about the case. Download [AAUW's Campus Sexual Assault Program in a Box](#) to find out what you can do about campus sexual assault as an alumnus, AAUW member, student, faculty or staff member, or as a parent..

### LAF Conference Call

Join in a conference call Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 7 p.m. EDT for updates about case support and LAF Campus Outreach Grants and for programming ideas for 2011-12. Contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) to RSVP and receive the call information.

### International Anti-Street Harassment Day a Success

LAF Program Manager Holly Kearn organized the first [International Anti-Street Harassment Day](#), and on March 20, people all over the world challenged street harassment in their communities. In Washington, D.C., AAUW co-sponsored a [community safety audit](#). Learn more on the [Stop Street Harassment blog](#).

## Reminders

### Do You Know the Score?

Have you made your plans to use LAF's [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box](#) to investigate your local high school athletics programs? Jean Read, the sports equity chair for the AAUW San Jose (CA) Branch, talks about how easy it was to use this Program in a Box in an AAUW [YouTube video clip](#).

### Case Support

LAF is actively reviewing new case support applications. If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org). Recommendation forms are accepted on a rolling basis.

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation to LAF](#) to help balance the scales of justice for women.

