

LAF Express

Welcome to the latest edition of *LAF Express*, LAF's monthly e-update to keep our states and branches regularly informed on all the latest LAF activities, deadlines, and programming resources. If your branch or state has LAF news or programming ideas you would like to share, please e-mail the LAF program assistant, Joan Jupiter, at jupiterj@aauw.org. You can also read the [LAF Express archives](#) for past issues.

Watch Out for Next LAF Update

The fall 2007 issue of the [LAF Update](#) will be in your mail soon. Features include a special interview with the three Feather River College plaintiffs, options for fighting sexual harassment, and highlights from the success of the 2007 Plaintiff Travel Grants. Also included are case updates and new cases recently adopted by LAF.

LAF Staff Goes to Virginia Tech

On September 26, 2007, LAF Director Lauren Kamnik and LAF Program Manager Sarah Warbelow will be participating in a panel presentation on Title IX at Virginia Tech. Specifically, Kamnik and Warbelow will be discussing the past, present, and future of Title IX. LAF looks forward to this event and is proud to help this university celebrate the 35th anniversary of Title IX.

Plaintiff Travel Grants Due October 15

Attention state representatives! The deadline is fast approaching for LAF [Plaintiff Travel Grant](#) applications. Thanks to your generous support, the 2007 recipients of these grants raised over \$23,000 in contributions for LAF. If you are interested in having a plaintiff speak at your 2008 state convention, please complete your application by **October 15**. If you have any questions, please contact the LAF office at 202/785-7750 or laf@aauw.org.

LAF 25th Anniversary Pins Still Available

If you didn't have an opportunity to purchase your LAF 25th anniversary pin before the AAUW National Convention, don't worry—the LAF limited edition pin is still available. With a donation of \$250 or more, you will receive not only the platinum-colored pin featuring the 25th anniversary graphic but also the traditional LAF pin given to \$100-level donors. For further information on how to obtain your 25th anniversary pin, please contact the AAUW Development Office at 202/728-3307 or the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund at 202/785-7750.

LAF Celebrates Women in Transition Program and 20 Years of PIE!

LAF is proud to honor the Women in Transition (WIT) program at Charter Oak State College in Connecticut as our 2007 [Progress in Equity Award](#) winner. Program Coordinator Delores Bell says, "It is such an honor for the Women in Transition Program at Charter Oak State College to receive the AAUW 2007 Legal Advocacy Fund [PIE] Award and be recognized for its work in providing educational opportunities for women who are underserved. It has always been a goal of the program to ensure that low-income women are provided all the tools needed to complete their four-year degrees, which have positioned them for a more financially stable future as well as inspired many of them to continue their education to obtain professional degrees. It is exciting to receive the monetary award, as it will help us purchase new laptop computers as well as extended warranties for existing laptop computers."

LAF also awarded the 2007 honorable mention to the Leaders in Residence program at the University of Toledo in Ohio, where AAUW members of the local branch work hand in hand with the university on equity issues important to the community.

The PIE Award got its start at LAF in 1987. Stay tuned for updates and features on historical legacy of the Progress in Equity Award and the journey it has taken over the past 20 years, awarding as much as \$111,700 to 30 institutions across the United States to illustrate the ways programs that promote equity can make a difference.

