

LAF Express

What is the LAF Express?

As we ring in the New Year, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, a program of the AAUW Educational Foundation, is launching a monthly e-update to keep our states and branches regularly informed on all the latest LAF activities, deadlines, and programming resources. Of course, we would love to hear from you as well. Each month we will highlight a programming idea or best practice that will help in your efforts to increase LAF visibility and raise funds in your community. 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, or you may fax information to her attention at 202/463-7169.

LAF Celebrates 25 Years!

In the fall and winter editions of *LAF Update* (<http://www.aauw.org/laf/updates/index.cfm>), you may have noticed articles telling of LAF and its beginnings. These articles served to kickoff our year long celebration of LAF's 25th anniversary. Throughout this time you will see our special anniversary graphic, additional features, website updates (stay tuned for the LAF history timeline!), and memorabilia in celebration of LAF's achievements. If you would like to reprint these articles in your state or branch newsletter, please contact the LAF office and we can provide the text. You can also use the 25th anniversary graphic in your state and branch efforts; just download it from our website at http://www.aauw.org/member_center/newsletters/graphics.cfm.

➤ ***Call for LAF Memorabilia!***

LAF needs your help in gathering memorabilia to celebrate our 25th anniversary. If you have any pins, buttons, t-shirts, or awards predating 1995, *please* contact the LAF Program Assistant, Joan Jupiter at 202/785-7750 or via e-mail at jupiterj@aauw.org.

LAF Kicks Off Another PTG Season

Last year eleven AAUW conventions raised over \$21,000 for LAF through the PTG program. Thanks to those who submitted applications last October, LAF will be providing Plaintiff Travel Grants to nine AAUW conventions this year! Congratulations to Florida, Georgia, Kansas/Missouri, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, and Pennsylvania.

LAF Call for Progress in Equity Nominations – Deadline March 15

On November 16, LAF recognized the University of Michigan-Dearborn College Level Courses at Scott Correctional Facility for Women for its innovative work in advancing women's educational opportunities in a critically underserved population. LAF would like to continue its support of such valuable and innovative college/university programs. Please submit your PIE applications by **March 15**. For more information about the PIE awards, visit the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org/laf/pie/index.cfm>

