

# LAF Express

Welcome to the second 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. Of course, we would love to hear from you as well. 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](mailto:jupiterj@aauw.org), or you may fax information to her attention at 202/463-7169.

## ***LAF 25th Anniversary Pins Arriving Soon!***

You may have noticed recent updates on the LAF website celebrating our 25th anniversary. Here you can view [recent editions](#) of *LAF Update*, view and download our [25th anniversary graphic](#), and see additional features and website updates. Soon LAF will have its special 25th anniversary pin available! With a donation of \$250 or more, you get not only the special edition anniversary pin but also the traditional LAF pin given to our donors of \$100 or more. *That's two pins for one!* There are also other pin benefits associated with the LAF event at convention. If you would like more information, or to reprint any of the *LAF Update* articles in your state or branch newsletter, please contact the LAF office.

## ***LAF Plaintiffs in the News***

Recently, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has seen heavy media coverage because of two plaintiffs' cases. Michael Burch, former UC-Davis head wrestling coach, settled his case with the UC Regents last week for \$725,000. New plaintiff Robin Potera-Haskins is suing Montana State University for sex discrimination and retaliation for complaining about sex discrimination.

Read more about [Michael Burch's case](#). Read more about [Robin Potera-Haskin's case](#).

### ➤ **Michael Burch**

Burch's settlement made the news across the country, in papers and on TV stations in California, Texas, Illinois, Washington, D.C., and Rhode Island. Here are some coverage highlights:

- [San Francisco Chronicle](#)
- [Davis Enterprise](#)
- [Sacramento Bee](#)

More than **2 million** people nationwide read about Burch's settlement, and still more heard about it on TV!

### ➤ **Robin Potera-Haskins**

AAUW recently distributed a press release announcing its support for Potera-Haskins' case against Montana State University. The story received good coverage as well. Here are some highlights:

- [Times Leader](#) (Wilkes Barre, PA)
- [Women's eNews](#)
- [Coaching Women's Basketball](#) (link unavailable)

We expect to see increased coverage with new developments in her case.

To read more about AAUW in the News, visit [the newsroom](#).

## ***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 watch your e-mail and mailboxes for announcements about the 2007 PIE application deadline.** Remember to submit your PIE applications by **March 15**. For more information about the PIE awards, visit the AAUW website at [www.aauw.org/laf/pie](http://www.aauw.org/laf/pie).

## ***LAF Announces Plaintiffs for the 2007 PTG Season***

Thanks to those who submitted applications last October, LAF will be providing Plaintiff Travel Grants to nine AAUW conventions this year: Florida, Georgia, Kansas/Missouri, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, and Pennsylvania!

