

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. 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, or you may fax information to her attention at 202/463-7169.

LAF Adopts Two Plaintiffs

Michele Jaureguito and L.W. brought separate claims against Feather River Community College in California after experiencing sex discrimination. Jaureguito, former director of the Upward Bound/Talent Search program, was retaliated against after she made formal complaints that a staff member was sexually harassing teenaged program participants and giving them alcohol. L.W., former head coach and faculty member, was wrongfully terminated after voicing concerns that the college discriminated against women in the way it funded, selected, hired, and compensated coaches for women's athletics. Read more about their [cases](#).

Don't Forget Your LAF 25th Anniversary Pin for Convention!

The LAF 25th anniversary pin is now available! With a donation of \$250 or more, you receive not only the special edition anniversary pin but also the traditional LAF pin given to our donors of \$100 or more. Purchase the anniversary pin and a ticket to the LAF awards dinner at the [2007 AAUW convention](#) in Phoenix, Arizona, and you'll receive VIP access to meet our Speaking Out for Justice awardees, as well as our featured LAF plaintiff, Claire Schuster (*Schuster v. Berea College*). This year's Speaking Out for Justice awardees are Laura Leedy Gansler and Clara Bingham, authors of the book *Class Action: The Story of Lois Jensen and the Landmark Case That Changed Sexual Harassment Law*. See you at convention!

Nine Progress in Equity Nominations Received

On March 15, LAF closed the book on nomination submissions for the 2007 PIE Award. We received applications from sea to shining sea—from Connecticut to Oregon, Massachusetts to Utah, and several states in between. LAF would like to thank all those who submitted nominations. Read about past winners and learn more about the program by visiting the [Progress in Equity Award](#) page on the AAUW website.

AAUW Builds on Programmatic Theme: New One-Pager for 2007

In April 2005, the AAUW Educational Foundation and the Association boards voted to approve a programmatic theme for AAUW: Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security. This theme, in which LAF programming plays an important role, represents a shared commitment by both entities to build a coordinated, collaborative, and contemporary portfolio of AAUW programs that will serve the mission of AAUW. The programs are designed to support and engage members and prospective members and, in the process, move the organization forward in a focused and strategic manner. A new, [one-page document](#) provides theme highlights.

AAUW in Berkeley Labor Law Journal

AAUW was mentioned in the most recent version of the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*, a publication from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. The essay, "Standing in the Gap: A Profile of Employment Discrimination Plaintiffs," follows the stories of discrimination plaintiffs, including Vickie Dugan, a former AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund-supported plaintiff. AAUW is mentioned as one of the few organizations that provide aid and support to victims of employment discrimination. Kudos to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund and its supporters for all the work they have done and continue to do! For more information, visit the [AAUW newsroom](#).

AAUW and NASPA Partner on National Student Leadership Conference

The [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#), which will take place June 7–9, 2007, at American University in Washington, D.C., is presented by AAUW's Leadership and Training Institute in partnership with NASPA's Center for Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development for Women. Themed "Leadership for Today and Tomorrow," the conference will provide women students with opportunities to build leadership, advocacy, networking, financial management, and other skills. Read AAUW's [press release](#) about our partnership with NASPA.

[See highlights](#) from the 2006 conference.

