

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, or you may fax information to her attention at 202/463-7169. You can also read the [LAF Express archives](#) for past issues.

North Country Comes to the AAUW Convention

At the [2007 AAUW convention](#) in Phoenix, LAF will be hosting a *free* movie night on Saturday, June 30, featuring the widely acclaimed film *North Country*. The film is being shown in conjunction with LAF's Speaking Out for Justice Award, which this year honors 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*. This book, which will be available at convention in the AAUW Book Corner, served as the basis for the movie.

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, 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*). See you at convention!

Plaintiff Travel Grants at State Conventions Are a Huge Success!

This year, LAF awarded ten [Plaintiff Travel Grants](#) to AAUW state conventions across the country. From New York to North Dakota and from Maryland to Texas, LAF-supported plaintiffs teamed up with local AAUW members to help spread the word and raise awareness for LAF. New York raised over \$7,100! Florida raised nearly \$3,000! It's wonderful what can happen when everyone pulls together for one mission. We couldn't have done it without you! And LAF plaintiffs appreciated the opportunity to meet members as well. This comment from plaintiff Robin Potera-Haskins, who visited North Dakota, says it all: "It was an *outstanding experience*. It was so wonderful to have so much support. It is so needed during this difficult time. ... They treated me like family—I truly enjoyed everything. AAUW exceeds your expectations and makes it a lifetime memory, 'because equity is still an issue.'"

AAUW Lends Voice to Equal Pay on Capitol Hill

On April 24, AAUW joined U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), sponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act, on Capitol Hill to present testimony to the House Education and Labor Committee at a hearing on Equal Pay Day. DeLauro's Paycheck Fairness Act would close some key loopholes in existing law and reinstate the Equal Pay Initiative—which was eliminated by the Bush Administration in 2002—in order to level the playing field between men and women. "The persistence of the pay gap among young, college-educated, full-time workers suggests that educational achievement alone will not close the pay gap," Catherine Hill, Research Director of AAUW, said in her testimony. "We need to make workplaces more family-friendly, reduce sex segregation in education and in the workplace, and combat discrimination that continues to hold women back in the workplace." For more information about AAUW's new research report, *Behind the Pay Gap*, and AAUW's testimony on Equal Pay Day, visit the [AAUW newsroom](#).

Spring 2007 LAF Update Mailed

Check out the [latest edition of LAF Update](#) for articles, information, and case updates. This issue features an article on coaches as the protectors of Title IX, a recap of the 2006 PIE awards ceremony (including some personal thoughts from an AAUW Educational Foundation board member who toured the prison where the winning program was implemented), and an article on a wonderful campus outreach program in New York.

AAUW Hosts 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. It's not too late for AAUW branches to send a student or provide a scholarship! For more information, please contact Laura McCulty Stepp at 202/728-9041 or lmstepp@aauw.org.

