

AAUW NYS C/U Report by Maria Ellis, MBA
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We continue to promote education and pay equity for women and girls and have provided our C/U members with resources to identify best practices for promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within our organization. **Please see attached our C/U roster.**

The global women CSOs' major event CSW67 & NGO CSW67 took place from the 6th to the 17th of March 2023 in New York City. The primary theme of "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls." The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. A functional Commission of the UN Economic and Social Council, the CSW is instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women. Click on the links below for more information about advocacy tools.

<https://ngocsw.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/NGO-CSW67-Advocacy-Toolkit-final.pdf>

On March 4, 2023, we enjoyed another successful "Girls for STEM Conference" organized by the Empire State NYC Branch and the Westchester Branch at College of Mount Saint Vincent, **one of our C/U Partners in Bronx, NY.** Students were able to select four choices from a variety of fun workshops and will be assigned two of their choices. Some of the workshops included:

Slime Therapy

Making slime is extremely fascinating and stress-relieving for everyone, but you may not be familiar with basic slime science. Slime is all about polymers just like Jell-O or plastic soda bottles. First you will make colorful slime and then squeeze, stretch, fold, or poke your slime. Making slime is a soothing, aromatic, and therapeutic experience.

Yelda Balkir, PhD, Associate Professor, Chair of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Manhattan College

From Idea to Patient's IV to CURE!

How are elements combined in the right ways to create medicines that actually work to treat diseases? Who volunteers for and performs safety testing? Where does all the "stuff" come from (tubes, needles, pumps) to make sure patients get medicines in the right way? We will quickly explore the roles of the following: Molecular Scientists/chemical studies, Animal Studies (sometimes!), Clinical Researchers: Phases III-IV (from patient scheduler to Principal.

Erin Colarusso, Senior Research Manager for Pharmaceutical Companies

Liquid Candy

Ever wonder what's the big deal about drinking soda? After all, you only live once, right? Might as well have a little fun! Come learn about added sugars in drinks like soda. We will discuss how added sugars in drinks affect the body, what you might want to think about when choosing

a drink for your health, things to consider when deciding policy, how you can make a difference, and how policy can impact larger society.

Jen Cadenhead, PhD, RDN, Executive Director, Tisch Food Center Research, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Health and Behavioral Sciences

Crafting With Circuits

Learn the basics of circuits: voltage, current, resistance, and power. Then learn how the design of your circuit can influence these factors. Practice what you've learned by designing your own light-up card that you'll be able to take home with you.

Emily Evans, Electrical and Data Engineer; Sonica Saraf, NYU PhD Student in Neuroscience

Make Your Own Website!

Girls will learn the basics of making a website: Getting text on a page, styling it, and making it interactive.

Sammi Caby, Senior Software Engineer, Climb Credit

Grow Fish!

See how zebrafish grow from embryos to adults. You will learn how human development is similar to fish development and that by studying fish we can learn about ourselves. Due to special optical clarity of zebrafish embryos, you will literally see how dominant and recessive genes shape the fish's future and how scientists make new discoveries.

Rena Orman, PhD, Research Associate Professor, Downstate Health Sciences University

Lipstick Chromatography Lab

In this chemistry lab, we will use forensic science to solve a crime. The technique of thin layer chromatography will be used to compare some lipstick found at a crime scene with the lipstick from multiple suspects. By comparing the different chromatograms, we will identify which of the suspects was present at the scene and find the killer!

Patricia Gonzalez Periche, PhD, Doctoral Lecturer, Chemistry Department, Lehman College

We enjoyed a very successful **AAUW NYS Celebration of College Women Presidents** on Saturday, April 8th from 9:15 am to 12 noon. The Welcome remarks were made by Carol Griffith, AAUW NYS President and Tiffany Sanchez, AAUW Vice President of Programs and Fellowships. Presentations were made by Maria Ellis, AAUW NYS College & University Director & Jessica Sims, AAUW American Fellow, Empire NYC Branch, Communications & Visibility Co-Director. We enjoyed listening to the Q&A from two College Women Presidents panels. The panel leaders were Kimberly Edgar, AAUW NYS Ithaca Branch President and Carol Griffith, AAUW NYS President. The closing remarks were by Estelle Kone, AAUW International Fellow. The following College Presidents participated in this educational and fun program: Dr. Amy Kremenek, President of Tompkins Cortland Community College; Dr. Kristine D. Duffy, President of Adirondack Community College; Mary C. Toale, Officer-in-charge, SUNY Oswego; Dr. Denise A. Battles, President, SUNY Geneseo; Dr. Katherine S. Conway-Turner, President Buffalo State College; Dr. Lisa Vollendorf, President SUNY Empire State College at Buffalo and Dr. Alison Buckley, Ed.D., President, SUNY Ulster. **See attached the College Women Celebration program.**

Also, enclosed is the resume and the thank you letter from the recipient of the NCCWSL award, Klaudia Krutekova, a junior at UDC. Finally, I want to like to thank everyone, C/U Partners and AAUW NYS members who participated in such educational and activities through the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2023.

Kindest Regards,

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