



## You're Invited!

To the September Meeting  
of the Bellingham Branch  
of  
The American Association of  
University Women

**Faythe Duran**  
Graduate Student  
Department of Environmental  
Science,  
Western Washington University,  
will speak on  
"A Journey through School,  
Society and Science"  
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### Also

Our Bellingham Branch  
**2016 Tech Trekkers:**  
Calista Cronck Jasmine Miller  
Huyen Le Mei Li Personius  
Will present a Powerpoint of their  
experiences at summer science  
camp

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10  
Bellingham YWCA  
1026 North Forest Street

## September speakers will renew your faith in the future

—News stories of extreme weather  
patterns, due to global warming....  
—News stories about inadequate  
schools....

If these have been bringing you down, our  
September 10th speakers will renew your  
faith in the future, as well as get you  
thinking about our AAUW mission of  
education.

**Faythe Duran** is studying for her master's  
degree at Western, and she has a  
compelling story of hard work and  
determination. When she was 10 years  
old, her father passed away, leaving her  
high school educated mother as sole  
caretaker for Faythe and her brother.  
"I yearned to explore beyond the horizon,  
to be a scientist, to experience the world  
differently from my parents or peers,"  
Faythe writes.

"I began working as a fast food carhop  
while in high school. I would go to school,  
followed by soccer or track practice, and  
then off to Sonic to work until closing at  
midnight. I would go home, do homework,  
sleep, and repeat. My hard work paid off: I  
was able to help financially support my  
family, break my high school's 400 meter  
dash record, and win the Dorrance  
Scholarship.

"The Dorrance Scholarship provides  
selected first generation college students in  
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## September speakers

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Arizona with an annual \$10,000 for tuition, well designed summer programs, and travel abroad and professional development stipends. Being selected as a Dorrance Scholar completely changed my life. I graduated from Northern Arizona University, a feat which no other member of my immediate or extended family has accomplished.

"The last semester of my undergraduate career was spent in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, as a soil science intern. I gathered baseline soil characteristic data for the new pilot site in Tierra del Fuego, as part of a long term nationwide desertification monitoring initiative. My undergraduate experiences have taught me to work independently as well as collaboratively. By attaining a graduate degree, I aspire to pursue a career in natural resource management and research. This education will be of value to the global scientific community in the coming decades, as climate change becomes an ever more pressing issue... Moreover, I hope to encourage more minority women to chase their educational goals and bring their unique perspectives to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics."

Our four **Tech Trek scholarship recipients** for this past summer will talk about their experiences at the week-long STEM camp at Pacific Lutheran University. They are all beginning eighth grade this school year: **Calista Cronck**, **Mei Li Personius** and **Jasmine Miller** all attend Kulshan Middle School, while **Huyen Le** attends Fairhaven Middle School.



## Interest Groups

### *And then there were two.....*

"The Bookies" are officially disbanded, according to a note from Barb Craig.

***We are down to only two interest groups***, and that is a shame. In the past, we've had a dinner club, a walking group, a group studying simplicity, and more. Anyone interested in starting something up again? Or do you have a different idea? Feel free to bring ideas to any Board member, or to a general meeting.

**Adelante! Book Club** meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon on the fourth Thursday. The September 22nd book will be *Ladies of Managua*, by Eleni N. Gage. Review leader is Jane Morgan. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.

### **Reel Movie Lovers**

We meet for a matinee on the third Sunday of each month. Bellingham Branch members will be notified of the exact movie, time, and location for the get-together in an email the week before the showing. Save the date if you are interested, and *feel free to offer suggestions on something you would like to see*. Contact: Liz Wright, 671-5518.

*Mark your calendar for the  
October Membership Luncheon*



For a chance to really sit and chat, please join us at The Hearthfire Grill for our October meeting, Oct. 8. The time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will have a special guest, new Washington State AAUW President Judy Prince. The restaurant is located at 7 Bellwether Way, on the Bellingham waterfront. Please RSVP to Helene Berg-Kolin, 360-392-8856.

**Help recruit new members  
for our Branch!**

Are you aware of the Shape the Future membership campaign? This is a recruitment tool for current members to offer a discounted rate to prospective members.

With this campaign, new members and students can take 50 percent off the national and state dues rates when they join on the spot during an AAUW public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of five free memberships annually.

Ask Branch President Susan Moen for more information.

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**Reminder:**

Bellingham Branch requests a \$5 donation from members at each regular meeting, to help defray cost of the meeting room.

**Thank you!**

## Welcome!

Bellingham AAUW offers scholarships and supports numerous programs which help women and girls gain equity in all areas of life.

Anyone possessing a four-year bachelor's degree or a two-year associate's degree is welcome to become a member.

## Try to wrap your brain around this -

*I know* it is hard to think so far ahead, but we must: **Our biggest annual fund-raiser - our holiday wreath sale - is already in the planning stages.**

Due to popular demand, we will get an early start, so that wreaths can be delivered before Thanksgiving.

We will have some firm dates for the campaign at our September meeting.

—Gwen Parker



## Pledge to Register for the 2017 AAUW National Convention

Registration doesn't open until October 1, but you can prepare to attend the 2017 AAUW National Convention right now. **Sign the pledge** below and get ready to connect, renew, and explore with AAUW as we take the nation's capital by storm from June 14–17, 2017!

**What's in it for you?** Pledging will make your registration process a breeze. Once **registration** opens, we'll send you an e-mail reminder with all the details you'll need.

**Best of all, you'll be entered to win a free registration!**

**Here's how to enter for your chance to win:**

- 1 Pledge to register** for the 2017 AAUW National Convention below.
- 2 Spread the word.** After you pledge, ask your friends and fellow AAUW members to join you in Washington, D.C.
- 3** When **registration opens October 1**, **complete your registration** before the best value rate expires on January 14.

It's that easy.

## Happy September Birthdays

Margo Hammond 3rd

Lila Brumback 20th

Catherine Chambers 12th

Michelle Kopcha 29th