



**College & University Report by Maria Ellis, C/U Director
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- 1. Shortly after being appointed the AAUW NYS College & University Director by AAUW NYS President, Edwina Martin in the Summer 2015, I contacted and invited our College & University (C/U) Partners to participate in AAUW's C/U webinars organized in the Fall by Kristin Lang, AAUW College/University Relations Manager. The participating C/U Partners learned a) the basics of AAUW and C/U partner membership; b) the expectations of C/U representatives; and c) heard AAUW updates for 2015-16. See attached the list of our 58 C/U Partners throughout NYS.**
- 2. I am grateful for the opportunity of being part of the AAUW NYS 2016 Convention Planning Committee. I have had the opportunity to organize the "Race to the Suffrage" Convention workshop with Nancy Mion; as well the Student Track with Betty Preble, Edwina Martin, Janice Brown, Lucienne Nicholson and other board members. I am happy to report that Dean Nada Anid from the New York Institute of Technology is our key note speaker. Dean Nada Marie Anid, Ph.D., the first female dean of NYIT's School of Engineering and Computing Sciences (SoECS). In this role, Dean Anid oversees 77 engineering and computing sciences faculty members and approximately 1,700 graduate and under-graduate students at campuses located in Manhattan and Old Westbury, N.Y., the Middle East, and China.**

- 3. One of my most significant accomplishments as your C/D Director has been the ability to work with a number of Colleges and Universities such as Barnard College, CUNY and NYIT in the NYC area and as a result to be able identify and have AAUW NYS Board approved in our Fall 2015 board meeting, our 1st Student Advisory Board Member, Michelle Messenger, a senior Engineering student at the New York Institute of Technology in Manhattan. AAUW NYS Board will be able to hear and consider a young women's perspective in upcoming board meetings.**

- 4. Another great highlight was the opportunity to participate in the New York Stock Exchange Opening Bell on Wednesday March 30, 2016. In addition to seeing with Linda Hallman, CEO and Patricia Ho, President, we also had an opportunity to meet some of AAUW's corporate sponsors such as Verizon, Symantec, Morgan Stanley amongst others.**

- 5. I also participated in the AAUW Fellowship & Grants Dinner held at the Harvard Club in NYC on March 16, 2016. Congrats and special recognition to Janice Brown and Edwina Martin, Melissa Guardaro, Laura Blyler, Gloria Blackwell as well as the American Fellowships, Career Development Grants, Community Action Grant and International Fellowships recipients. This was a great example of collaboration amongst AAUW local & state members and national staff.**

- 6. Finally, I am looking forward to our Start Smart Workshop & a Career Fair being held at the New York Institute of Technology on Friday, April 22, 2016. We are very pleased with the progress we have made with the NYIT, a newly developed C/U relationship, and a great example of the kind of work that can be achieve with our C/U Partners.**