

AAUW-NYS State of the State BINGO

Similar to the State of the Union address delivered by the president every year (January 20 this year), the New York State governor annually delivers a State of the State address at the start of the legislative session. This address provides New York residents with a report on our state and the governor's vision for the future - **which is why it is so important that we as New York State constituents and AAUW members pay close attention to what the governor outlines as his top priorities for 2015.**

We hope the governor will make good on his promises to upgrade NY laws for women and their families, promote equity in the workplace, provide the appropriate funding and supports to ensure that EVERY New York student receives a high-quality education, and much more.

[Watch or listen](#) to Governor Andrew Cuomo as he delivers his 2015 State of the State address live from the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany on Wednesday, January 21, at 1:30 p.m. Follow along with AAUW-NYS's State of the State BINGO Card, which highlights our policy priorities for the coming year.

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Early Childhood Education	Domestic Violence	Higher Education	Women's Equality Agenda	STEM Education
Sexual Harassment	Employment Discrimination	Child Care Access	Sexual Assault on Campus	Anti-Bullying/ Safe Schools
Affordable Health Care	Economic Empowerment	WOMEN And FAMILIES	Equal Pay	Middle Class
Common Core Resources	Reproductive Health	Restore Public School Funding	Paid Family Leave	Low Income
Voter Rights	Pregnancy Discrimination	Workforce Training	Increase Minimum Wage	Human Trafficking

Every time the governor mentions one of the key phrases on the BINGO Card, put a tally in that space on the card. Remember: he may use several of these phrases more than once – that's a good thing! Put a new tally in the space each time he mentions that key phrase, and let's see how many of our policy priorities overlap with the governor's agenda.

At the conclusion of the State of the State address, add up the governor's BINGO score. Here's how:

Outer Ring (blue) is worth 1 point per mention

Inner Ring (red) is worth 3 points per mention

Center (green) is worth 2 points per mention

Scoring: <50 points = D; 50-60 points = C; 60-75 = B-; 75-85 = B-; 85-95 = A-; 95-100 = A

AAUW-NYS will [tweet](#) about the State of the State and release a public statement afterward to announce the governor's "official score" and let him and the general public know how his address stacks up against what New York women and families need. We hope you'll do the same.

Then, keep an eye on your inbox later in the week for an action alert asking YOU to contact the governor about his 2015 policy agenda. We hope you will take two minutes to share your thoughts with the governor on behalf of AAUW-NYS.

Be sure to SHARE your Tweets, Facebook posts, letters to the editor (LTEs), and letters to the governor with us. There are several ways to do this:

1. Complete a [Report Back Form](#) with the pertinent information (it just takes 2 minutes)
2. Include @AAUWNY and @AAUWPolicy in your Tweets so we can help you spread the word
3. Like us at [AAUW](#) and [AAUW-NYS](#) on Facebook and share your message on our Facebook walls
4. Share your advocacy efforts via your branch's newsletter and AAUW-NYS's quarterly newsletter FOCUS.
5. [E-mail](#) your questions to AAUW-NYS - we can help!

Don't forget to tune into your local TV network or watch the [live-stream video](#) of the governor's State of the State address on January 21 at 1:30 p.m. Let's see if the governor can get an "A" in [BINGO](#)!