

# SANDSCRIPT



MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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## November 17, 2021, Branch Meeting Spreading STEM Fun at Virginia Wesleyan!

6:30 socialize (virtual)

7:00 Meeting

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88906573456?pwd=NSsrMUUpnNHVnMGgvVzhhWUowMnEwZz09>

This should take you straight to our meeting, but sometimes (this is a mystery), Zoom will ask for this information:

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JOIN

Elizabeth Malcolm, Professor of Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences and Director of Sustainability at Virginia Wesleyan University, will highlight some of the ways that Virginia Wesleyan University (VWU) encourages women to study science. Virginia Wesleyan University, a liberal arts college, prides itself on providing small classes and faculty mentoring to a diverse undergraduate population. Currently 59% of our students are women, 26% are Black or African American, and 12% identify as Hispanic. In the Joan P. Brock School of Mathematics and Natural Science, 62% of faculty are women. Elizabeth will discuss programs such as the VWU Environmental Institute, which brings rising 9th grade girls to campus for a summer research program, the Downstream Collaborative which brings elementary aged students to campus for environmental science activities, and the Batten Honors College which provides funding and study away experiences for 40 incoming first year students. She will also discuss her experiences mentoring research students in projects ranging from a citizen science campaign measuring the urban heat island to measurements of mercury in bottlenose dolphins.

Dr. Elizabeth Malcolm is a Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the Director of Sustainability at Virginia Wesleyan University. She received her B.A. in Environmental Science from Earlham College and her Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science from the University of Michigan's College of Engineering. Before joining the faculty at Virginia Wesleyan, she was a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Princeton University in the Department of Geosciences. Her research primarily focuses on the environmental transport and chemistry of pollution, particularly mercury and trace metals.



*Providing women and girls waves of support in Virginia Beach*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we are working hard to support an organization which is seeking to make the world a more equitable place for women and girls, it is nice to see a sign that the work creates results. The post below is on the Facebook page of A Mighty Girl, and I am so impressed with what this young girl has put together for Halloween. I would like to think that the STEM programs that our branch worked so hard to put together may have encouraged some girls to pursue careers in fields they would not ordinarily consider. Is it possible that national AAUW provides the torch, our branch provides the spark, and this younger generation carries the flame?

*Jeanette*

For day 5 of our annual 10-day Mighty Girl Halloween Costume Countdown, we present this Mighty Girl astronaut and her homemade Mars Perseverance Rover! As her mother wrote, "Priya has wanted to be an astronaut since age 4."



## AAUW FACTS

I have been asked to write a short article on the history of AAUW as we celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of AAUW on November 28.

- Seventeen women college graduates met at Massachusetts Institute of Technology on November 28, 1881, where they voted to organize an association of women college graduates. After inviting others like themselves to join them and 65 responded, the Association of College Alumnae was formed on January 14, 1882. Members paid an annual dues of \$.50.
- The first fellowship of \$350 was awarded to Ida M. Street in 1887. A Vassar graduate, she used the money to do research at the University of Michigan.

Neola Waller

## Pennies for Prescriptions

As most of you know our Pennies for Prescription outreach program now supports the efforts of the Beach Free Clinic. Our small but steady donations help the less fortunate in our community to stay on their medication. Since Covid—19 has us meeting via zoom, we have been unable to have our monthly meeting collections. So we are asking if you had change you were planning to donate—could you count it out and mail a check to our treasurer, Tammie Rice at 1010 Barnacle Court, VB 23451. Make all checks payable to AAUW. By making a difference in the community, everyone wins! Thanks in advance your help.



# Members Matter

Greetings AAUW Virginia Beach! We hope you and yours are doing well. Halloween has passed and now we look forward to Thanksgiving and so many other celebrations.

We Zoomed into our October branch meeting for an excellent introduction to the delegate candidates for the Virginia Beach Districts. Each candidate was given an allotted amount of time to tell us what was most important regarding his/her campaign. Not all could attend, but we did have at least one for every district. Thanks to Sally D for bringing us an excellent, informative, and very practical program.

We welcome Janie Brazier, a new member this month. She has been a member at large and has now joined our branch. Also, welcome back to Dana Henning, who took a few years off from AAUW. If you have friends that you think would enjoy our branch, please invite them to zoom in with us this month.

Would you be interested in going to lunch with a new member? We thought it would be fun to invite a new member out for lunch and include another member or two with either Kathleen or Sally P. Just a casual get together to share ideas, expectations and a good meal. If you are interested in joining in, let us know.

See you soon on Zoom!

Questions? Call your Co-VP's of Membership:

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Sally Pattison-Cisna: [pattisonsj@gmail.com/757-374-8527](mailto:pattisonsj@gmail.com/757-374-8527)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ginny Werner: November 8

Linda Love: November 14



## Two-Minute Activist

Send emails and texts to your legislators to fight for equal pay, family leave, stopping sexual harassment, equality in education and more. Sign up to get regular alerts to be able to take timely action.

Click [here](#) to sign up today!





## Help integrate our AAUW missions

1. to educate
2. To advocate for diversity for indigenous, brown, and black children.

Thanks, to member Chris Medlin for suggesting this **component of our donations to REACH during the holidays**. Chris proposed that AAUW VB continue our book donations to REACH/Reading Enriches All Children Hampton Roads: <https://www.reachreads.org/> with a bit more depth. Chris pointed out *that non-white children often express a desire to find a story with characters who look like them*. We can help with that. Let us provide these children books about indigenous, brown, or black children or books written by indigenous, brown or black authors. REACH not only reads to children but, also, gives each child a book. The books we donate will give an indigenous, brown, or black child a book with characters who look like them!

Please, follow the steps below to fulfill these children's wishes while, also, improving and continuing AAUW VB's missions to educate and advocate for diversity:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governancetools/aauws-diversity-statement/>.

- Use **the instructions in this SandScript issue to order** books with the **Amazon site for AAUW**. This way, AAUW National receives a percentage of our sales. Of course, books from other sources are welcome, too.
- Visit one of the websites below to choose a book...or more! Click/Control or copy into your browser. **Feel free to choose used books** with ratings at good or good as new which, we hope, may allow you to buy more books.
- Have your books **delivered to Sally Pattison-Cisna**, 649 E. Coral Key, Virginia Beach, VA, 23452. She will deliver them to REACH. **Questions?** Call her at 757.340.2829 or email her at [pattisonsj@gmail.com](mailto:pattisonsj@gmail.com).

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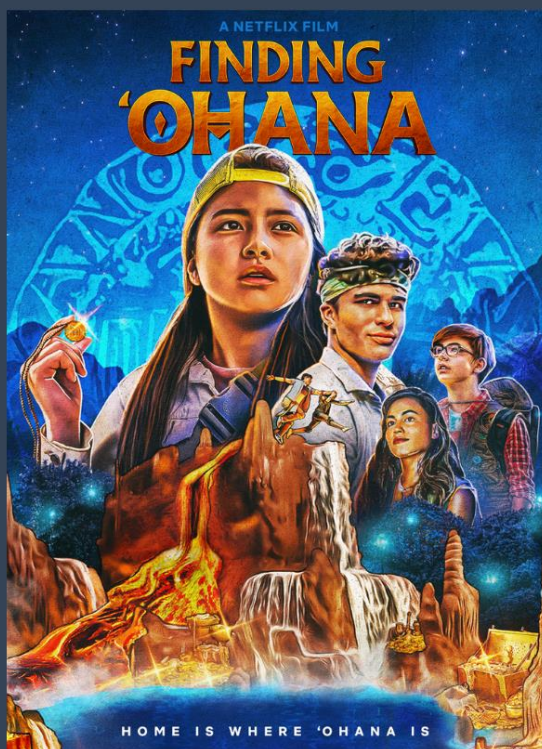


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**AAUW VIRGINIA BEACH BRANCH  
PRESENTS**

# **ZOOM MOVIE SISTERS**

**SATURDAY, NOV 20TH | 3:00 PM  
ON ZOOM**





# Let's Talk Christmas!

I know, I know...Halloween is just over, and the Thanksgiving turkey is still frozen!

But, **The Christmas Season** will be here before we know it.  
And, AAUW—VB is getting ready!

## Announcing our 2<sup>nd</sup> Zoom Christmas Get Together!

Bring your lunch and Christmas goodies to your computer and join in the fun!

**When:** Saturday, December 11  
11:30 – 1:00

**Where:** In your comfy home.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88906573456?pwd=NSsrMUlnNHVnMGgvVzhhWUowMnEwZz09>

**What to expect:** Fun and Frivolity!

There will be **FABULOUS** prizes for the winners of our games

**PLUS** special fabulous prizes for:

The best holiday sweater

The most creatively festive headwear

The best lunch creations (you'll have to sell the members on the taste—but much of the point value will be on the festive presentation!

The story of the worst Christmas present you've ever received!

## You don't want to miss this, and we don't want to miss you!

## January Branch Meeting



In January, AAUW of Virginia will host a statewide zoom meeting on Inclusive Spaces. This will take the place of our regular January meeting. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 11:30am. They have secured three panelists from across the state, please be on the lookout for emails with the logon information.

## Save the Date



# AAUW Virginia Beach

## July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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