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MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

In lieu of our usual January meeting (which would have been on January 19), we will join AAUW Virginia in a Zoom meeting on Saturday, January 22. Details to the right. Please make a note of this change on your 2022 calendar and join us. Our next branch meeting will be February 16.

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Let's learn more about Creating Inclusive Spaces!

Join AAUW-Virginia in a Zoomed Meeting Saturday, January 22, 2022
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

[Zoom Link](#)

Put this on your calendar now!



These esteemed panelists will discuss *How to Create Inclusive Spaces*.

Krysta Jones

Krysta Jones has committed her life to public service, developing leaders, and changing lives. In 2021 she helped organize the Leadership Center for Excellence racial equity listening sessions and statewide summit designed to highlight successful programming and strategize about how to achieve racial equity in Virginia.

Krysta successfully represented two associations for eight years as a registered lobbyist, advocating for women's and socio-economic status issues, and served as the Director of Outreach for two Members of Congress. Krysta is a member of the Arlington, Virginia branch of AAUW.

Somya Dwivedi-Burks, Ph.D.

Dr. Dwivedi-Burks has thrived in the intersection of learning, facilitation and, designing inclusive experiences. As a principal consultant of Somya Trains LLC, Somya has helped teams to move beyond the perspective of "training for awareness" and provided results for building inclusion through cultural intelligence. Somya is a learning professional who works in the space of designing experiences for organizations. Her experience as an immigrant and non-white woman catalyzed her learning journey and built her passion to work in the DEI space. She is a practitioner of inclusion and building spaces to encourage thinking and developing mutual growth.

Somya lives in the Virginia Beach area and has been a member of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities Tidewater Chapter since 2018.

Jonathan Zur

Jonathan C. Zur is President & CEO of the [Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities](#) (VCIC), an organization that works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success through inclusion.

An experienced facilitator and consultant on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, Jonathan was appointed by the Governor of Virginia to the Commonwealth Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, formed in the aftermath of the tragedy in Charlottesville in August 2017.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

Click the [ZOOM LINK](#) to join the program on January 22, 2022.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the year 2022. Let's recommit in the new year to working on issues which are important to our lives. Let's not forget the hard work it has taken to secure rights for women over the years. We are going to have to stay alert to keep those rights from being stripped away over the coming years, and we will need to fight to put new policies in place to support the advancement of women. Be proactive when it comes to local and national leaders, and reach out and let your voice be heard with the Two-Minute Activist. We can no longer afford to be passive when our rights are being threatened.

On a lighter note, the link provided here is to an interesting blog post from A Mighty Girl with an article entitled "[The 2021 Mighty Women Reading List for Adults](#)" which provides a short synopsis on books about "smart, confident and courageous girls and women." There is bound to be something on the list to interest everyone. If you read a book which you find particularly fascinating, please feel free to provide a mini report for the newsletter.

Please reach out if you have trouble signing up for webinars or Zoom meetings. We are happy to assist you. I'm looking forward to seeing you in the new year.

Jeanette

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

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.



9 AAUWers met in December for our annual holiday party. However, those nine had a great time schmoozing with one another and then playing some festive games involving the holiday season (how many winter holidays can you name??). Those who won prizes were awed by their fabulousness. I especially want to take my hat off to Kathleen, who won the most festive clothing contest. So, even though we were on Zoom, we had a good time.

Sally Daniel

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Providing women and girls waves of support in Virginia Beach