



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WOMAN AND GIRL AT A TIME

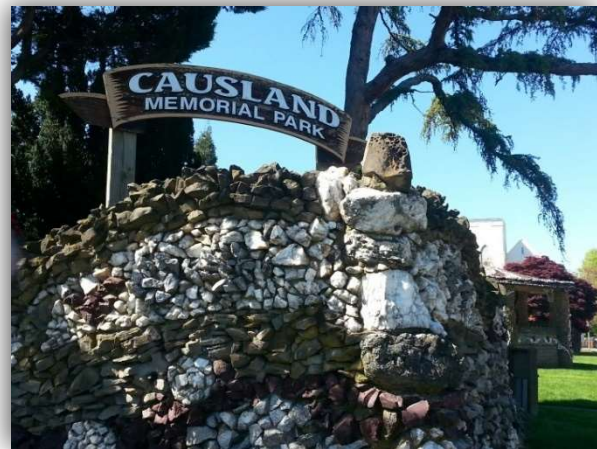
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See you at the parade!
Monday, July 4th

A small, but lively, group met at Causland Park in June and enjoyed sharing stories about their summer plans. Get to know your fellow members in person. Join us at the tables near the memorial wall at Causland on Wednesday, July 13, at 1:00 as we share some of our favorite summertime books.



**STRATEGIC PLANNING
RETREAT**

Board members will gather at the Anacortes Library meeting room for annual planning from 1:00-4:00 on Wednesday, August 24. All members interested in contributing to the discussion are welcome to attend.

*Fundraising
success!*

Successful fundraising allowed us to give generously to the scholarship candidates at our June meeting. The mermen have done their part by finding sponsors and donors and now it's our turn. Calendars will go on sale in July. Our initial order is greater than last year due to the popularity of the calendar. You can purchase calendars through our local vendors - Johnny Picasso, Johnson Manor, and Marine Hardware.

Another way to support AAUW is to donate \$25 toward purchasing a gift calendar to thank to our mermen and sponsors. Those donations should be made out to AAUW and sent directly to Patricia Griffith, 3932 Rockridge Parkway, Anacortes.



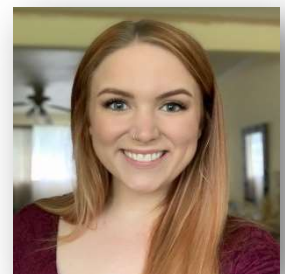
The AAUW Scholarship Committee partnered with the Anacortes School Foundation to broaden our candidate base this year. The committee was able to submit their top candidates to ASF and the final awards were determined by the foundation based on academics and scholarship needs.



I am *Cadence Lamphiear*. I've grown up in Anacortes, going through the whole Anacortes school system. I graduated high school in 2021. Due to being online part of the school year, I decided to do Running Start at Skagit Valley College during my senior year of high school. Therefore, I continued my education at SVC this academic year, earning my Computer Science DTA. Before Covid, SVC was never my plan, but I'm grateful I did it. I participated on the soccer team at SVC, pursuing my love for soccer for one more year. I was able to stay at home with my family and work to save up money. Next year, I am proud to say that I will be transferring to the Paul G. Allen

School of Computer Science & Engineering at the University of Washington to complete my Bachelor of Computer Science. Attending this school has been a dream since I was in middle school. I am very excited about this next chapter of my life. Moving to a big city is a change for me, but I think that I will grow tremendously in the next couple of years at UW. I couldn't have done this without the love and support from my amazing family. (\$2,500 award)

My name is *Carly Bates*, and I am an AHS class of 2016 graduate. I attended Eastern Washington University and graduated with my bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration. After graduating I relocated back to Skagit Valley in 2020 where I now reside with my husband and two wonderful dogs. I began working with Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett on their Labor & Delivery floor as a Health Unit Coordinator. I recently began my graduate education at Pacific Lutheran University where I was accepted into their Master of Nursing, Advanced Generalist program. After graduating I plan to specialize in ICU/Critical Care Nursing at one of the hospitals in our region. (\$2,500 award)



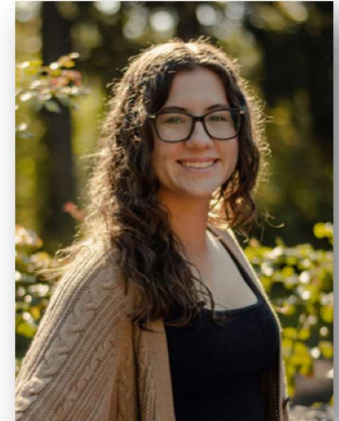


My name is *Ava Martin*, and I am going into my fourth year at Western Washington University and studying American Cultural Studies with an emphasis is Comparative Ethnic Studies. I have a passion for the study of diversity issues and a passion for musical studies. I will be pursuing a job in Human Resources after college.(\$2,000 award)

My name is *Emilie Shjarback*

and I'm 19 years old. I graduated from Anacortes High School in June of 2021 and have since completed my first year at the University of Victoria studying Theatre Design. With a degree in Theatre Design, I hope to work on the design and construction of sets and costumes in film production as well as other performance areas. In my personal time I enjoy playing piano, reading, and crocheting. I am spending this summer working at the Port of Anacortes, and hiking with my family.

(\$2,000 award)



My name is *Mackenzie Wakefield*, and I am currently a junior at the University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in Nursing. I graduated from Anacortes High School in 2020 and have since lived in Reno. I am a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority on campus and hold an executive position within the chapter. I work at a local coffee shop in Reno as well. In my free time, I love to go up to Tahoe to snowboard, read, hang out with friends, and hike.

(\$2,000 award)

President's Message

I couldn't begin another year as your branch president without thanking the officers and committee chairs that have made this job so easy! We have enjoyed fundraising success, added several new members, learned how to use technology to enhance our speaker options, engaged in new collaborations with the school district, and expanded our community presence. Many thanks go to Sandy Huggins and Gina Van Hess for providing wonderful program speakers, sometimes making last minute changes without complaint! Linda Hendrick and Diane Marr followed up with new members, hosted a booth at the Anacortes Farmers' Market last summer, and waded through the challenges and changes with the national database. Added thanks to Linda for being our Zoom coordinator, organizing links and hosting all our meetings. Judy Higgins managed to process our conversations into coherent minutes each month to capture the details of both board and

program meetings. Patricia Griffith keeps financial records and is queen of the spreadsheet. She makes it easy to follow our fundraising efforts and helps us with projecting financial goals. Terri Bawden has been an extraordinary fundraiser and her social media presence has been critical to the success of events. Her inspired ideas have broadened our ability to offer more generous scholarship awards than ever before. Thanks go to Rosette Dawson who once again organized Tech Trek along with new member, Trish Wilson, who helped with all the reports and paperwork. Barbara Benson and her committee worked seamlessly with the changes in our scholarship application process and managed to have a number of our recipients attend the annual meeting in June. Sally Pullen has contributed her time to distributing flyers and posters for our events. Both she and Karan Hannah have been part of the decorating crew for the mermen float. And last, but not least, thanks go to Bunny Heiner and her phone committee for their phone call reminders each month.

Diane Marr, Terri Bawden and I are going to be working on updating our bylaws with the goal of making them more flexible. We will be talking about term limits, branch budgets, auxiliary membership, purchasing new technology for hybrid meetings, and land acknowledgments at our August planning meeting. We have already discussed some changes for the coming year. Members are welcome to join us. Our goal is to make it a hybrid meeting at the Anacortes Library meeting room and zoom for those who cannot make an in-person meeting. I'm sure I have forgotten someone, and for that I'm so sorry. It has been a pleasure to be your president the last few years and I look forward to the 2022-2023 with enthusiasm.

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW

We are streamlining things in the coming year. Here are two things you can opt into or out of...

All members are entitled to a branch directory, however, because the information is available on our website, not everyone uses a printed version. The directories will be printed for release at the September meeting. If you would like a printed directory, please send an email to me before the end of August: underwood31@comcast.net

Do you want to continue receiving a reminder call for meetings and events? We will check in with you before the September meeting to ask.



On June 28, we held our first trial hybrid meeting in the Anacortes Library. We still have some issues that need to be resolved, but ultimately, we hope to be able to begin meeting in person in September while recognizing that there are many benefits to continuing to offer Zoom.

