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Dear STEM Girl of Promise, as you plan for college, know that you have an advocate waiting on Campus.

MEET AAUW, IT HAS YOUR BACK!

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), officially founded in 1881 as a non-profit organization, *advances equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy*. The national network of 170,000 members and supporters, 1,000 local branches, and 800 college and university partners want you to be successful as you begin your higher education. Check out these websites:

Ballwin-chesterfield branch: www.ballwin/chesterfield-mo.aauw.net)

National AAUW: <https://www.aauw.org>

AAUW ON CAMPUS

Had you lived in 1885, you would have met with an unusual roadblock: not grades, not finances, but the common belief that a college education would harm your health and result in infertility. Widely believed and supported by highly educated men and even some women, the idea spread. Then, A small group of educated women took action and their resulting investigation produced data that demonstrated that higher education did not harm women's health but actually improved it! This research contributed to the foundation for the mission of AAUW.

AAUW'S MISSION "ADVANCES RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY"—FOR YOU! YOU MIGHT

- Attend the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)**. AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders brings college women from around the country together for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking. Participants leave with the skills and confidence to pursue their goals. Our branches support young women with scholarships.
- Boost your **resume** with critical leadership experience
- **Network** through on-campus activities and leadership programs
- Learn how to achieve pay equity through classes **Work Smart** and **Start Smart**
- *Look ahead for graduate work with **Fellowships and Grants***

From its inception, AAUW has invested in women's continued education by funding the educations of countless women so they could follow their dreams. From astronauts to zoologists, the recipients of AAUW's fellowships, grants and awards represent nearly every imaginable field of endeavor.

Our STEM committee wishes you the very best experiences on campus. We hope you will update us on your adventure.

*"Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
-Muriel Strode (Poet)*