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AAUW/OK Officers at the State Leadership Conference in July 2019



State officers and their branches (l to r): Dr. Jeannette Loutsch, Chickasha; Dr. Lori Gwynn, Weatherford; Linda West, Tahlequah; State President Dr. Lisa Appeddu, Weatherford; Jeanna Wing, Tahlequah; Dr. Susie Hull, Alva; Ms. Shelli Wasson, Edmond; Dr. Diana Campo, Edmond; Faye Henson, Weatherford. Nora Pugh-Seemster missed getting in the picture!

Welcome to the New 2019-20 AAUW/Oklahoma Year!

Message from State President, Dr. Lisa Appeddu:

Renew Your Membership:

Recall that AAUW increased the National dues from \$49 to \$59. Note that \$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities. State dues have stayed the same at \$10, and each branch sets their own rate of annual dues. However, AAUW National no longer takes checks; therefore, please renew your membership online using a credit card (<https://www.aauw.org/membership/>) or work with your local branch for other options. Click here for this and other membership information: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-national-dues-fees-and-tax-deductibility-flyer/>

Encourage New Members to Join:

AAUW still offers the "Shape the Future Campaign" which enables new members to pay just 50 percent of the national dues rate when they join AAUW at a public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of three free memberships annually. For more information, check out -- <https://www.aauw.org/resource/shape-the-future-membership-campaign/>.

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AAUW/OK State Leadership Conference 2019: "This is Your Moment" Conference Highlights

SAGE STEAM

Drs. Lisa Appeddu and Lori Gwyn, Weatherford branch, updated members on the second year of the Southwest Alliance for Girls' Enrichment in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts / Humanities, and Mathematics (SAGE STEAM) Camp. Fifty campers from 32 different counties participated in camp, June 9 to 15, 2019. Several changes have occurred since summer 2018, including: an update to the camp's mission to include the Humanities; more Arts & Humanities were added and integrated with STEM during camp; AAUW/OK member, Dr. Jeannette Loutsch, hosted a Food Science workshop during which campers made bread and jellies from scratch; and a new stop at Baker Hughes in OKC enabled campers to build prototype catapults with an emphasis on cost and functionality. A milestone was reached when two campers from the first year of Tech Trek at SWOSU in 2013 returned this year in 2019 to be SAGE STEAM Camp counselors.



Campers make prototype catapults from scratch at Baker Hughes in OKC.



Dr. Jeannette Loutsch, Chickasha branch, works with campers making bread at the SAGE STEAM Camp.



SAGE STEAM Campers (l to r): Willa M. (Norman), Alia L. (Stillwater), and Alexia G. (OKC) enthusiastically tell about their camp activities.

Meet the Campers:

The common theme expressed by the girls was that the weeklong camp increased their self-confidence and made them aware of the many possible STEAM careers. Note: Alia, wearing a camp headband in this picture, was the winner of the AAUW Most Valuable Player Award.

The SAGE STEAM Camp at SWOSU appreciates the support of AAUW/OK. Members of AAUW/OK and branches provide vital support for the camp, as well as help in the process to interview 104 Oklahoma girls to choose 50 campers. For more camp information, email sagesteamcamp@gmail.com or visit the website <https://www.swosu.edu/academics/sage-steam-camp/> – You may also like the open Facebook Page at SWOSU SAGE STEAM Camp.