



## Hampton Branch



**October 15, 2024**








The summer months are normally used to rest, relax, and take a short hiatus from AAUW meetings and activities. But not us. The branch board was busy -- Daisy Wilder, Public Policy Chair, followed conversations and proposed changes to Title IX and interacted with local and state representatives at forums such as Project 2025: What's At Stake, which was sponsored by the Hampton chapter of the NAACP.

**PROJECT 2025**  
**WHAT'S AT STAKE!**  
**NAACP**  
*Hampton, Virginia*

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Monday,**  
**August 5, 2024**  
6:30 pm

**Bethel AME**  
2521 N. Armistead Ave. • Hampton, VA

**20**  
**Mandate for Leadership**  
The Conservative Promise  
**25**  
Foreword by Kevin Roberts, PhD  
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MODERATOR		PANELISTS				
						
<b>Cathy Lewis</b> Media Public and Broadcasting Professional	<b>Congressman Bobby Scott</b>	<b>Dr. Eric Claville</b> Director for the Center for African Americans Public Policy, Norfolk State University	<b>Dr. Zina Maghene</b> Endowed Hampton University Professor Sociologist	<b>Rev. John Kenney</b> Sr. Pastor - Third Baptist Church, Hampton	<b>Rev. Dr. Todd Davidson</b> Sr. Pastor - First Baptist Church, Hampton	<b>Dr. Tim Galar</b> Social Psychologist Professor - Norfolk State University

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Laura Greenfield, the branch and state Vice President for Membership, attended State board meetings and shared updates on information received from AAUW national leadership concerning impact conversations on DEI, the impact on higher education for women, and the way branches will be allowed to advertise and award scholarships to women seeking higher education and job training.

The work continued as Dr. Tonya Brown, STEM Coordinator, forged on to complete back-up cameras with a small group of high school girls. The project was spearheaded by AAUW National in collaboration with Virginia Tech and STEM Lingo. The cameras were assembled, but unfortunately, they did not work because Dr. Brown and the girls were not able to find anyone to help with coding for the cameras.



The back-up camera kit to be assembled

Dr. Margaret Bristow, DEI Chair, kept branch members aware of any local DEI activities, some of which she was an active participant. Carolyn Stewart, branch president, zoomed into several webinars, engaged in planning meetings with the AAUW Virginia State President, VP for Programs and the State Diversity Chair, reviewed the branch bylaws, and prepared for the Reclaim Our Vote postcard campaign for the November 2024 elections.

All of this was followed up with a branch board planning meeting in late August. Plans for training on microaggression were developed. The STEM Workshop held in April was reviewed and an idea for the 2025 workshop was discussed. A new initiative for a scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors and an outline for programming for 2024-2025 were developed to be presented to the branch at the September meeting.

September arrived and the anticipation of having the Atlantic Regional Conference in Virginia was upon us. The conference was held September 27-29, 2024, at Virginia Crossings in Glen Allen. Registration for the conference was competitive, so only two of the four branch members who expressed an interest in attending were able to do so. The conference was informative and entertaining and the energy amongst the women was high. Our members returned home with contact information for women in other states, recommendations for programs, and news of the changes in policy made at the national and state level. Changes include an increase in national dues, the

use of neutral language in proposed scholarships for the year, and proposed changes in state bylaws.



Gloria Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer, AAUW, delivers the keynote address at the Atlantic Regional Conference

So, as you can see, we are headed for a full 2024-2025 program year.



- [August 21, 2024](#) Branch Board Meeting, Charles Taylor Library, Hampton, VA, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- [September 21, 2024](#) Branch Meeting, Charles Taylor Library, Hampton, VA, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- [September 27-29, 2024](#) Atlantic Regional Conference, The Crossings, Glen Allen, VA
- [December 2024](#) Branch Holiday Gathering, TBA

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**MISSION:** *To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

**DIVERSITY STATEMENT:** *There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.*

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