

Annual Report Irene Keyes Memorial Scholarship and National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

This past year was a very good one. We were pleased to have the 2018 scholarship recipient Kate Murray speak at our annual dinner, and this year, our two 2019 recipients Kayla Bowen and Alyssa Covelli will attend the annual dinner and share a few reflections with us. The fund received a generous donation from The Keyes family and was a recipient of funds from the Author's Tea, and May 2019 we are sending two young women to the conference.

The search this past year was easier than past years. We usually start contacting individuals at local Campuses in January at the start of the spring semester. This process requires many emails and phone calls. However, this year we had a young woman from last year's application process that was very impressive, and we encouraged her to re apply.

Kayla Bowen was a "big sister" at the Live Your Dream Girls Conference and approached me at the conference expressing her continued interest. We begin the process early, as we usually do, by giving materials to the young woman who assist at the Girls Conference in November. Alyssa Covelli expressed interest, and with the encouragement of Lori and Diana, applied. I sent her application to the committee promptly, and the committee quickly decided that she would also be invited to attend. As chair, I contacted both girls and kept in touch with them hoping to meet the very early registration deadline in April, which is usually too difficult, and we did! Early registration is \$465. (Normally registration is \$575) Each girl, once transportation is discussed, received a \$125 travel stipend. As chair I am also responsible for getting the articles in the newsletter and on the web page. I also communicate regularly with the recipients and the committee members and treasurer. We appreciate the commitment from the AAUW Board and continued financial support from branch fundraising.

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