

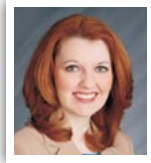


WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE NETWORK OF NCSL

## Note from the President

Dear Colleagues,

What a busy six months this has been! During this legislative session in Nebraska, we addressed issues of tax reform, early childhood education, human trafficking, youth in foster care, water, and energy, just to name a few. I am sure this list sounds familiar to my colleagues in other states.



If your state's session has adjourned, I hope you are enjoying a less hectic pace of life. If this was your first term, congratulations! As you reflect on the session and think about how to put your newfound experience to work in the interim and next year, I hope you will consider drawing upon the resources of the National Conference of State Legislatures. NCSL's information will help to make you an expert in your preferred policy areas, and the staff are ready to help you with any request. I know there are a lot of places to turn for information, and I hope you will put NCSL's website, [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org), at the top of your bookmark list!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the NCSL Legislative Summit in Atlanta. The Women's Legislative Network will sponsor several events during the week for female legislators to get together and learn from one another. You will find our schedule on the following pages and on our website. Please join us to share stories about events in your state and suggestions for the future. Our programs are strongest if they are created with the input and advice of women from both parties and from around the country.

If you aren't able to travel to Atlanta, you still can be involved with the Network! Please keep us informed of activities involving women in politics in your state (for inclusion in future newsletters) and share your ideas for programs. And don't hesitate to contact Katie Ziegler at (303) 856-1514 or [katie.ziegler@ncsl.org](mailto:katie.ziegler@ncsl.org) with questions on any topic. I want the Network to remain relevant and useful to legislators for many years to come, and your participation will help to make that happen!

Amanda McGill  
State Senator, Nebraska  
Acting President, Women's Legislative Network of NCSL

## Join Us!

**NCSL Legislative Summit**

Visit [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org) Go 26379 for more information.



### Monday, August 12

12:00-1:15 p.m.

*Women's Legislative Network Board Meeting*

### Tuesday, August 13

4:00-5:00 p.m.

*Women's Legislative Network Roundtable Discussion*

Join the Network for an informal, bipartisan discussion about our recent activities, women in politics and the 2013 session.

5:00-6:00 p.m.

*Women's Legislative Network Reception*

### Wednesday, August 14

6:30-8:00 a.m.

*Walk for Wellness*

12:15-1:30 p.m.

*Women's Legislative Network Lunch and Business Meeting*

Join the Women's Legislative Network for lunch and our annual business meeting and elections, with a keynote address by Leisa Easom, the executive director of the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving.

1:45-3:00 p.m.

*Cultivating an Honest Environment*

Everyone has the best of intentions of behaving with integrity, but *Sidetracked*, a book by Harvard professor Francesca Gino, shows that certain factors can lead us to cross ethical boundaries. What are these red flags, and how can legislators and staff cultivate an environment that encourages honesty? Attend this interactive session to learn and practice measures to keep yourself and those around you from being sidetracked.

### Thursday, August 15

8:30-9:45 a.m.

*Looking to the Future: Demographic Shifts and the Future of State Policy*

As baby boomers age, immigration slows and the Latino population expands, the country is on the verge of a "cultural generation gap" that will affect state policy, from schools to the workforce to health care. Join a wide-ranging and forward-looking discussion of what these changes mean for state policymakers, with a keynote address by Paul Taylor, the director of the Pew Research Center Social and Demographic Trends Project.

## News and Announcements



### Louisiana Women's Caucus Sponsors Financial Aid Webinar

The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation, in partnership with the Louisiana Education Loan Authority, held a free webinar about financial aid for higher education on March 12. Rep. Karen St. Germain, chairwoman of the Women's Caucus, said, "The women legislators are committed to helping all Louisiana citizens achieve their highest potential in academic excellence. In today's economy, the average student will need some level of financial aid to help with the costs of higher education." The webinar included information for students and parents about completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and about identifying the various types of aid available.

### Louisiana Women's Caucus Honors Women of Excellence and Scholarship Recipients

The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2013 Women of Excellence Awards and Scholarships. The Women's Caucus created these prestigious awards in 2008 to recognize and honor the achievements and contributions of Louisiana women who personify excellence in leadership, profession, academics, community service, character and integrity. The winners of the High School Woman of Excellence Award and the College Woman of Excellence Award (ages 18 to 25) each will receive a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for \$1,000.

The 2013 Women of Excellence Award recipients are:

- Business: Sevetri Wilson, Solid Ground Innovation's LLC, Baton Rouge
- College Woman of Excellence and recipient of the LLWC Foundation Scholarship: Hayley Powers Hilton, Alexandria, attending the University of Notre Dame
- Education and Research: Cecile Charleville Guin, Ph.D., Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
- High School Woman of Excellence and recipient of the LLWC Foundation Scholarship: Madelin Marie Wagnon, Captain Shreve High School, Shreveport
- Louisiana Hero of Excellence: Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, Louisiana Supreme Court, New Orleans
- Military: Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, Walker

The Foundation also is proud to announce the recipients of the 2013 Educational Advancement Opportunity Scholarship. This scholarship was created in 2010 by the women legislators of Louisiana. Each \$500 scholarship can be used to defray the cost of tuition, room and board or books. Scholarship applicants were evaluated on academics, honors and awards, volunteerism, character, and an essay on the question of "What can be done to help young women earn more degrees in math and science and to increase the scores for girls on standardized tests in math and science?"

2013 Scholarship winners:

- Hannah Elizabeth Bunch, Denham Springs High School, Denham Springs

- Nicole Ann Dominique, Edward Douglas White Catholic High School, Thibodaux
- Carly Paige Funderburk, Florien High School, Florien
- Emily Beth Hartzog, Franklinton High School, Angie
- Jasmine Aliyah Shanae' Littles, Zachary High School, Zachary
- Caroline Emily Pearson, Holy Savior Menard Central High School, Alexandria
- Hannah Margaret Pittman, Franklinton High School, Franklinton

### Wyoming Legislators Raise Awareness about Breast Cancer Prevention

Wyoming Representative Rosie Berger donated her hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths in honor of her colleague, Representative Mary Throne. Representative Berger said, "Representative Throne and I became good friends in 2002 as classmates at Leadership Wyoming. Mary and I have worked closely on several legislative issues. I am in awe of her courage as she managed cancer treatment, family, law practice and serving the people of Wyoming. I am honored to donate my hair to promote awareness of breast cancer prevention." Pantene returned the wig made from Representative Berger's hair to Wyoming so that a local woman could benefit from it. More information about the program is available at <http://www.pantene.com/en-US/PanteneBeautifulLengths/Pages/default.aspx>.



### Tennessee Representative Brenda Gilmore Hosts Kids and Kites

Representative Brenda Gilmore's annual Kids and Kites day in Nashville took place on March 23 this year. More than 600 people attended the event that raised awareness about strategies to reduce childhood obesity. Activities included a one-mile kids and kites walk lead by Nashville's mayor, Black Girls Run and the Major Momentum Bicycle Riders; a hula hoop contest; line dancing; jump roping; the Big Time Healthy Captain Mascots; face painting; reading healthy stories; and a DJ who provided music for dancing. Volunteers taught safety skills for exercising and swimming, and other volunteers provided healthy cooking and eating tips. Local television and radio celebrities served as event moderators. Kids and Kites has become a wonderful family- and community-oriented event where kids and adults learn healthy lifestyles and have fun flying kites.

## Women Legislators of Maryland Commemorate Women's Suffrage March



In a joint session on Friday, Feb. 22, 2013, the Maryland General Assembly commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Woman Suffrage March of 1913 from New York to Washington, D.C., seeking the vote for women. The historic march came through Maryland. It took seven more years to make it through Congress, but in 1920, the 19th Amendment secured women's right to vote. The Women's Caucus, 57 members strong, led by President, Senator Catherine E. Pugh, reenacted the march. A video of this event is available on our website: [www.womenlegislatorsmd.org/news.htm](http://www.womenlegislatorsmd.org/news.htm).

The Caucus had a successful 2013 Legislative Session under Senator Catherine E. Pugh, who was recently elected President Elect of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. Our new president for the 2013-14 term is Senator Nancy J. King. Senator King serves on the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

## Human Trafficking Legislation in Maryland

Maryland State Senator Jennie Forehand reports on human trafficking legislation considered in Maryland in 2013. Maryland's human trafficking statute prohibits a number of acts, many of which are prostitution-related. Anyone who commits human trafficking involving an adult victim is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment for up to 10 years and/or a \$5,000 maximum fine. Anyone who commits human trafficking involving a victim who is younger than age 18 (a minor) is guilty of a felony and subject to imprisonment for up to 25 years and/or a maximum fine of \$15,000.



- House Bill 933 established that anyone charged with human trafficking of a minor may not assert a defense that he/she did not know the victim's age.
- House Bill 713 authorizes state and local law enforcement agencies to seize property in connection with human trafficking and other specified crimes and establishes procedures for seizure, forfeiture and sale of property related to these crimes. The law applies to offenses committed on or after Oct. 1, 2013. Property may be seized or forfeited only if a defendant is found guilty of an applicable offense. Proceeds from the sale of seized or forfeited property must, after specified expenses are paid, be distributed to the state general fund or the political subdivision that seized the property.
- Considered, but not passed, was Senate Bill 215, which would have established that the current statutory prohibition and penalties for human trafficking of a minor apply to a victim who is younger than age 21.

## News from Delaware



This has been a benchmark year for women legislators in Delaware. Of the 10 major leadership positions in the House and Senate, four are held by women, including Senate President Pro Tempore Patricia Blevins and the majority leaders of both chambers, Sen. Margaret Rose Henry and Rep. Valerie Longhurst.

Women legislators also have sponsored some of the most significant legislation that has been considered this year. Rep. Melanie George Smith, who also chairs the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee, spearheaded the movement for marriage equality in Delaware, sponsoring the bill that ultimately made Delaware the 11<sup>th</sup> state to establish marriage for same-sex couples. Rep. Smith managed the bill through hours of committee and floor testimony. She defended the bill by noting that the Delaware General Assembly doesn't wait for other states or the federal government to do what is right for its citizens; the legislature takes action.

Rep. Valerie Longhurst took the lead on legislation that expanded background checks for firearm purchases for virtually all private sales. The bill was considered the centerpiece of a package of measures designed to address gun violence. The lengthy process involved multiple meetings with National Rifle Association lobbyists, hours of public testimony from both sides and numerous amendments to address concerns. Rep. Longhurst's legislation won the approval of her colleagues and Governor Jack Markell, who signed the bill into law in May. Several family members whose children were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., were in attendance at the signing.

Rep. Debra Heffernan's 2012 Employment First Act, which opens the door for people with disabilities to work side-by-side with other employees, has become a model that Governor Markell has championed as chair of the National Governors Association. The initiative aims to increase employment among people with disabilities.

Freshman Rep. Kimberly Williams drew on her experience as a parent and former local school board member to update Delaware's school choice program, which enables students to attend a school different from their feeder school, including charters and vocational-technical schools. Rep. Williams' bill standardized the process to help parents better understand and navigate the system. She also was selected by the State Legislative Leaders Foundation to attend the Emerging Leaders Program this summer, one of 50 state legislators chosen nationwide.

## Update from the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators



This January, the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators welcomed its new co-chairs for the 2013-2014 legislative session, Representative Ruth B. Balsler and Senator Gale D. Candaras. In April,

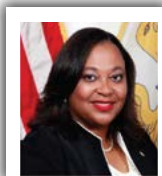
the Caucus also welcomed a new executive director, Christina Knowles (former director and lobbyist for the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization for Women).

Women now make up 25.5 percent of the Massachusetts legislature, a slight increase from last year's 24.5 percent. With 38

women in the House and 13 in the Senate (including the state's first woman Senate president, Therese Murray), 2013 is proving to be one of the more robust years for women in the Massachusetts State House.

The Caucus chose pay equity as its priority issue area this legislative session and will explore various legislative approaches and solutions. The Caucus also will focus on providing professional development opportunities for women legislators and staff.

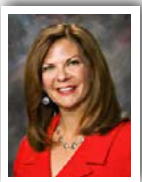
### Virgin Islands Senator Janette Millin Young Celebrates a Day Out with Seniors at the Movies



More than 200 senior citizens on the island of St. Thomas were treated to a day out at the movies this May. The outing was coordinated by the Human Services Department and supported in part by the office of Senator Janette Millin Young. Research has shown that seniors who enjoy an active social life often extend their lifespan by years. Additional benefits from socializing include stress reduction, a feeling of importance, and a feeling of high self esteem. In recognition of our seniors, the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands held a mock session in which seniors from the community role-played as senators. "It is always a memorable experience when we are joined by our seniors who are not only imparting their wisdom, but are also entertaining," Senator Millin Young said. "I would like to thank our seniors for the great sacrifices they have made paving the way for many Virgin Islanders. They are an inspiration to all of us, and whatever we are, we owe to them."

### News from Arizona Senator Kelli Ward

Arizona State Senator Dr. Kelli Ward, along with 34 other state legislators and legislative staff from 26 states and Puerto Rico, has been selected as an Early Learning Fellow by the National Conference of State Legislatures. Now in its second year, the program exposes fellows to the latest research and state policy ideas during a year-long series of webinars and meetings on how to best ensure that young children have a positive start in life.



As one of only a few practicing physicians serving in public office, Senator Ward will add her expertise to the Council of State Governments Medicaid Health Policy Academy in June. The Medicaid Policy Academy provides an opportunity for state legislators to meet with federal government officials and other Medicaid experts to not only develop a deeper understanding of program rules and requirements, but also to enhance their knowledge of cost containment strategies and innovations in the states.

Dr. Ward was honored by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians in March. She received the Outstanding Female Leader Award at the national meeting.

Finally, Senator Ward also was recently appointed to serve on the Health Committee for the American Legislative Exchange Council. Again, the Council and the committee seek information and "in the trenches" experience from practicing primary care physicians.

### Report from the Arkansas 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

By State Representative Sheilla Lampkin



The 89<sup>th</sup> session of the Arkansas General Assembly began in mid-January and ended with a sine die on May 17, 2013. The session was notable for having the first Republican majority in both the Arkansas House and Senate in 138 years. In addition, term limits, coupled with the change in party control, left the House with 41 new members.

The first several weeks moved slowly through the tangle of controversial social issues. Finally, in the waning weeks of the session, legislators seemed to be ready to tackle more governmental issues; our finest work may have been in the areas of health care reform, tax cuts and economic development.

Arkansas is the only state that has developed a "private option" health care reform package. The plan is developed by Arkansans and is operated by and for Arkansans. We are proud of it because it also contains periodic milestones to check for progress and modify and adjust when necessary.

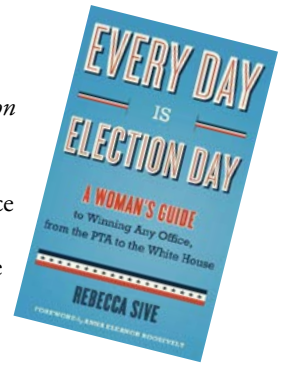
We also approved a \$100 million plus tax cut package that gives tax cuts not only to individuals, but also to large and small businesses. The business cuts provide incentives for business location and/or expansion.

In addition to the business tax cuts, we made one other major economic development decision. We approved the issuance of state treasury bonds to obtain a steel mill in northeast Arkansas. Big River Steel will provide 550 new jobs to the Arkansas economy, and each job will pay \$75,000 annually. These are good-paying jobs for Arkansas, especially in that area of the state. The entire state will benefit from the tax revenue and influx of new jobs. Approval of this "super project" may have been our finest hour!

The final three major results of the session could have been accomplished only by bipartisan compromise and putting the welfare of the entire state above party politics. We had a very progressive and positive session overall, and look forward to an even better one in the next term.

## Female State Legislators Featured in Forthcoming Book about Women and Politics

Illinois House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, Louisiana Senate President Pro Tempore Sharon Weston Broome, and New Jersey Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande are featured in the new book, *Every Day is Election Day: A Woman's Guide to Winning Any Office, from the PTA to the White House*. The book, available August 1, is a practical, inspirational guide for women who want to achieve political leadership and influence public policy. In her no-nonsense, woman-to-woman style, public affairs strategist and consultant Rebecca Sive offers insider advice for women's daily lives as advocates, candidates and powerbrokers. This accessible primer explains how to surmount public barriers, conquer private fears, and run a campaign with humor, confidence and no apologies. Sive provides tips for realizing the power of sisterhood, bankrolling oneself, creating an inimitable brand, and getting men to accept a take-charge personality. For more information, visit [www.rebeccasive.com](http://www.rebeccasive.com).



## New from NCSL!

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### Improving Women's Health: Health Challenges, Access and Prevention

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Health needs and services for various populations have come to the forefront as states work to make their systems more efficient and consider covering additional people under federal health reform implementation. This brief, the third in a series about women's health, highlights diseases and health challenges common to women; opportunities to improve access to care and effective treatment; and strategies to prevent conditions and health problems before they become problematic and expensive.

### State Budget Update: Spring 2013

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As the four-year anniversary of the official end of the Great Recession approaches, no strong indication exists that states are entering a robust recovery phase. Rather, states continue to move along the same path of slow and steady growth that gradually has brought them out of the economic nadir. The general outlook from state officials is one of stability, with a dose of uncertainty, as states continue to plod their way through an extended economic recovery.

### Evaluating School Principals: A Legislative Approach

<http://www.ncsl.org/documents/educ/SchoolPrincipals.pdf>

This report offers guidance for approaching the issues of evaluating school principals. School principals play a critical role in school improvement and students' academic success. Effective teachers and principals are the two most important school-related factors that contribute to what students learn at school.

### Military-Community Cooperation: State Legislative Approaches Archived Webinar

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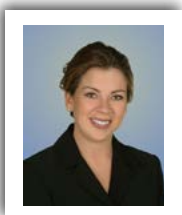
While military bases are federally owned and operated, a number of policy options exist for states to explore to ensure smooth military operations, while also protecting the safety and vitality of nearby cities and towns. Speakers discussed strategies to enhance land-use planning and decision making near military installations and to sustain readiness by helping military service members and families obtain civilian employment.

### Employer Access to Social Media Usernames and Passwords 2013

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Increasing numbers of Americans use social media both on and off the job. Recently, some employers have asked employees to turn over their usernames or passwords for their personal accounts. Some employers argue that access to personal accounts is needed to protect proprietary information or trade secrets, to comply with federal financial regulations, or to prevent the employer from being exposed to legal liabilities. Others consider requiring access to personal accounts an invasion of employee privacy, however.

Dear Alliance Sponsors and Friends of the Network,



It's been an exciting year so far, with a lot happening with NCSL's Women's Legislative Network. Katie has prepared a great agenda for the upcoming Legislative Summit in Atlanta, and we are hopeful to announce several new Alliance members when we are together in August.

I am particularly eager for the Atlanta meeting because it reminds me of the many great Georgia women who have made such a significant difference in our lives today. One of those women is Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

In developing the Girl Scout goals, which are similar to the goals of many of us who are affiliated with the Women's Legislative Network, Ms. Low brought together girls of all backgrounds to give them the opportunity to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness and to prepare them for roles as professional women and for active citizenship outside the home. Last year, President Obama posthumously awarded Juliette Gordon Low the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States.

I look forward to seeing you at the NCSL Legislative Summit in Atlanta from August 12-15, where we can share ideas and build valuable relationships for years to come.

Kellie Duhr Gonzales  
Alliance Chair  
Walmart

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## Sharing Our Views

Sharing Our Views provides an opportunity for some of our most dedicated Alliance members to express their perspectives. If you would like to see your company's viewpoint included in the next edition, contact Katie Ziegler at (303) 856-1514 or [katie.ziegler@ncsl.org](mailto:katie.ziegler@ncsl.org).

### Health Education and Prescription Drug Assistance Program Information Available Online from Novartis

Significant changes in how people receive medical care have been on the horizon since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed in 2010. As new programs are implemented, consumers will have many questions, including:

- How can I get information about programs that may help pay for medicines?
- Where can I find education and support that may help me or my loved one learn more about the diseases and conditions affecting my health?

Now, more than ever, people need concise, user-friendly resources to help make decisions about their health. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation (NPC) is committed to helping people overcome the obstacles to obtaining affordable medicines and health information. As part of this commitment, NPC created Patient Assistance Now, a comprehensive health website, which provides easy access to information about prescription drugs and programs that may provide assistance with the cost of medications. For example, the site includes a Program Finder—a simple, three-step tool that identifies prescription assistance programs based on specific individual needs.

Patient Assistance Now also offers information about specific



diseases and conditions, NPC medicines and clinical trials. In addition, it includes links to organizations that provide support and education. The comprehensive Patient Assistance Now online resource was recently made available in Spanish to better serve Hispanic Americans.

To access Patient Assistance Now, consumers can visit [www.patientassistancenow.com](http://www.patientassistancenow.com) or call toll-free, 1-800-245-5356, to speak with a representative.

### Equipment Leasing and Finance Association

The Equipment Leasing and Finance Association (ELFA) is the trade association based in Washington, D.C., that represents financial services companies and manufacturers in the \$725 billion U.S. equipment finance sector. The number of women in the financial industry—and in equipment leasing is growing in prominence year after year. A recent Legal Forum hosted by ELFA Charleston, S.C., included on the agenda a gathering of Women in Leasing. Issues that concern ELFA in state legislatures include data security, electronic recycling, leasing contracts, taxes and other issues that may concern the commercial lease finance industry. For more information about ELFA, contact Dennis Brown at [dbrown@elfaonline.org](mailto:dbrown@elfaonline.org) or Megan Kueck, [mkueck@elfaonline.org](mailto:mkueck@elfaonline.org).



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## *Become an Advisory Council member!*

The Advisory Council consists of two members from each state and is politically balanced. Advisory Council members serve as liaisons between their states and the Network to fulfill the Network's purpose: to promote the participation, empowerment and leadership of women legislators. Advisory Council members work with the Network on activities and events within their state, provide information to the Network regarding organizations and activities involving women legislators, and assist with program and fundraising efforts as determined by the Executive Board.

Review the list of members on the following page, and consider applying to represent your state. Contact Katie Ziegler at [katie.ziegler@ncsl.org](mailto:katie.ziegler@ncsl.org) or (303) 856-1514 for more information.

# Women's Legislative Network of NCSL

## Advisory Council (2012 – 2013)

State/Jurisdiction	Title/Name	Party
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Arkansas	Rep. Stephanie Malone	R
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<b>California</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
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Idaho	Rep. Maxine Bell	R
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Illinois	Rep. Patricia Bellock	R
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Michigan	Rep. Amanda Price	R
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<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
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<b>Missouri</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>D</b>
Missouri	Rep. Jeanie Lauer	R
<b>Montana</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>D</b>
Montana	Sen. Janna Taylor	R

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Nebraska	Sen. Kate Sullivan	X
Nebraska	Sen. Kathy Campbell	X
Nevada	Sen. Debbie Smith	D
Nevada	Assy. Teresa Benitez-Thompson	D
<b>New Hampshire</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>New Hampshire</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
New Jersey	Sen. Nia Gill	D
New Jersey	Sen. Loretta Weinberg	D
New Mexico	Rep. Patricia Lundstrom	D
<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
New York	Assy. Barbara Clark	D
<b>New York</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
North Carolina	Rep. Beverly Earle	D
North Carolina	Sen. Shirley Blackburn Randleman	R
<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
North Dakota	Rep. Lois Delmore	D
Ohio	Rep. Tracy Maxwell Heard	D
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
Oklahoma	Rep. Lee Denney	R
Oklahoma	Rep. Leslie Osborn	R
Oregon	Rep. Sherrie Sprenger	R
Oregon	Rep. Sara Gelser	D
<i>Oregon</i>	<i>Rep. Jennifer Williamson</i>	<i>D</i>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>D</b>
Pennsylvania	Rep. Marguerite Quinn	R
Puerto Rico	Rep. Jenniffer González Colón	NPP
Rhode Island	Sen. Elizabeth Crowley	D
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>D</b>
South Carolina	Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter	D
South Carolina	Rep. Jenny Anderson Horne	R
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
Tennessee	Rep. Karen Camper	D
Tennessee	Rep. Brenda Gilmore	D
Tennessee	Speaker Beth Halteman Harwell	R
Texas	Rep. Dawnna Dukes	D
Texas	Rep. Cindy Burkett	R
Utah	Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck	D
<b>Utah</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
Vermont	Rep. Anne O'Brien	D
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
<i>Virginia</i>	<i>Del. Kaye Kory</i>	<i>D</i>
Virginia	Del. Beverly J. Sherwood	R
Washington	Sen. Karen Fraser	D
<b>Washington</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>D</b>
West Virginia	Sen. Donna Boley	R
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>D</b>
Wisconsin	Rep. Amy Loudenbeck	R
Wyoming	Rep. Mary Throne	D
Wyoming	Rep. Sue Wallis	R

Names that are italicized are legislators who have been nominated to serve on the Network Advisory Council, but have not been confirmed by the Network Executive Board.



## WINGS Announcements

Women in Informal Networking Groups (WINGS) is an interactive network of national organizations that serve women legislators in various capacities. These organizations have joined to share information and resources and to work together on leadership, education, training and development to empower legislative women throughout the nation. Participating organizations include:

- Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics  
[www.cattcenter.las.iastate.edu/](http://www.cattcenter.las.iastate.edu/)
- Center for American Women and Politics  
[www.cawp.rutgers.edu](http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu)
- Center for Women Policy Studies  
[www.centerwomenpolicy.org](http://www.centerwomenpolicy.org)
- National Order of Black Elected Legislative Women  
[www.nobel-women.org](http://www.nobel-women.org)
- National Women's Political Caucus  
[www.nwpc.org](http://www.nwpc.org)
- Women in Government  
[www.womeningovernment.org](http://www.womeningovernment.org)
- The Women Legislators' Lobby  
[www.willwand.org](http://www.willwand.org)
- Women's Legislative Network of NCSL  
[www.ncsl.org/wln/](http://www.ncsl.org/wln/)

### Changing the Picture of Public Leadership

*By the Center for American Women and Politics*

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Girls and young women must stretch to imagine themselves as public leaders—presidents, mayors, judges or lawmakers. That's not surprising, given

the narratives they encounter daily. Which prime movers are featured in our history and government textbooks? Whose stone faces look out from Mount Rushmore? Whom do we honor with national holidays? Who are the central characters in our movies, TV shows, and books? As the Children's Defense Fund's Marian Wright Edelman put it, "You can't be what you can't see."

We know many girls and young women are civically engaged, active members of their communities—most often through volunteer service work, which we certainly endorse and encourage. No doubt, they want to make their world better and are willing to act on that impulse. But while young women do vote at rates similar to their male peers, they appear less inclined to run for elective office.

Considering the serious dearth of women in public office, we must convince young women to consider the political realm as a channel for creating systemic change by taking their seats at the table. We pay dearly for their absence from the ranks of future activists and elected officials; when we write off half our potential leaders, we lose distinctive perspectives and valuable brainpower.

Recent research by Dove found that only half of girls ages 8 to 17 see themselves as leaders, and that the major impediment to claiming that label is a lack of confidence—a characteristic that grows with age. We see the evidence in adult women, who are less likely than men to decide on their own to run for office, often waiting until they're asked or encouraged. In addition, women more frequently than men seek out candidate training programs, believing they need preparation before they're equipped to run; men, in contrast, simply make their decisions then throw their hats in the ring.

Catalyzing confidence among girls must start early and target every age group. While girls are directed to service, we also want them to start dreaming big and imagining themselves as elected officials. We need a long-term investment in changing the picture of public leadership—not switching from male images to female, but expanding and diversifying the picture so every young person can identify with someone there. It sounds simple, but the reality would require a transformation in our culture at the highest level.

The White House hosted the first-ever national conversation on this subject last month. Convened in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and the Center for American Women and Politics, the event brought together an uncommon assortment of experts—educators from the elementary to post-secondary levels; publishers and media mavens from print, broadcast and online platforms; electronic game producers; advocates for women's political advancement; organizers of youth-serving groups—as well as teens and young women.

Coming from such a varied group, the proposed solutions were surprisingly consistent: whatever the format, venue or medium, we need to place in front of young people—girls and boys, young women and young men—the examples, role models and mentors to expand their concepts of leaders and leadership. Reversing Edelman's comment, participants in the conference insisted that if you can see it, you can be it.

Support for this thesis comes from a recent article in the *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, "Successful female leaders empower women's behavior in leadership tasks." An experiment conducted by researchers from the Netherlands and Switzerland showed that women exposed to highly successful female role models performed better on a leadership-related task than those exposed to a male role model or no role model.

How to accomplish the transformation? We need to equip those who work with young people with the right tools—information and images about women public leaders that reach kids effectively where they are, whether that's in school, online or among their peers. One award-winning social studies teacher told us at the White House meeting that he wants to teach about women and people of color in politics, but can't find age-appropriate, classroom-ready materials.

At the Center for American Women and Politics we're doing our part by creating Teach a Girl to Lead™ (TAG), a national education and awareness campaign to re-envision what public leaders look like, inspire girls and young women to follow in their footsteps, and make women's political leadership visible to America's youth. This campaign will:

- Call upon the current crop of women public leaders (including you!) to reach back and "lift as you climb" through participation in an online speakers' bureau.
- Influence the influencers, working with teachers, parents, community leaders and youth-serving organizations to highlight public service and depict girls and women as leaders throughout their programs, not only as an occasional theme.

- Deploy resources in and beyond schools in a variety of forms: lesson plans, posters, videos, extracurricular activities and other materials to help influencers do their part.
- Drive a national conversation that calls attention to the dearth of women public leaders and the urgency of teaching a broader vision of leadership.
- Create strategic partnerships with groups working across a range of fields and communities to develop and share content that helps girls and young women recognize themselves among the next generation of public leaders.

Down the road, we can envision a day when a young woman, asked to illustrate leadership, holds up a mirror and says, “This is what a leader looks like.”



**Women In Government** is pleased to announce that it has launched a Childhood Obesity Policy Resource Center this. The resource center is a hub of information for policymakers regarding the latest in child obesity efforts; nutrition; health

and physical fitness; chronic disease prevention; sustainable communities; access to fresh foods; school physical education and curricula that support childhood health and fitness; disparities in access to resources; and other community-related issues. Childhood overweight and obesity currently affect more than 23.5 million children and adolescents in the United States, negatively affecting their overall health. Children who are obese have a higher risk of heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, stroke, osteoarthritis and several types of cancer in adulthood. To alleviate the risk of further health complications, children and parents can make many lifestyle changes to help them lose weight. By creating new habits such as getting 60 minutes of physical activity each day and maintaining a healthy diet, children can learn to adopt a healthy lifestyle and dramatically decrease instances of childhood overweight and obesity. Policies that encourage physical activity and monitor food consumption in schools can help in the daily fight against childhood obesity. Women In Government is partnering with Leadership for Healthy Communities, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grantee, on childhood obesity efforts in 2013.

Women In Government will hold a Childhood Obesity Task Force meeting on September 21-22 in Oklahoma City. Anyone interested in participating should contact Johnathan Lozier, Senior Legislative Outreach Associate, at (202) 333-0825, ext. 214, or [jlozier@womeningovernment.org](mailto:jlozier@womeningovernment.org) for more information. For questions regarding childhood obesity legislation in your state or on Women In Government's Childhood Obesity Policy Resource Center, contact Molly Peltzman, Health Policy Fellow, at (202) 333-0825, ext. 242, or [mpeltzman@womeningovernment.org](mailto:mpeltzman@womeningovernment.org).

## WILL

In February, WiLL leaders gathered in St. Paul, Minn., for two days of intensive media and message training. Our expert trainers led participants through skills-building sessions on creating compelling messages, communicating with a range of audiences, and writing and pitching op-eds. We also stepped up our expertise with the latest social media trends! Members joined us from Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Ohio, Utah, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The diverse group included many newly elected legislators as well as seasoned legislators looking to hone their skills. WiLL works to provide close-up and hands-on training for its members throughout the year.

Set your calendar now for our national biennial leadership conference—“Women at the Table of Power”—in Washington, D.C., Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2013! We'll provide great communications training, in addition to networking opportunities, timely panel discussions, opportunities to connect with inspiring members of Congress, and a lobby day on Capitol Hill. For more information about the WiLL/WAND Conference, email [will@wand.org](mailto:will@wand.org).

WiLL members joined the worldwide efforts of One Billion Rising on Feb. 14 and took a stand to demand an end to violence against women, submitting op-eds and letters to the editor to urge Congress to renew the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Now that VAWA has passed, WiLL is preparing to again support the Women, Peace and Security Act that will be re-introduced in Congress this summer.

On March 13, WAND and WiLL celebrated the historic number of women in the U.S. Congress who are taking their seats at the tables of power. Our reception on the Hill saluted these honorees: Congresswomen Julia Brownley (Calif.-26), Cheri Bustos (Ill.-17), Tammy Duckworth (Ill.-08), Elizabeth Esty (Conn.-05), Lois Frankel (Fla.-22), Ann McLane Kuster (N.H.-02), Michelle Lujan Grisham (N.M.-01), Carol Shea Porter (N.H.-01), and Kyrsten Sinema (Ariz.-09) and U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (Wis.) and Elizabeth Warren (Mass.). Of these women, Senator Tammy Baldwin and Congresswomen Lois Frankel and Kyrsten Sinema rose through the ranks of our WiLL network.

In response to congressional budget debates this spring, WiLL sent a message to Congress asking members to prioritize investments in domestic needs and our economic security over wasteful Pentagon spending. More than 360 women legislators from all 50 states added their names to this timely letter, which was delivered to every member of Congress on May 7. If you are interested in meeting with your member of Congress to discuss federal budget priorities, email [will@wand.org](mailto:will@wand.org).

We welcome and encourage women legislators across the nation to connect with the WiLL network and raise our voices together! Legislators are invited to contact WiLL president, Senator Nan Orrock (Ga.), [willpres@wand.org](mailto:willpres@wand.org), (404) 524-5999; WiLL vice president, Senator Sandy Pappas (Minn.), [sandy@wand.org](mailto:sandy@wand.org), (651) 247-8698; or Adzi Vokhiwa, [will@wand.org](mailto:will@wand.org), (202) 544-5055, ext. 2603, for information about upcoming conferences, training and future opportunities. Web updates are available at [www.willwand.org](http://www.willwand.org).

