

The Lob Tree AAUW Duluth



2022 Scholarship Winners



**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS !**

AMY KENOW

&

**PENNY
SCHWARZE**

GABRIELLA EMME is a graduate student at the University of South Dakota , where she is pursuing a Doctorate of Audiology. She graduated from Hermantown High School and did her undergraduate studies at the University of Minnesota–Duluth. After graduation in 2025, she hopes to work as an audiologist in a hospital or VA facility in the Midwest.

ANNA BERGSTROM is doing graduate work at the University of Wisconsin–Superior towards becoming a mental health counselor. She says, “As a non-traditional graduate student, immigrant, mother, and wife, I have a lot of responsibilities. These earnings will help ease the financial burden of pursuing a Graduate School program.”

AUBREY HAGEN is pursuing a Master of Business Administration at St. Mary’s University of Minnesota while also working full-time as Director of Membership Development at the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce. She says, “I am passionate about social justice and creating a more equitable and inclusive community, and I hope to use my degree and career to help build a better world.”

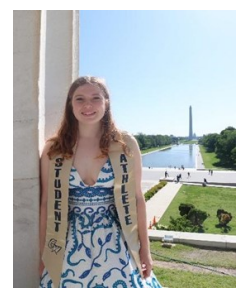
MIKAELA SMITH is an incoming student at the University of Minnesota Law School. She recently graduated from George Washington University with a double major in International Affairs and French Literature. She was also a student-athlete in Sailing, and her team competed at College Sailing Nationals in spring 2022 as a top-10 program. She plans to specialize in International Law with a focus on intractable conflicts and gender equity in development.

Gabriella

Anna

Aubrey

Mikaela



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Two Branch Programs November 10 and December 4, 2022

“Our Common Call to Humanity—Welcoming Afghan Newcomers”: **Thursday, November 10, 2022, 7 pm, Peace United Church of Christ (use back car park and door)**

HEAR Rev. Charlotte Frantz talk about the Peace Welcome Circle. MEET the three remarkable Afghan women it sponsored who made the journey to Duluth. \$10 suggested donation to benefit these newcomers. See <https://www.newyorker.com/news/us-journal/the-ordinary-americans-resettling-migrants-fleeing-war>

Winter Social: Sunday, December 4, 2022, 3 pm, Ecumen Lakeshore Chapel

Kick off the holidays with yummy refreshments, entertainment by vocalist Mark Hakes, socializing with friends, and donating to Safe Haven. \$15 pp payable at the door. Reservations required (cutoff date Monday 11/28/22). Special food needs catered. Contact Leanne Ventrella Leanne.ventrella@gmail.com or Diana Brainard, Dianab.aka.mommy@gmail.com

Northland Get Together, October 8, 2022, Northland Arboretum, Baxter, MN

The 2022 Northland Gathering, hosted by AAUW Brainerd, brings together branches in the Northland. It begins at 9:30 am and concludes at 2:30 pm at the Northland Arboretum in Baxter.

A key feature will be "herstory" presentations on social injustice by Native American and immigrant women.

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Help Needed for Sonia Kovalsky Day on November 9



UW-Superior will be hosting Sonia Kovalsky Day again on November 9, 2022, from 9 am to 2 pm. This is an in-person event directed towards high school women to celebrate and encourage women in mathematics. The university needs volunteers to help check in teachers and students from 8:30 to 9 am. Contact the branch STEM representative, Bethany Kubik, at Bethany.kubik@gmail.com if you can help.

First-Ever Non-Event Scholarship Fundraiser!

Fundraising

Watch your mailbox the first week in November for an invitation to participate in our first fundraising non-event!

Providing scholarships for local women seeking advanced degrees is still a priority for our branch. We offered four scholarships this year. So when it arrives, open your invitation and open your checkbook! Support education for women.

Kate Baldwin, Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF) Chair



Focus Group Details, Fall-Winter 2022

The Lunch Bunch

Contact: Bonnie Edwards, bkedwards@gmail.com

1st Tuesday of the month usually at 1 pm

Roundtable (Zoom)

Contact: Dawn Conlan, conlan518@gmail.com

3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm

Zeitgeist Afternoons, now Zoom Happy Hour

Contact: Geiger Yount, geigman@aol.com

July & August meetings 2nd Thursdays in member homes. Exact dates at Zinema or elsewhere after that are fluid.

Sampler

Contact: Lou Anne Siefert, lasiefert@charter.net

4th Tuesday of the month

Book Club

Contact: Angela George, angela8744@msn.com

3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm

(no meetings July, August, and December)

Readings include *The Firekeeper's Daughter*, Angeline Boulley (10/17/22); *The Seed Keeper*, Diane Wilson (11/21/22); *The Vanishing Half*, Brit Bennett (1/16/23).

A Reminder from AAUW Duluth's Public Policy Liaison

Please be sure to make your plan to vote on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Or vote early by going to St. Louis County Courthouse, 100 N 5th Ave W # 214, Duluth, MN 55802-1293 and using an absentee ballot.

For questions, you may call St. Louis County Elections

Phone: 218-726-2385 or Email: elections@stlouiscountymn.gov

Jackie Falk, Branch Public Policy Liaison

We Are an Active Branch . . .



Left:
Lunch Bunch members at Pier 1

Right: Branch members at the WE Clinic Fund-raiser in August at the Kitchi Gammi Club, Duluth





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AAUW Duluth: Empowering diverse women
through friendship, education, and advocacy

New website link:

[AAUW Duluth \(MN\) Branch](#)

See also [https://
www.facebook.com/AAUWDuluth](https://www.facebook.com/AAUWDuluth)

Members at the 2022 Summer Social at Hartley Nature Center, Including Scholar- ship Winner Aubrey Hagen



Maggie O'Farrell, *Hamnet* (2020)

The novel *Hamnet* is a National Book Critics Award winner and a *New York Times* bestseller. Here's what *The Boston Globe* review said, "Of all the stories that argue and speculate about Shakespeare's life [*Hamnet* is] so gorgeously written that it transports you."

Except that *Hamnet* is as much about a reimagining of Shakespeare's real wife, Anne Hathaway, and his son, Ham-

net (yes, you read that right), who died aged eleven.

In her eighth novel, Irish writer O'Farrell weaves together two timelines: one beginning the day that *Hamnet* realizes his twin sister, Judith, has contracted bubonic plague, and the second going back fifteen years to the start of Will and Anne's passionate relationship.

Here Anne is renamed Agnes (the name her fa-

ther actually used in his will) as a way to reinvent her and dispel the myth of the poor neglected wife.

Agnes is a herbalist and healer, an independent-minded and free-spirited woman. But while she struggles with guilt over not doing enough to prevent her son's death, her husband transmutes his grief into his masterpiece: the tragic play *Hamlet*, a drama about fathers and sons.

