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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello AAUW Jefferson County NY Branch, I hope this letter finds you all in good health and strength. As we quickly approach 2022, I think this would be a good time to look back at 2021 and to take time to reflect on how far we have come as we continue our mission towards equity for women and girls. As we continued to navigate a pandemic, telework, restrained from visiting our friends and attended traditional family functions virtually, the mission never ceased! Programs continued to occur on pretty close to a monthly basis with the help of our Programming VP Judy Munoz and our new Public Policy VP Rowena Miller, Dorothy Zegarelli, Secretary, has been keeping the board members informed and on task. Treasurer, Barbara Tucker and Membership VP Margaret Coe have been tag teaming Membership and Finances. Mrs. Peggy Coe has been our ROCK! She is one of the original founders of this branch! She is here to serve and help in any capacity needed!

My question to you all is HOW? How do we continue our mission of educating women and girls? How do we make them more resilient and aware of their worth? We are an organization of many bright and brilliant individuals with many thoughts and ideas. I am asking that you share those with the board members so that we may in turn share with other members and the community. No one is an island. We need each other to be successful and to keep our Jefferson County Branch up and running. So take some time out of your busy day to ask yourself, "What can I do to help achieve our mission? What skill do I have to share that would benefit someone else? If I do not have anything personally, who do I know who would be willing to share their ideas, thoughts and talents with our group and the community?" Think about it. I'm sure you can come up with something!

Sonja Williams  
President, AAUW Jefferson County Branch



## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Scholarship committee is pleased to announce our scholarship winners from this past year. We are proud to announce that we can provide two scholarships to two deserving young women. Our winners are Jasmine Clayborne and Michaela VanWormer. Both young women have promising futures and career goals.



Jasmine Clayborne is a freshman at Berklee College of Music in Boston. She plans to become a songwriter and Producer. Jasmine shared, "I am thankful for AAUW so much. I really appreciate for giving me this scholarship. I'm ready to take the next steps."



Michaela VanWormer is senior at SUNY Geneseo majoring in Early Childhood/Childhood Education with a concentration in Human Development. Michaela shared, "To be supported in my academic endeavors means so much to me, and I'm so grateful for this opportunity from AAUW. I'm excited to continue moving forward in the field of education and to help bring up the next generation of young leaders."