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Women with Vision

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Celebrating Our 76th year!

Young women with dreams become women with vision

Our Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Our vision: Equity for all.

Our values: Nonpartisan, fact-based, integrity, inclusion, and intersectionality.

Mentorship Program

Mentorship group graduation party at Kathy Bierbrauer's

The Group



Five of our seven graduating seniors were able to attend the party to celebrate their success. Each spoke to the group and shared something about

her experience in the mentorship program. The girls also talked about their plans for the future, which college they will be attending, and the career path they might follow.



After all of the talks, each received a beautiful bracelet from AAUW, plus a copy of some inspirational articles Karen had shared with the group previously.

Changing of the Guard

A bittersweet moment: Karen Langer Baker handed over the reins of the mentoring group directorship to Marli Shoop after having held that position for 12 years. Marli presented her with a beautiful bouquet and a card that everyone had signed.



Xitlali Ortiz is going to attend police academy as her preparation to becoming a Sheriff. She has been inspired by her dad, whose advice to her has been, *“If you fall, get back up!”*

Kathy Bierbrauer’s mentee, Jassmin Cerda, shared her goals and interests with the group. Jassmin is going to UC San Marcos and is interested in becoming a lawyer.





Cynthia Fonseca will attend Cal State University, San Diego. She was especially appreciative of all she experienced in the mentorship program and, in particular, from her mentor Marli Shoop.

Norine Honea's mentee, Sara Solano, wants to pursue a computer science career, starting at Mira Costa College and then transferring elsewhere after two years.





Angelica Benitez, Elizabeth Leader's mentee, will start at CSU-San Marcos. Her long-term goal is to do something in the medical field



Carolyn Thom with her former mentee, Itsarely Palma

As she is completing her freshman year, Aislinn Morales not only tutored AVID students but took so

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many courses that she has earned enough credits at Palomar College to qualify as a junior! She talked about how her parents were not ready for her to go away, but she now hopes to attend another college farther away.



Itsarely Palma was one of three former mentees who attended our mentorship group's party celebrating graduating seniors. Each one shared some wise advice based on their college experiences. Itsarely said she was inspired by adult students on campus. She also told us about her car accident, how she handled it and her advice to anticipate the unexpected.

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Alma Aguilar has completed two years of college. Her advice: Don't be afraid as everyone is in the same boat. Also: Get involved in college community, discussion groups, and mentors. She has received several awards already!



I just wanted to share some news with you. I was a recipient of the *Business Professional Development Outstanding Student Award*. This award was given to about 19 out of 320 students who were in the Business Professional Development Program during the Spring 2023 semester. This award was in recognition of exceeding academic and professional development expectations in the Business Professional Development Program.



This award made me eligible to interview for the *Luanne Bas Executive-in-Residence Award for Student Excellence*. I was also 1 of 6 recipients of this memorial award, which is in recognition of action, growth, integrity, optimism, and risk-taking to professional development.



Chet Bierbrauer meets Grace Vanderwerf's AAUW husband!
I was reassured by Chet the guys solved all our world's problems on 6/10!

Photos provided by Nancy Heins-Glaser

Book Club (Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 10:30)

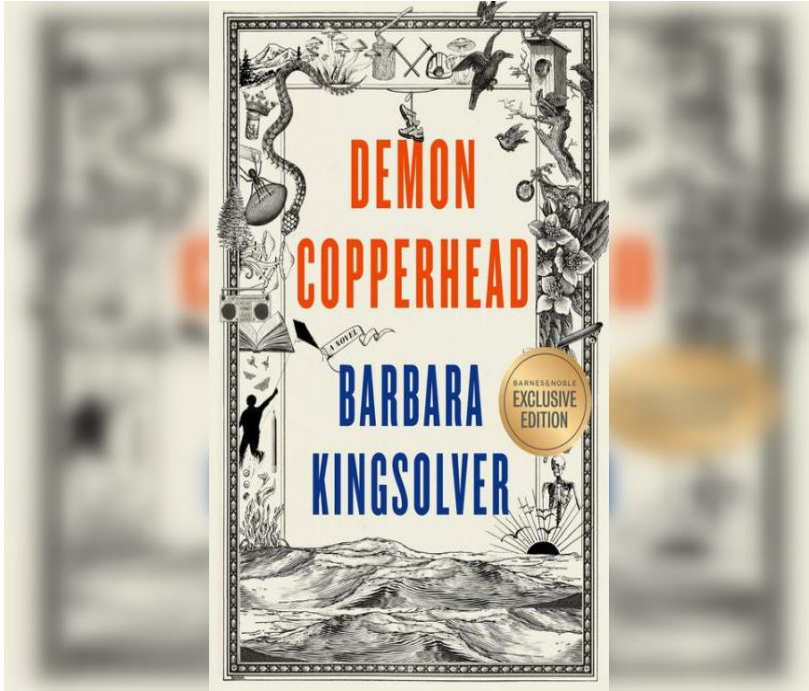
The Bibliobabes, as we affectionately call the members of our Fallbrook AAUW book club, continue to meet monthly.



*The Ibaren family hosted a special poetry corner
Facilitator Charlotte Seidman*



Next Meeting July 17 to discuss the *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver



The book, set in a poor county in southern Appalachia during the opioid epidemic, deals with the large question of who is to blame for a crisis. Kingsolver uses the perspective of a young boy to showcase the true parties at fault in rural America, including the institutional structures that ruin lives, corrupt children, and send communities into cycles of ruin. Inspired by the sweeping narrative of Charles Dickens's "David Copperfield," Kingsolver uses compelling characters and an underrepresented setting to create a heart-wrenching portrait of the American opioid crisis.

Movie Group

We are on break until September. In you have ideas for future meetings, or would like to be added to the movie review notification list, contact Carole Hodges.

Hiking Group

Carolyn Thom

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