

MEMBERSHIP

Any woman of good character holding a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university listed by the United States Department of Education is eligible for membership in the National Association of University Women.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Regular Membership - Branch Affiliation
- ✓ Members-at-large - Available where no branch exists

LOCATIONS

The National Association of University Women, Inc., has several locations throughout the United States and Africa. The geographic areas are known as sections and governed by Sectional Directors. Prospective members may contact the Sectional Director to receive information regarding membership.



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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, INC.

Visionary Women Serving in Unity and Love



NATIONAL OFFICERS



OUR HISTORY

The College Alumnae Club was organized March 11, 1910, by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Dr. Sara Brown, Dr. Fairfax Brown, and Miss Mary E. Cromwell in Washington, DC. Twenty university graduates joined, elected officers, and planned a program.

The new Club desired to stimulate young women to attain professional excellence, to exert influence in various movements for the civic good, and to promote a close personal and intellectual fellowship among professional women.

In 1919, the Club invited the first group of university graduates, who lived outside of the district, to organize. Baltimore accepted the invitation. Through the efforts of the College Alumnae Club seven branches were organized in cities where college women desired the affiliation with the founding group.

On April 6-7, 1923, representatives of the newly organized branches met in Washington, D.C. to consider the foundation of a national organization. A temporary National Association of College Women was formed. It was at the next conference on April 25-26, 1924, that the permanent organization was established and in November of that year it was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.

On August 9, 1974, at the biennial convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Association accepted its updated Charter and became known as the National Association of University Women (NAUW). The Association from its inception is a service and educational organization. In the beginning, the women of NAUW were proactive regarding the education of women, their living conditions on campuses, the need for a dean of women who would be an advocate for the women students and the training of teachers.

As the years progressed, the organization raised its voice regarding major civic and national issues such as business opportunities for African Americans, mental health, child welfare and the improvement of interracial and international relations.

On July 29, 2022, at the 73rd National Biennial convention in Tallahassee, Florida, by a unanimous vote of Delegates, the Corporation accepted the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act and updated the Charter to become an International Organization.

The Association has cooperated with national, local, social and economic programs and is affiliated with the National Council of Negro Women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the United Negro College Fund, the National Coalition for Literacy and the American Council on Education

OUR MISSION

The mission of the National Association of University Women is to serve women, youth and the disadvantaged in our communities and in developing countries by addressing educational issues, advancing the status of women issues and strategically partnering with allied organizations.

OUR FOCUS

- To sponsor, promote, and conduct educational activities that are designed to provide community outreach services to learners at every level of development.
- To provide assistance to those who have not completed their education and need basic skills necessary to function effectively in society.
- To work with educational institutions and other organizations to improve educational standards and foster academic and intellectual attainment.
- To sponsor and conduct conferences and seminars for the purpose of achieving and advancing organizational goals.
- * To collaborate and cooperate with other organizations associations and agencies that are concerned with community and world problems.
- To promote improvement in education, and when appropriate, issue public statements concerning the quality of education.
- To develop and sponsor research programs pertaining to the standards and quality of higher learning.
- To provide fellowships, grants and/or scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies.
- To publish, sponsor, and disseminate literature and materials pertaining to educational initiatives, trends, and development.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

The National Association of University Women is a public service organization that strives to confront the problems of all Americans. Many programs addressing education, health, international development, and strengthening of The African American family have emerged and evolved over the years. Today, programs remain the heart of NAUW, and our new Six-Point Program is designed to improve the lives of others with innovative and high impact programs. All branches will creatively Implement programs that will effectively serve their respective communities.

The Six-Point Program is under the theme: "Visionary Women Serving in Unity and Love:"

- Education
- Health and Wellness
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Support
- Political Awareness and Involvement
- Literacy
- Sisterhood

In addition, NAUW will also observe several community Service in Action Days as listed below:

- Breast Cancer Awareness Day (October)
- National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month (November)
- National Diabetes Awareness Month (November)
- NAUW Caregiver's Day (November)
- NAUW Reactivation Day (February/March)
- American Heart Month (February)
- National Read Across America Day (March)
- NAUW Founders' Day (February/March)

