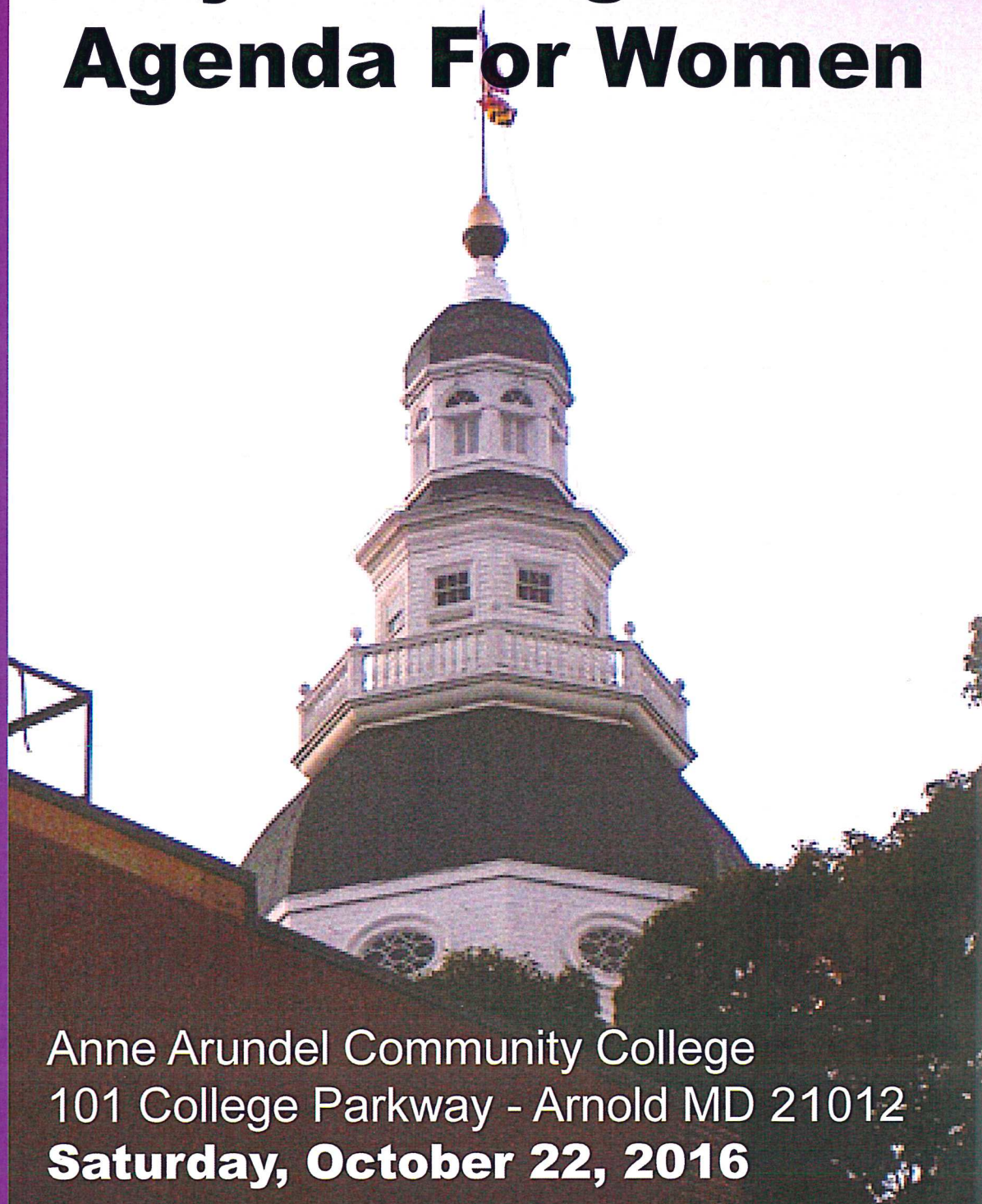


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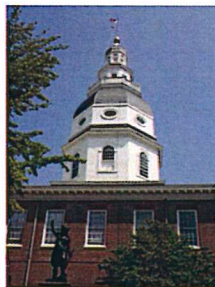


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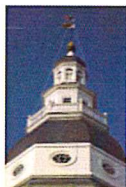
Between 1994 and 2016, MLAW supported 82 successful pieces of legislation that have made a difference for women and families in Maryland. This legislation has addressed domestic violence, sexual assault, economic justice, human rights, health care, family law, and criminal justice. **In the 2016 legislative session, five of the nine bills on the MLAW Legislative Agenda passed the General Assembly.**

MLAW provides visibility for legislation affecting women and families. The fall conference develops our MLAW Legislative Agenda and a legislative reception in Annapolis during the legislative session introduces the Agenda to advocates and legislators. These events focus legislators' attention on our issues and raise their visibility throughout the state. We distribute the annual Legislative Agenda to every Maryland legislator. In collaboration with our advocacy partners, we submit testimony, advocate for bills, and promote our Agenda through our website, Facebook page, and e-newsletter.

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women is proud of its achievements during the last 22 years, but there is more to be done. **Join us and help us continue to make a difference for Maryland women and families.**

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Saturday, October 22, 2016

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AGENDA

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| 9:30 – 10:00 am | Registration and Continental Breakfast
Networking with legislators and advocates |
| 10:00 – 10:30 am | Welcome and Introductions
Michaele Cohen, President, MLAW
Delegate Aruna Miller, President, Women Legislators of Maryland |
| 10:30 – 11:30 am | Panel Discussion:
<i>"From the Style Page to the Front Page: Advancing Women's Issues"</i>
Michelle Siri, Moderator
Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Delegate Kathleen Dumais, Delegate Ariana Kelly, and Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton. |
| 11:30 – 12:30 pm | Hot Topics and Legislation for the 2017 Legislative Session
Presentations by Lead Groups
Kathleen White, Moderator

MLAW Ballot and Agenda Process
Presented by Elizabeth Joyce |
| 12:30 – 1:00 pm | Presentation of MLAW Legislative Leadership Award
Presented to Senator Catherine Pugh by Melissa Broome

Wrap-Up – Joanna Diamond
Action steps
Agenda sign-on
Membership and e-mail sign-up
Resource and tip sheets
MLAW Legislative Reception – February 2017 |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 3:00 pm | Advocacy 101 Workshop (optional)
Michaele Cohen and Cynthia Lifson |

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Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton:

Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton is a lifelong Charles County resident, a farmer, husband, father of three, proud grandfather, and a strong believer in public service. Senator Middleton serves as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, a position he has held since 2003. The Committee reviews all legislation relating to banks and other financial institutions; business regulation and occupations; commercial law, including consumer protection; credit regulation and consumer financing; economic development; and health matters; labor and industry, including prevailing wage; State personnel issues; social programs, including welfare; transportation; unemployment insurance; utility regulation; and workers’ compensation.

Elected to the Maryland Senate in 1994, he initially served on the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee where he was considered an even-handed, fiscally conservative leader. Prior to serving in the Senate, Middleton was Chairman of the Charles County Planning Commission where he worked from 1978 to 1985 to better manage growth in the county. In 1986 he was elected President of the Charles County Commissioners and worked to improve county government services, education, and growth management. He helped steer the county through tough fiscal times during the last recession, ultimately improving the county’s bond rating – a reflection of his fiscally conservative management style.

Born in September 1945 in La Plata, Md., Middleton grew up in a large family – one of fourteen. He graduated from Charles County Community College in 1966, then earned a bachelor’s of science (Biology) degree from Mt. St. Mary’s College in 1968. He served in U.S. Army Intelligence from 1968 to 1971. Returning from the Army, he has worked on his family farm – Cedar Hill Farm – and remained active in the community ever since. As the only full-time farmer in the Maryland General Assembly, Middleton brings special insight into challenges faced by small business owners, and the challenge of retaining the rural character of Charles County.

Middleton and his wife Joan are strong supporters of public education. All three of their children – Kelly, Brooke and Bret – graduated from Charles County public schools, and from Maryland colleges or universities. On the State level, Middleton has earned a reputation as a strong supporter of Maryland’s higher education institutions.

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary (@VAtterbeary):

Vanessa was elected to represent District 13, Howard County, Maryland (where she was born and raised) in the Maryland House of Delegates in 2014 and was sworn in on January 14, 2015. Vanessa is the Chair of the Howard County House Delegation and serves on the Judiciary Committee and Family Law and Juvenile Law Sub-Committees in the Maryland General Assembly. She is a member of the Women’s Caucus and the Black Caucus. Vanessa was appointed by Speaker of the House, Michael Bush, to serve on the Public Safety and Policing Workgroup during the 2015 interim. In addition, Vanessa was appointed to represent the state of Maryland on the National Conference of State Legislators Law, Criminal Justice and Public

Safety Committees. Vanessa was also selected to represent the Maryland General Assembly on the Three Branch Institute to Improve Child Safety and Prevent Child Fatalities.

Vanessa is currently admitted to the Maryland State and District of Columbia Bar Associations, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. In addition to serving in the Maryland General Assembly, Vanessa serves as Corporate Counsel for KRA Corporation, a company providing workforce development and health consulting services, headquartered in Fulton, Maryland. Vanessa is a 1997 graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, with a B.A. degree in Government and a 2000 graduate from Villanova University School of Law. Vanessa resides in Fulton with her family. She is a loving mother to her three young children, Grayson, Holden and Victoria.

Delegate Kathleen Dumais (@KathleenDumais1):

Kathleen Dumais is a member of the firm Ethridge, Quinn, Kemp, McAuliffe, Rowan & Hartinger in Rockville, Maryland and concentrates in family law. Her practice includes complex divorce and custody matters, and she often serves as a court-appointed Best Interest Attorney for children in custody disputes. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Additionally, Ms. Dumais is an elected member of the Maryland House of Delegates, representing District 15 in Montgomery County. Ms. Dumais serves as Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee. She received the 2014 "Casper R. Taylor, Jr. Founder's Award" from Speaker of the House, Michael E. Busch, which is given to a sitting member of the House each year for their steadfast commitment to public service and the integrity of the House of Delegates.

Ms. Dumais continues to be acknowledged for her outstanding work in the area of family law. She received the prestigious 2010 Beverly A. Groner Family Law Award from the Maryland State Bar Association Family & Juvenile Law Section. She also received the 2010 Rita C. Davidson Award from the Women's Bar Association of Maryland and the 2010 Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award from the Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc. In 2006, she received the Professionalism Award from the Montgomery County Bar Association. Further, Ms. Dumais recently received the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from the George Washington University, Mount Vernon College.

Consumer and business publications have also recognized Ms. Dumais. Over the past six years, she was included in the "Top Divorce Lawyers" article in Bethesda Magazine. For more than a decade she's been named as one of the top 50 divorce lawyers in the Washington Metropolitan area by the Washingtonian magazine and was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women in 2005, 2007 and 2009 by the Daily Record and is now a member of the Daily Record's "Circle of Excellence." She was named the "2005 Woman of the Year" by the Montgomery County Business and Professional Women (BPW). She has been recognized by the Maryland "Super Lawyers" publications over the past eight years and has been one of the Top 25 Women Lawyers in this same publication for the past seven years.

Delegate Ariana Kelly (@DelArianaKelly):

Ariana Kelly represents District 16 in the Maryland House of Delegates. Ariana is a lifelong advocate for Montgomery County. She has a proven track record in Annapolis and Washington on issues that matter to Montgomery County, including health care, the environment, and education.

Ariana has been a member of the House of Delegates since 2011 and now serves as Deputy Majority Whip. She serves on the Health and Government Operations Committee. She also serves on the Insurance Subcommittee and the Public Health & Minority Disparities Subcommittee. In addition, Ariana is the Chair of the Economic Development Committee and the Democratic Caucus Chair of the Montgomery County Delegation. She is also a member of the Commission for the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment and secretary for the Women Legislators of Maryland.

Ariana is the Executive Director of Suited for Change, an organization which provides professional clothing and ongoing career education to low-income women to increase their employment and job retention potential.

Delegate Aruna Miller (@arunamiller):

Aruna Miller was elected in 2010 to represent the 15th legislative District in the Maryland House of Delegates and serves on the Ways & Means Committee where she sits on revenue, transportation and education subcommittees.

While in the House of Delegates, Aruna has been a champion of legislation to protect children and the environment and promote public safety. She has been the Primary Sponsor on several key pieces of legislation including: Extending the Statute of Limitations for minors to report sexual offenses, Banning the sale of e-cigarettes to minors, banning the sale of Mephedrone, a powerful hallucinogenic drug covertly sold as bath salts, ending the state mandate distribution of White Pages, increasing the statewide teleworking goals for Maryland and many more. Aruna received her degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri. Through her career as a Civil Engineer she has helped develop transportation solutions in Virginia, Hawaii, and California. Over the last 20 years Aruna has worked serving the citizens of Montgomery County where she has overseen programs that advanced access to schools, employment centers, and community facilities that are safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and those with disability.

Aruna has a long history of community & political activism. In 2006, Aruna successfully ran to represent Montgomery County Democrats as an At-Large member of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee. As a member of the Central Committee, she helped initiate New Voter Education to motivate and mobilize young people to take advantage of their right to vote.

She also chaired Serving Our Communities (SOC), an initiative to strengthen communities with volunteers to promote core Democratic values such as healthcare, education, and protection of our environment. SOC strives to cultivate leadership, philanthropy, and foster respect for all.

To date, SOC has volunteered their talents to Women Who Care, The Tree House, S.H.A.R.E [Self Help and Resource Exchange], Montgomery County Homeless Coalition, and Friends of Sligo Creek.

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CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS during the session:

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- ★ Contact the lead group or groups to find out more about what you can do to support or oppose legislative proposals or other issues.
- ★ Attend a legislative hearing and be a visible supporter.
- ★ Submit written or give oral testimony.
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The Commission's 2017 programs are:

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- The Women of Tomorrow Awards
- State-Wide Listening Tour

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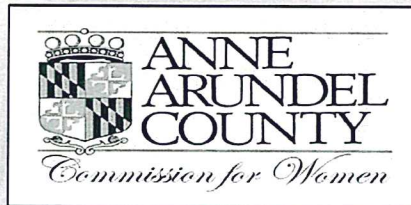


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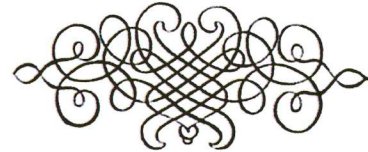
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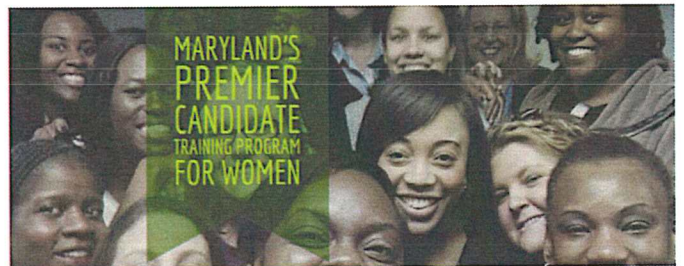
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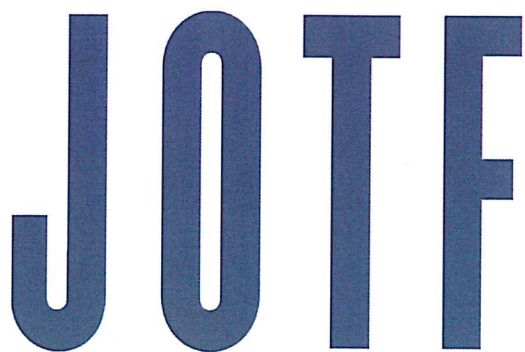
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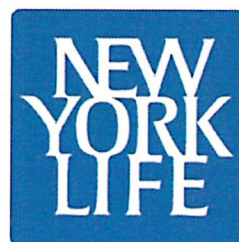
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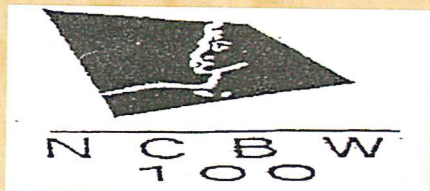
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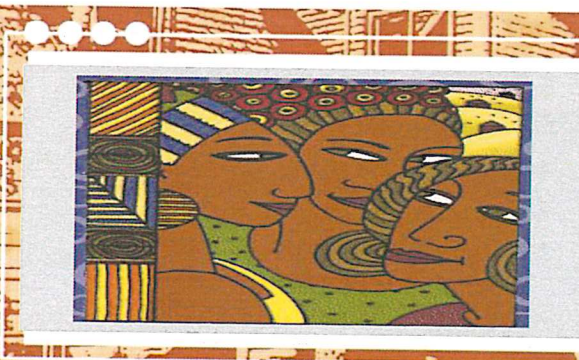
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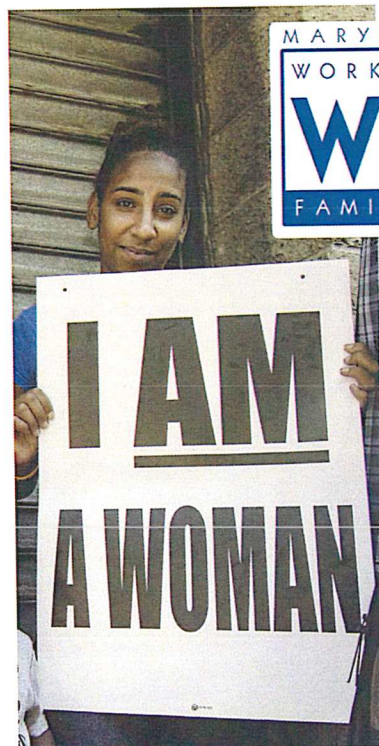
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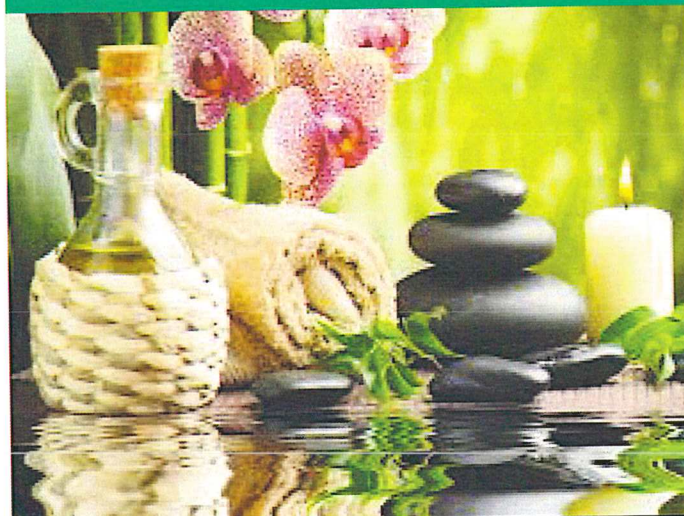
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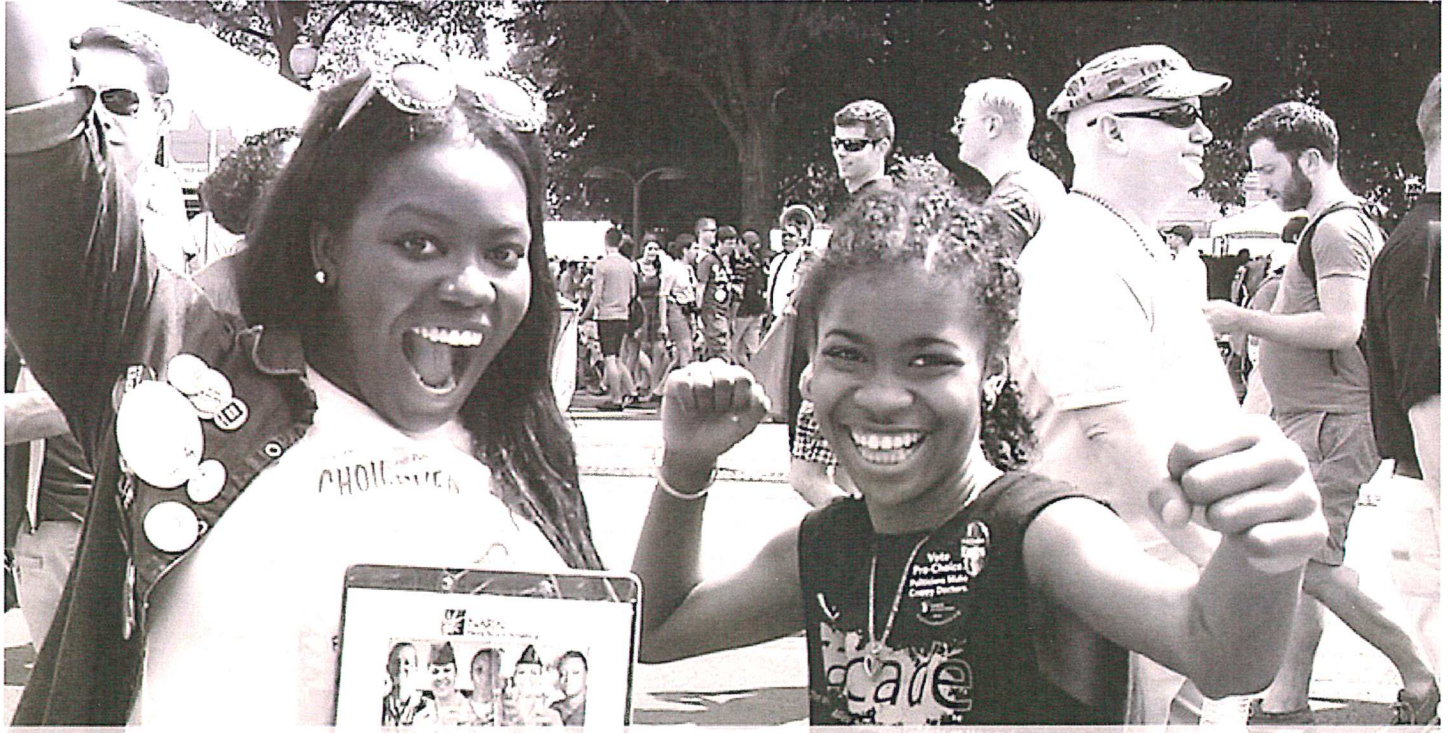


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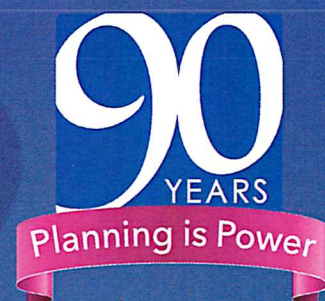
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