

## Helping to End Hunger

By Senator Rosemary Brown

MOUNT POCONO - Shoprite associates have raised over \$1.2 million in their efforts to End Hunger Together! To honor some of the most special associates in our community, the Mount Pocono ShopRite held their ceremony recognizing their special staff members who will be featured on specialty Cheerios boxes!

Alyssa from my staff attended their celebration today to present a Certificate from the Senate of Pennsylvania to the very special Marlo Montana! Congratulations again!



## AAUW Easton Branch to Host Annual Girls' Recognition Night

By Jan Marie Schwartz

LEHIGH VALLEY — The Easton Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host its annual Girls' Recognition Night (GRN) on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Lafayette College's Hugel Science Center, Room 103, 701 Sullivan Road, Easton, PA 18042.

The event honors seventh-grade girls from Bangor, Easton, and Wilson area middle schools who demonstrate exceptional interest and achievement in STEAM — Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics. Each honoree receives a certificate recognizing her accomplishments and encouraging her to pursue math and science coursework in high school and beyond, opening doors to future careers in STEAM fields.

Dr. Wendy Hill, Rappolt Professor Emeritus of Neuroscience and Director of the Hanson Center for Inclusive STEM Education at Lafayette College, will speak to the parents about strategies for helping young women overcome challenges in STEAM fields.

The evening will also feature a panel of five distinguished women from the region working in STEAM professions: Kate Brandes, Breanna Burkes, Elaine Reynolds, Jenn Stroud Rossman, and Megan van Ravenswaay. The panelists will share their professional journeys and discuss the challenges they have overcome along the way.

AAUW, with its nationwide network of more than 150,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institutional partners, has been a leading advocate of equity for women and girls since 1881.

## East Stroudsburg University Department of Education Announces Funding of \$1 Million

By Senator Rosemary Brown

EAST STROUDSBURG - This week, Mackenzie from my staff joined the Pennsylvania Department of Education at East Stroudsburg University to highlight nearly \$1 million in funding supporting the next generation of special education teachers. There are several initiatives at the state level to address the teacher shortage, particularly in special education, where the need is critical.

Programs like this one and the accelerated K-12 special education teacher certification create opportunities for individuals already serving in our schools to advance their careers while continuing to support students. Strengthening our education workforce is essential and I am pleased to see this outstanding work happening at East Stroudsburg University.



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