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Dear Tamara,

We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. The Fall Conference was a highly successful and lots of fun. Thanks to all who attended. Please see our Facebook page for photos.

Our Voter Registration campaign was also successful. We registered 447 millennials (people aged 18 to 30) to vote at 14 drives throughout the state!

### Message from our President

The 2012 elections finally over and I know you are all tired of politics and want to get on with the business of healing this nation and getting folks back to work, but I cannot let the month pass without thanking each and every one of you for the phenomenal job you did with voter registration and getting out the vote through our AAUW campaign "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" national campaign! It is reported that through collective efforts of many individuals, groups and organizations such as AAUW, record numbers of women, minorities and millennials voted this year! AAUW-MA had a presence at several colleges and city/town events across the state. All of you deserve kudos, especially our totally capable and seemingly tireless National liaison, Becca Reutenberg, who helped us make history on November 6th. America will surely become a better nation not only for the attention politicians and pundits paid to the many issues concerning women this year, but because we elected more women to Congress than ever before!



With all that we have to be thankful for, our work is far from over. We still suffer from disproportionately higher unemployment rates for women and minorities, equal pay is still not a reality, and the Violence Against Women Act is in peril (the current bill will end in December and needs reauthorization). So many more issues concerning women will be up for discussion and legislative action in the near future. We must remain ever vigilant and keep our voices strong in support of Equity because (unfortunately) Equity is STILL an issue as we head toward the new year and welcome in 2013! Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!!

Yours in AAUW Spirit,  
Barbara J. Burgo, President

### 8th annual Massachusetts Conference for Women

Join us at the 2012 Massachusetts Conference for Women! Registration is now open for this year's Conference, which will be held December 6th in Boston. The Conference will feature nationally recognized speakers like Arianna Huffington, one of TIME magazine's 100 most influential people in 2011 and president of the Pulitzer Prize winning Huffington Post Media Group, Vera Bradley co-founder Barbara Bradley Baekgaard,

and 'Good Morning America' workplace contributor and CEO of Women For Hire and Spark & Hustle Tory Johnson.

This year's theme, Imagine!, dares women to find their purpose and make a difference in our own lives and in the communities and world we live in. The Conference features motivational keynote speeches, engaging workshops and panel discussions that cover a vast range of topics specifically designed for women, including healthcare, leadership, managing change, finding work life balance and personal finance. Learn more at [MAConferenceForWomen.org](http://MAConferenceForWomen.org).

As a Supporting Organization of the Conference, YOU are entitled to a registration discount! Be sure to enter MACP98 when registering.

We hope to see you there!

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We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting and Conference in the Spring.

Sincerely,

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