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## **Brevard College Students Receive Scholarships to AAUW Conference**

BREVARD – Two Brevard College students have received scholarships to attend (American Association of University Women’s (AAUW) National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) this summer.

Chloe Banner ‘25 and Kylee Draper ‘26 will both attend the conference May 30 - June 1 in Washington, D.C. Banner and Draper are both members of the Institute for Women in Leadership (IWIL) program at the college.

IWIL is a co-curricular learning program that helps women gain confidence in their leadership abilities by providing opportunities through service learning programs. IWIL embodies the College’s motto, “Learn in Order to Serve,” through service projects on and off campus.

“I’m most looking forward to meeting other women in leadership,” noted Banner. “I would like to learn about how to find a good work-life balance, how to gain respect as a woman in leadership, and how to navigate the world as a young woman. Many of the panels and workshops offered during the conference will cover these topics.”

As the AAUW website states, the mission of the conference is to “foster a moment that ignites a powerful movement.” The event provides “an immersive multi-day experience of leadership training, inspiration, and networking...where attendees can enter as passionate leaders and depart with the skills, confidence, and perspective necessary to pursue their goals and drive meaningful change.”

“This opportunity is unique because it was created by women, for women. It is about excelling in a world that was not built for you,” said Draper.

“NCCWSL prides itself on its diversity of backgrounds and ideas, which form the bedrock of its transformative nature,” explains the event website. “Additionally, peer networking holds the magical potential for attendees to learn from one another and forge lifelong connections of support and collaboration.”

“This is an amazing accomplishment for these two students,” said Katherine Parnell, who has served as chair for IWIL since 2022. “The mission of the NCCWSL conference aligns perfectly with our goals in IWIL. The leadership skills and insight that Chloe and Kylee will bring back will be such a resource for their peers.”

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