Women’s Month 2018 at Virginia Tech
“Nevertheless, We Persist”
Schedule of Events

Coeds: The History of Women Students at Virginia Tech sponsored by University Libraries and Virginia Tech Alumni Association
  • Exhibit open Wednesday, February 14th through Friday, March 30th, Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm at the Alumni Museum in Holtzman Alumni Center
Virginia Tech first admitted women as students in 1921, but it was a long road to acceptance. Women had to create their own yearbook and unofficial sports teams in the beginning, and it took decades to achieve important student leadership positions in student organizations. Additional barriers prevented women students of color from reaching the same status as white women students for years and sometimes decades, as with the first Black women who didn’t matriculate until 1966, a full 45 years after the first white women and 13 years after the first Black man. This exhibit highlights the many women who overcame these obstacles in order to obtain a quality education and to open doors for others to join the Hokie Nation.

Together | We: Troubling the Field in 20th Century Architecture sponsored by Special Collections and University Libraries
  • Exhibit open Thursday, March 1st through Monday, April 2nd during Newman Library hours
The Special Collections Department at Newman Library will have an interactive digital exhibition on display focused on materials from the International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA). The exhibit will highlight a number of women working primarily in the 20th century who were practitioners and often pioneers in the field. In addition to their architectural work they often had to overcome significant barriers to entry into the field, including access to the resources and networks of professional organizations. Several of these women became avid organizers and advocates, highlighting the contributions of other women to the profession and working to rectify the disparities in representation across daily practice and professional associations.

Courage, Resistance, and Leadership: Women in American History sponsored by University Libraries
  • Exhibit open Thursday, March 1st through Monday, April 2nd during Newman Library hours
Special Collections and Newman Library will be collaborating on two exhibits in two spaces on the first floor of Newman Library. Special Collections will have items from our collections on display in the Reading Room, along with a digital slideshow of additional materials, trivia, and fun facts. In a nearby location on the first floor of the library, there will be a display of posters highlighting women represented in Special Collections holdings, as well as from the Women’s History Month website, which contextualize their roles in American history.

Me First! Friday: Mentoring 101 sponsored by the Women’s Center
  • Friday, March 2nd from 12-1:15pm at North End Center Room 2400; register at training.vt.edu by searching “Me First! Friday”
Have you ever wanted a mentor? Ever wondered how to go about finding one? Are you curious about what you might expect from a mentoring relationship? Or have you been interested in becoming a mentor yourself? If so, then please join LaRhonda Johnson, Mentorship Program Coordinator at Career and Professional Development to explore these and other questions about the topic. Bring your lunch and your questions and join us for an engaging and informative conversation.

Artisans of the Reynolds Homestead: Preserving the Traditional Arts and Crafts of the Women of Appalachia sponsored by Reynolds Homestead and Outreach and International Affairs
  • Exhibit open Saturday, March 3rd through Friday, March 23rd from 9am-5pm at Wallace Hall Gallery
  • Reception on Sunday, March 18th from 2-4pm at Wallace Hall Gallery & Atrium
Visit this exhibit to learn about the artisans of the Reynolds Homestead. In spite of advances in technology, many women artists and artisans in our area continue to preserve the native arts and crafts of Appalachia. Many continue to use traditional methods and materials, while others have incorporated new materials into their art; for example, using recycled plastic bags in traditional rug hooking. They value the skills of the past and believe that carrying them forward creates a sense of accomplishment, pride and enjoyment of the connection to the past.
#MeToo in Academic Environments & Office Spaces sponsored by the Women’s Alliance at Virginia Tech
- Thursday, March 8th from 12-1:15pm in North End Center 2200
Recent media headlines, covering lewd text to predatory advances are unparalleled. The flood of accusations and admissions, as to sexual harassment, assault, and microaggression claims, sparked a moment of national reckoning, #metoo. Women once silenced by fear a speaking out are empowered to name the crime and her accusers. But what is the impact and implications in hierarchical academic environments and unequal office spaces? Nikeshia Arthur, Assistant Director for Civil Rights Compliance and Deputy Title IX Coordinator, will provides insight in #MeToo in Academic Environments and Office Spaces.

2018 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH: Celebrating Women in Transportation - Land, Air, and Sea sponsored by United States Department of Transportation, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, and WTS at Virginia Tech
- Tuesday, March 13th from 9am-3pm at the USDOT Atrium; U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590
- Register and learn more here: www.vtti.vt.edu/wts.vt.2018
Learn about women’s roles in key technological advances. Help equip current and future generations of women leaders to achieve their full potential. There will be a panel event and opportunities for mentorship.

Mary Cassatt: Challenging Representations of Women, Maternity, and Modernity sponsored by Women’s and Gender Studies and Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures
- Wednesday, March 14th at 4pm in Norris 209
Join Dr. Sharon Johnson to learn about her work on Mary Cassatt. Johnson’s talk contextualizes Mary Cassatt within the context of 19c French society and the painterly conventions at that time. It also allows the audience an opportunity to appreciate a selection of her work, based on the themes of my talk: women, maternity and modernity. The presentation lauds Cassatt for her engagement, keen intelligence, and acute observations of all facets of life. It also demonstrates how that painter’s life and body of work challenged the traditional norms and gendered expectations of 19c women, by means of who she was, how she chose to live her life, as a woman and unmarried woman, and as a foreigner in the French, male dominated artistic scene of late nineteenth century France.

Women and Gender in International Development (WGD) Discussion Series Spring 2018 featuring Dr. Basundhara Bhattarai hosted by Women and Gender in International Development (WGD) at the Center for International Research, Education, and Development (CIRED), with support from Outreach and International Affairs (OIA), the Department of Geography, and the Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series (WMASLS)
- Thursday, March 15th from 12:30-1:30pm in the Newman Library Multipurpose Room
Dr. Basundhara Bhattarai has worked as an interdisciplinary scholar and forestry and agriculture consultant across the world since 1991, centering her work on natural resource management and women forest user groups in the Himalayan region. Her visit to Virginia Tech would provide students, staff, faculty, and community members the opportunity to learn from her first-hand experience as a successful woman and interdisciplinary scholar from Nepal. Furthermore, Dr. Bhattarai’s visit would encourage collaboration among scholars and individuals from different departments and backgrounds given the nature of her work and her inter-institutional network. As a unique and groundbreaking academic and practitioner in the fields of forest, gender, climate change adaptation, food security, and sustainable development, Dr. Bhattarai's presence on campus supports the advancement of women in international leadership roles.

The Path to Transforming Hate: An Artist’s Book sponsored by CAUS Diversity Committee, the Elizabeth A. Betsey Flanagan Women in in Leadership and Philanthropy Lecture Fund and the Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series
- Wednesday, March 14th at 2pm in Hancock 100
A nationally recognized artist, Clarissa Sligh examines the intersections of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation, confronting issues. Her rich and varied experiences have included working at NASA in the manned space flight program, being a Civil Rights activist, painter, artist, and book artist. In her work, Sligh seeks to take on the challenging and unfamiliar, the hateful and scary, and to begin a conversation from a place of curiosity, beauty, kindness and love.

Safe Zone: Gender Identity & Expression sponsored by Cultural & Community Centers
- Friday, March 16th from 11am-1pm in the Newman Library Multipurpose Room
- Register here: https://gobblerconnect.vt.edu/organization/iec/events
Many people hold common misconceptions about people who identify as transgender, non-binary, or in some way that is unique with regard to sex, gender, and identity. Moreover, few people in the majority throughout our society realize
that cisgender identity affords certain unearned privileges. This presentation provides an overview of gender diversity, and a welcome forum for exploring new and unfamiliar concepts. Those looking to strengthen their work as allies are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Workplace Massage** sponsored by Massage Therapy Associates of the New River Valley
- Friday, March 16th from 1-5pm at the Hahn Horticulture Garden; $1/minute of massage with a 20-minute minimum
- Call 540-392-3723 or email staff@nrvmassage.com to make an appointment

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**VT Women Connect Networking Event** sponsored by VT Women Connect
- Friday March 16th from 3:30-5pm in the Corps of Cadets Residence Hall

VT Women Connect, an informal networking group of Virginia Tech’s professional women, will have an opportunity to visit the new Corps of Cadets residence halls and engage with women cadets who will share their insights and experiences.

**What Color is Water?** sponsored by Perspective Gallery
- Friday, March 16th to Saturday, June 2nd (Tuesday through Saturday 12-9 p.m., Sundays from 1-5 p.m., Closed Mondays)

What Color is Water? A community Art Reach Water Awareness Program which will culminate in a site specific art installation at Virginia Tech’s Perspective Gallery in spring 2018. “What Color is Water?” is a collaboration between water quality education programs and the residents of the region to connect with water in a way which encourages us to see our most fragile resource, as clean, refreshing, pure, and in need of our protection and good stewardship. Women around the world are responsible for the water their families consume. We will explore that as part of the "What Color is Water" exhibit.

**Habitat for Humanity Women’s Build Service Event** sponsored by VT Engage
- Saturday, March 17th and Friday, March 23rd from 7am-3pm
- Register and learn more at engage.vt.edu

Join women supporting women and learn to build and construct a home with VT Engage. No experience is necessary and all folks are welcome. Habitat for Humanity works toward rectifying this with the Women Build program as their neighborhoods are predominately comprised of women and children. Join VT Engage as we reflect on the obstacles women face in home ownership while assisting in a home build in the Roanoke Valley. This program provides participants the opportunity to learn new skills or add to their already diverse tool belt.

**Mentors in Violence Prevention Facilitator Training** sponsored by the Women’s Center
- Saturday, March 17th from 9am-5pm at the Women’s Center
- Register here: [https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0olJ7aumNWdQoTL](https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0olJ7aumNWdQoTL)

Are you someone who wants to take leadership in ending violence on our campus? Are you interested in learning about bystander intervention and helping teach others? Join our free Assistant Facilitator training for our Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Bystander Intervention program to gain these skills and more as we educate our campus.

**Morning Meditation** sponsored by Virginia Tech Recreational Sports
- Monday, March 19th from 8-9am at Hahn Horticulture Garden

We offer a space for our community to come together and practice meditation together. It will allow a comfortable space for introspection and reflection for all. Practice will focus on breath work, visualization, sound, deep relaxation and other techniques to feel more connected to yourself and to others.

**Social Meet Up with the Women’s Alliance** sponsored by Virginia Tech Women’s Alliance and Caucus
- Monday, March 19th from 5-6:30 pm at Blacksburg Taphouse, 607 N. Main St.

The Women’s Alliance will gather for an informal social meet up at the Blacksburg Taphouse at 5 pm for dinner/drinks, then walk to “Careers in Tech: Exploring Data Centers with Facebook, Google, and Microsoft” together. Join us for all
or part of the evening. All faculty, staff, and graduate students with an interest in gender equity are welcome to join the alliance.

**Careers in Tech: Exploring Data Centers with Facebook, Google, and Microsoft** sponsored by Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Virginia Tech Women’s Alliance and Caucus, Pamplin College of Business, College of Engineering, College of Science, Business Leadership Center, Collegiate Women in Business
- **Monday, March 19th** from 6:30-8pm at the Moss Arts Center

The data center sector is young, pioneering and growing quickly. In this interactive Tech Talk, hear from women leaders in the data center sector at Facebook, Google and Microsoft – and why they want you to consider a career in tech. This panel of women leaders from the technology industry will encourage women and other underrepresented groups to consider the opportunities available, including by discussing their growth and success stories, and to answer attendees’ questions. This is an invitational event open to Virginia Tech students and employees. The event is free, however tickets are required. For tickets, contact the Moss Arts Center.

**Meet the Author: Mary Ashby McDonald, DVM** sponsored by the Staff Diversity Development Group
- **Tuesday, March 20th at 12pm/Noon** in North End Center Room 2200

Free event featuring Dr. Mary McDonald, author of the book, *The Magnet*. Mary will share her personal experiences, allow time for Q&A, and will offer a book signing.

**Hidden Figures: Into the Future** sponsored by Division of Information Technology, Office for Diversity and Inclusion, and the College Access Collaborative
- **Tuesday, March 20th at 3:30pm** in Haymarket Theatre in Squires Student Center
- **More information about the events here:** it.vt.edu/hiddenfigures

‘Hidden Figures: Into the Future’ will include a free showing of the award-winning movie, with a keynote speaker and Q&A session, followed by a variety of evening tours of Virginia Tech science and technology facilities. We will also be sharing information related to college access and majors in the STEM and data science fields. The schedule for the day is:

- 3:30 pm Doors Open (Haymarket Theater) - suggest parking at North End Center
- 4:00 pm Introductory comments from VP for Information Technology Scott Midkiff, and Keynote address
- 4:25 pm Hidden Figures movie start time
- 6:45 pm Showing concludes, Q&A session
- 7:15 pm Tours begin (details of each tour option will be on our website)
- 8:15 pm Tours conclude

**Wikimedia Share-A-Thon** sponsored by University Libraries and the Women’s Center
- **Tuesday, March 20th from 2-3:30pm** in the Newman Library Multipurpose Room

Come help enhance the visual record ahead of the next two events in this Wikipedia intervention series. The workshop will start with an introduction to Wikimedia Commons and then dive into sharing photos on the platform. As Wikimedia Commons only accepts freely licensed images, there will also be an overview of Creative Commons Licensing.

**I Make Money Move$** sponsored by the Graduate School Office of Recruitment, Diversity and Inclusion
- **Tuesday, March 20th at 5:30pm** in New Classroom Building Room 250

A workshop for women on negotiating salary, benefits, and starting strong at new jobs! Panelists include Karen P. DePauw, Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies; Brenda S.J. Winkel, Professor and Head, Department of Biological Sciences; Patrice Dickerson, Director of Faculty Recruitment, Office for Inclusion and Diversity; and Dannette Gomez Beane, PhD Candidate in Counselor Education.

**Women in STEM Panel & Networking** sponsored by Career & Professional Development
- **Tuesday, March 20th at 6pm** in the Fralin Auditorium and Atrium

A panel of Women in STEM careers discussing their journeys, challenges, and highlights.

**Black Women and Women of Color Support Network Mixer** sponsored by Cultural and Community Centers, Black Graduate Student Organization and Student African American Sisterhood (SAAS)
- **Tuesday, March 20th from 7-9pm** in the Graduate Life Center Multipurpose Room
Join us for the Mentorship Mixer to form strong relationships between undergraduate and graduate women of color at Virginia Tech, create a support system that offers encouragement, guidance, and accountability for both mentees and mentors while offering a space for ongoing career and lifestyle advice. We hope to educate undergraduate students on how to balance work, school, and social activities while maintaining good physical and mental health.

**FlowGround Session Wikipedia Editing Workshop** sponsored by University Libraries and the Women’s Center
- Wednesday, March 21st from 11:30am-1pm in the Newman Library Athenaeum

Drop in for an informal session to chat with colleagues about intersections between fields that could generate a push to make Wikipedia articles a more complex—yet still accessible—resource for the general public. Set up an account, learn about editing, talk with people from a wide range of disciplines about intervening in social spaces, and just generally share ideas that transcend specific disciplines, technology, tools, and processes.

**An Evening with Tamika Mallory, Co-Chair of the Women’s March** sponsored by the Black Student Alliance
- Wednesday, March 21st from 6-8pm in Haymarket Theatre in Squires Student Center

Tamika D. Mallory is a 36 year old mother to her teenage son and nationally recognized activist who is well known as one of four co-chairs for the 2017 Women’s March on Washington. President of Mallory Consulting, a strategic planning firm and board member of The Gathering for Justice, Tamika has landed on the 2017 Time 100 Pioneers list and Fortune’s 2017 list of the World’s Greatest Leaders. She is a prominent voice of civil rights, social justice and the new wave of feminism.

**Speakeasy Reading Series: Tess Taylor Poetry Reading** sponsored by the MFA Program in Creative Writing and the Department of English
- Wednesday, March 21st at 7:30pm in Newman Library Multipurpose Room

Tess Taylor, poetry reviewer for NPR’s All Things Considered and author of Work & Days and The Forage House reads poetry as part of the Speakeasy Reading Series. Free and open to the public.

**The Rape of Recy Taylor Documentary & Discussion (for faculty/staff)** sponsored by Cultural & Community Centers
- Thursday, March 22nd at 12pm in the Owens Banquet Hall; free lunch provided
- Register here in order to receive lunch: https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ug5MJmmSwbdKpn

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**Capture Her Persistence** sponsored by Virginia Tech Panhellenic
- Thursday, March 22nd from 1-3pm LOCATION

This booth will be a way for women to reflect on their accomplishments and achievements through times when they have persisted. As more women hang their photos people passing will be able to appreciate and support each other. This connects the to theme because it will not only admire women’s contributions, but build a stronger community where women feel comfortable making their voice heard. The photos will empower and reach many people.

**International Women’s VOICES** sponsored by Cranwell International Center
- Thursday, March 22nd from 5-6:30pm in the Cranwell International Center Community Room

Attendees will become aware of what it means to be a woman from a particular country or cultural background. 4 facilitators representing countries or regional groups will be spread throughout the Cranwell Community Room. Participants will rotate amongst the 4 groups and engage in conversation covering questions such as “What does it mean to be 'Strong' in your country?”, and “Name a female icon in your country-- Why are they idolized?”. At the end of the session, participants will be asked to share their thoughts and what they have learned from this dialogue.

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Advancing Diversity in Graduate Education: Opportunities, Challenges, and Potential Pitfalls for Interdisciplinary Programs sponsored by the 2018 ASPECT Graduate Conference and the Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series Fund
- Friday, March 23rd from 5-6:30pm in the Newman Library Multipurpose Room

Jamie Sanchez lived in China for more than eight years working for a business consulting firm and co-establishing an educational training center that specialized in English language and cultural training. In addition, she coordinated academic personnel and business professionals to work in China and established partnerships between Chinese universities and international university groups and organizations. Sanchez holds a bachelor’s degree from New Mexico State University, a Master of Intercultural Studies from Union University, a Master of Divinity from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech.

The Blacksburg Aruna Run sponsored by Cru, Indian Student Association, and The Association for India’s Development
- Saturday, March 24th at 9am; Registration is $30
- Register here: https://www.crowdrise.com/BlacksburgArunaRun

Participate in the Blacksburg Aruna Run to raise awareness of those sold into sexual slavery. Run for a specific woman by name to raise funds to help bring and sustain her freedom. By participating in the race, the Virginia Tech community can unite to fight against sex slavery.

Binge-Worthy Journalism sponsored by Moss Arts Center
- Saturday, March 24th at 7:30pm at Moss Arts Center; tickets $25

Award-winning podcast Serial has become an internet sensation, downloaded more than 300 million times since it launched in 2014. Sarah Koenig, host and co-creator of Serial, began her career as a newspaper reporter and in 2004 became a producer for the radio show, This American Life. Julie Snyder is co-creator of Serial and executive producer of the Serial production, S-Town. In 2013 Snyder and Koenig decided to try something new: making a show that does not follow the usual format of a different story every week, but instead making a show that covers one story over the course of an entire season. Serial has received several awards, including the Peabody, Edward R. Murrow, duPont-Columbia, and Scripps Howard, as well as the Silver Gavel Award for Media and the Arts.

Women on Weights (WOW) sponsored by Virginia Tech Recreational Sports
- Sunday, March 25th from 11am-12pm/Noon in McComas Gym

Come learn about McComas Hall and get comfortable working out in the many areas of the building. You’ll get to interact with a personal trainer who will lead small groups of folks through the building. They’ll teach about how to do workouts in a safe and healthy way. You’ll even leave with five written workouts! Come get comfortable and learn!

The Clothesline Project sponsored by Montgomery County NOW, United Feminist Movement, Women's Center, Women's Resource Center of the NRV
• Monday, March 26th to Friday, March 30th: Make a shirt at the Women’s Center from 9am-5pm.
• Tuesday, March 27th and Wednesday, March 28th: View the shirts displayed on the Drillfield from 9am-5pm. (The rain location is in Squires Student Center.)

T-shirts are created by survivors and also by friends and family members of victims; T-shirts are displayed on lines to raise awareness of gender-based violence.

**Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop** sponsored by the Women’s Center
- Tuesday, March 27th from 5:15-7pm at Smith Career Center Meeting Room B

Start Smart is specifically designed to teach you to negotiate salaries. In every two-hour workshop you’ll gain confidence in your negotiation style through facilitated discussion and role-play and learn: How to identify and articulate your personal value; How to develop strategies to use when negotiating; How to conduct objective market research to benchmark a target salary and benefits; and about the gender wage gap, including its long-term consequences.

**Saving Muslim Women?: Islamophobia, Gender, and American Politics** sponsored by the Department of Religion & Culture and the College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
- Tuesday, March 27th from 7-9pm in Torgersen 3100

Dr. Juliane Hammer’s talk, entitled “Saving Muslim Women?: Islamophobia, Gender, and American Politics” would contribute to on-going campus conversations about religious discrimination and freedom, Islamophobia, and gender-based oppression and violence. The subject of Dr. Hammer’s lecture prompts us to nuance resistive approaches to Islamophobic discourses in our midst by foregrounding the unique experiences of American Muslim women. This more inclusive, more dynamic approach to understanding and combatting Islamophobia can help modify and refine extant discourses of resistance by forcing us to consider how Muslim women are not only affected by Islamophobia, but also by unreflective means of resistance. In short, Dr. Hammer’s talk will teach us how to be better allies in terms of understanding the histories and contexts of those we purport to support and in terms of allowing Muslim women a platform to articulate their own resistive strategies.

**Collegiate Women in Business’s Annual Power Panel** sponsored by Deloitte, KPMG, and Altria
- Tuesday, March 27th from 7-8pm at the German Club Manor; transportation to and from Cassell Coliseum starting at 5pm
- Please RSVP [here](#).

In the hopes of empowering, preparing, and connecting women, Collegiate Women in Business hosts our annual Power Panel featuring diverse professional speakers from across the country. Our panelists will discuss a wide range of topics from how to start your career, to advice about navigating your path as both a woman and a businesswoman, to even personal stories about rising above their most difficult challenges. Each year, our panelists serve as an amazing support system and a great resource to learn more about pushing past adversity in the business world.

**Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon** sponsored by University Libraries and the Women’s Center
- Wednesday, March 28th from 11am-8pm in the Newman Library Multipurpose Room

Drop in any time to help edit Wikipedia—or just learn about the process and purpose. Tutorial sessions, online modules, assistance in setting up accounts, and other resources will be provided throughout the day for new editors or anyone who wants a refresher. Share ideas, update articles in your area of interest, work with others to enhance existing materials, and enjoy the experience of coming together to make a difference.

**Cultural Impact of Body Image on the Black Community** sponsored by Cultural and Community Centers, Cook Counseling Center, and the Women’s Center
- Wednesday, March 28th from 12-1:30 at the Black Cultural Center in Squires Student Center

The Black Liberation Talk series at the Black Cultural Center of Virginia Tech creates space to eat and discuss timely, pop-culture and social-justice related issues relating to the Black Community led by faculty, professors and community members. For Body Matters Week, we will explore body image issues and ideals within the black community and talk about the intersections of race, culture, and mental health. Dr. Charlotte Amenkhienan and Dr. Virginia Jones of the Cook Counseling Center will lead the discussion. Free lunch will be served.

**Girls Trip** sponsored by the Black Student Alliance
- Wednesday, March 28th from 6-8pm in Haymarket Theatre in Squires Student Center

Come out for a free showing of the 2017 film *Girls Trip.*
2018 International Archive of Women in Architecture Symposium sponsored by College of Architecture and Urban Studies Diversity Committee and the International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

- Wednesday, March 28th: 7pm; Thursday, March 29th and Friday, March 30th: 9:30am-4:30pm

For centuries, women in architecture have been involved in pushing the boundaries of architecture and architectural practice. Whether as registered architects, members and leaders of architectural firms, academics and scholars, or in any of the less conventional capacities, women have helped transform the discipline of architecture and the related design fields shaping the built environment.

Take Back the Night Rally & March sponsored by United Feminist Movement

- Thursday, March 29th with pre-rally music at 6:30 pm; rally at 7 pm

This 29th annual rally and march raises awareness of gender-based violence, shares local resources, and gives individuals tools to help create change. Enjoy pre-rally music at 6:30 pm; the rally begins at 7 pm. People of all genders and ages are encouraged to participate, either as individuals or as part of a group, in the rally and march through Virginia Tech and Downtown Blacksburg. Organizations are invited to bring a group banner; all are encouraged to bring signs. Candles will be provided. Raise your voice to help lessen violence in our community. Together we’ll Take Back the Night!

Embrace sponsored by Hokie Wellness and the Linda Davis Endowment

- Thursday, March 29th with free screenings at 5pm and 7pm at the Lyric Theatre

Embrace is a social impact documentary that explores the issue of body image. The project has been supported by nearly 9000 Kickstarter pledgers who responded to a fundraising trailer released in 2014, which has now had over 25 million internet views. Embrace is told from the point of view of Taryn Brumfitt as she traverses the globe talking to experts, women in the street and well-known personalities about the alarming rates of body image issues that are seen in people of all body types. In her affable and effervescent style, Taryn bares all (literally) to explore the factors contributing to this problem and seeks to find solutions.

Second Annual leadHERship Conference sponsored by the Women’s Center

- Saturday, March 31st from 10am-1pm in Squires Student Center
- Register here by 3/16 bit.ly/vtleadhership2018

Come and join AAUW at Virginia Tech and the Women’s Center for our second annual leadHERship conference! Participants will learn about ways to become involved and be a leader in their community, through activism, civic engagement, and political processes. Light breakfast and refreshments provided.