

AAS Committee on the Status of Women

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[Happy New Year everyone! To anyone going to the AAS meeting in Seattle, we hope you have an astronomical time! --eds.]

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1. Cross-post: AAS 233 events from the CSMA Newsletter  
From: Cristina Thomas via [womeninastronomy.blogspot.com](http://womeninastronomy.blogspot.com)

Here is an excellent summary of diversity/inclusion events at AAS 233 below, from the CSMA and a few others.

List of people of color presenting at AAS

<http://astronomyincolor.blogspot.com/2019/01/people-of-color-presenting-at-aas-233.html>

Student Orientation and Grad Fair

Sunday, 5:30-7:00 pm, Room 6B  
CSWA, CSMA, SGMA, and WGAD will all have tables

Meet & Greet

CSMA Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm, Room 4C-1  
SGMA for LGBTQIA Monday, 6:30-7:30 pm, Room 214  
CSWA Wednesday, 6-7 pm, Room 4C-3

See more events on our blog at

<http://womeninastronomy.blogspot.com/2019/01/cross-post-aas-233-events-from-csma.html>

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2. Astro2020 Update  
From: Cristina Thomas via [womeninastronomy.blogspot.com](http://womeninastronomy.blogspot.com)

The National Academy of Sciences has appointed Fiona Harrison and Robert Kennicutt Jr. to co-chair the upcoming Decadal Survey of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Astro2020. The deadline for proposals has also been extended to February 19.

More information on our blog at

<http://womeninastronomy.blogspot.com/2019/01/astro2020-co-chairs-announced-deadline.html>

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### 3. AAS Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion in Astronomy Graduate Education Issues Report

From: Alexandar Rudolph [alrudolph\_at\_cpp.edu]

The AAS Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion in Astronomy Graduate Education has submitted its final report to the AAS Board, which has voted to accept it. Members of the Task Force will be presenting the highlights of the report's findings at a plenary on Tuesday, January 8th at the AAS meeting in Seattle from 11:40 am-12:30 pm in Room 6E.

In addition, there will be a special session organized by the Task Force on Holistic Admissions on Thursday, January 10th from 10-11:30 am in Room 6C:

Download a copy of the report at

<https://tinyurl.com/AASDiversityTaskForceReport>

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### 4. The Women of NASA's New Horizons Team Are Breaking Boundaries—in More Ways Than One

From: Nicolle Zellner [nzellner\_at\_albion.edu]

Congratulations to the New Horizons team for the successful encounter with 2014 MU69 (aka Ultima Thule). Mission Ops Manager, Alice Bowman, reported that the spacecraft was "healthy" on January 1 after receiving signals from the edges of the solar system. She is part of the ~30% of the New Horizons staff, and ~25% of the mission's science leadership, who are women.

Read more at

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/article/women-of-new-horizons/>

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### 5. 'You Can't Be What You Can't See'

From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride\_at\_gmail.com]

A group of STEM professionals came together to share their tips on being successful in STEM fields.

Watch more at

[https://www.bbc.com/news/video\\_and\\_audio/headlines/45973116/stem-you-can-t-be-what-you-can-t-see](https://www.bbc.com/news/video_and_audio/headlines/45973116/stem-you-can-t-be-what-you-can-t-see)

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### 6. Women In STEM In 2018 Made Major Gains & Here Are 5 Of Their Biggest Accomplishments

From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride\_at\_gmail.com]

By JR Thorpe

"In many ways, 2018 was a groundbreaking year. For women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and girls who hope one day to be changing the world through STEM, it's been a showcase of the power of female-led science and innovation. There have also been challenges and powerful lessons, but 2018 for women in STEM was intriguing, barrier-breaking and full of new and exciting discoveries."

Read more at

<https://www.bustle.com/p/women-in-stem-in-2018-made-major-gains-here-are-5-of-their-biggest-accomplishments-15577744>

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### 7. The Year in Science—and What Americans Thought about It

From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride\_at\_gmail.com]

This whole article is interesting but I am submitting it to *AASWomen* for the last section on Underrepresentation of Women and Minorities in STEM. A Pew Research Center poll of US adults shows similar results to the NASEM report on experiencing harassment in the workplace.

Read more at

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/the-year-in-science-mdash-and-what-americans-thought-about-it/>

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#### 8. How to Submit to the *AASWomen* newsletter

To submit an item to the *AASWomen* newsletter, including replies to topics, send email to [aaswomen\\_at\\_aas.org](mailto:aaswomen_at_aas.org)

All material will be posted unless you tell us otherwise, including your email address.

When submitting a job posting for inclusion in the newsletter, please include a one-line description and a link to the full job posting.

Please remember to replace "\_at\_" in the e-mail address above.

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#### 9. How to Subscribe or Unsubscribe to the *AASWomen* newsletter

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Send email to [aaswlist+subscribe\\_at\\_aas.org](mailto:aaswlist+subscribe_at_aas.org) from the address you want to have subscribed. You can leave the subject and message blank if you like.

Be sure to follow the instructions in the confirmation email. (Just reply back to the email list)

To unsubscribe by email:

Send email to [aaswlist+unsubscribe\\_at\\_aas.org](mailto:aaswlist+unsubscribe_at_aas.org) from the address you want to have UNsubscribed. You can leave the subject and message blank if you like.

To join or leave *AASWomen* via web, or change your membership settings:

<https://groups.google.com/a/aas.org/group/aaswlist>

You will have to create a Google Account if you do not already have one, using <https://accounts.google.com/newaccount?hl=en>

Google Groups Subscribe Help:

<http://support.google.com/groups/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=46606>

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#### 10. Access to Past Issues

<https://cswa.aas.org/AASWOMEN.html>

Each annual summary includes an index of topics covered.

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