



## Up & Coming

**Thank you for your generosity!**

At our Thursday meeting, you will meet the new Executive Director of the Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation and new AAUW member, Trina Stokes. And thanks to your generosity, we'll present her with a check from our Scholarship Fund that will support second-year female students in the 2023-24 academic year. How BIG is the check? Be on hand to celebrate our contribution.

**Last day to reserve!**

**Serving Students  
and Supporting Teachers**

Thursday, September 21 • 11:30am -1:30pm

The Art Place • 2120 Asheville Highway

Come join the Henderson County Education Foundation's Executive Director **Peggy Marshall and students** to learn more about this wonderful community resource and the many opportunities for students it provides: **The Leader in Me, STEM Summer Camps, Senior Scholarships and The Arts in Education Program**, and more!

To reserve today, email [ssmreb@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssmreb@bellsouth.net)

If you'd like the \$11 optional box lunch with roasted turkey or ham salad sandwich, chips, cookie and wate, indicate T or H when reserving. More....

# The Importance of Fair Courts

**September 26, 2023 06:30 PM**

Join PRO-CHOICE NC as we welcome back **North Carolina State Supreme Court Associate Justice Anita Earls** to discuss how and why our state courts impact our rights and lives. Justice Earls will also share background on the different levels of state judges we vote for, discuss what is happening on reproductive healthcare in state courts across the country, and more.

Before being elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court, Earls was the founder and executive director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice. She also served as the director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law's Voting Rights Project and as a deputy assistant attorney general for civil rights under President Bill Clinton. Earls earned a bachelor's degree in political economy and philosophy from Williams College in 1981 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1988.

To register for this webinar, go to  
<https://prochoicenc.org/FairCourts>

AAUW Western Carolina is sponsoring a virtual discussion of Affirmative Action

## **US Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action: Implications for WCU and Higher Education**

When: Friday, **September 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30-2:30p** (via Zoom; link provided once registered)

Last summer's action by the US Supreme Court will impact higher education for years to come. Hear from two legal practitioners at WCU what the decision was, the reasons for the decision, and how the decision impacts our practice. Q & A included.

*Facilitators: Kelly Tornow, Associate Legal Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer; Heather Baker, Associate General Counsel, WCU*

Pre-registration required; email [burton@wcu.edu](mailto:burton@wcu.edu) to register by 5p Thursday, September 28. Zoom link will follow.