

"I now feel like I have a purpose in life," says **Akriti Manandhar '18**. "I have made many friends from different countries and they have helped me to make my world bigger." Akriti is one of many of our students making a difference in her community. **Look inside to learn more about our students and their journeys.**



ASIAN UNIVERSITY
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Support Foundation

2014 Annual Report

Aberamy Sivaloganathan '13

Trincomalee, Sri Lanka

Major: Psychology

Aberamy arrived at her job at Save the Children International after a rich educational experience. In addition to working as a human rights intern at the Olivetti Foundation in Italy, Aberamy attended The Hague Symposium on Post-Conflict Transitions & International Justice in 2013. She shares, "I was selected as one of 40 participants out of an application pool of over 800 to be trained by some of the world's top peace and security leaders in the skills necessary to holistically restructure a society after the cessation of violent conflict, as well as bring those responsible for human rights violations to justice."

At Save the Children International, Aberamy goes into the field to evaluate programs and collect data from relevant populations. She says, "Field work is the best part of working with Save the Children International... When I go to field I understand the lay people needs, their expectations and struggles." Aberamy is considering working at the International Committee of Red Cross next year, where she has a job offer. At the same time, she is continuing her part-time studies earning her Master's in Peace and Conflict Studies from University of Colombo.



Young Joon Kim at the Asia Society discussion panel, along with Professor Sheena Iyengar and Asia Society President Josette Sheeran

I am delighted to present to you the Asian University for Women Support Foundation's 2014 Annual Report. From my perspective as Chairman of the Foundation, increasing communication with our devoted supporters is vital. This annual report is intended to help with enhancing our communication with the AUW community. I hope you will enjoy reading about the past year's accomplishments as much as I have enjoyed witnessing and supporting them.

The energy and creativity that our supporters devote to the AUW cause is a constant inspiration. For instance, our Japan Support Group continues to be a model for spreading awareness about AUW and holding events such as film screenings and talks that prompt discussion of issues surrounding women's education and development, and encourage contributions to AUW. The leadership of our Board Members Kathy Matsui, Catherine Sasanuma, and Miwa Seki has been invaluable in the Japan Support Group's consistent success.

A full list of recent events held to broaden awareness of AUW's work is included in this report, but one event that stands out to me is the breakfast presentation at the Asia Society in New York in September that Josette Sheeran (President, The Asia Society) and I co-chaired. The event powerfully showcased how women's education and empowerment could remake the world, yet we continue to lag behind in supporting women's education with resources at the level it deserves. This disconnect must change: the promise of progress must be met with the commitment of action and resources for moving forward.

The Asian University for Women has been fortunate to form several new partnerships over the past year with organizations for scholarship support. We are grateful for these organizations' recognition of the value of investing in women's education and leadership. Among these new supporters, we are pleased to count **UNIQLO Co., Ltd.; Victor and William Fung Foundation Ltd.; Hitachi, Ltd.; AbbVie Foundation; L'Oréal Corporation; Toshiba Corporation; Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung; and Mitsui & Co., Ltd.** as scholarship sponsors. We have also recently begun a new program with the United States Department of State to promote women entering the fields of law and justice. Our Support Foundation staff work hard to secure funding for the university, but their greatest strength lies in the marvel of what they are promoting – the incredible young women of AUW who are pursuing higher education, and in the process changing their lives and those of countless others around them.

I hope you find this report informative, encouraging, and even inspiring! Thank you for joining me as supporters of the Asian University for Women.

Sincerely,

YOUNG JOON KIM

Chairman, AUWSF Board of Directors
Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP

COMMENCEMENT 2014

On May 17, 2014, AUW celebrated its second Commencement, graduating 131 students from 12 countries. The Commencement featured H.E. Mr. Abul Hassan Mohamood Ali, M.P. Foreign Minister of Bangladesh speaking as the Chief Guest. Kathy Matsui, Managing Director & Chief Japan Strategist of Goldman Sachs, Co-Chair of the AUW Japan Support Committee, and one of the original founders of the Asian University for Women, was the Commencement Speaker. Lady Judy Moody-Stuart, prominent social activist in London and wife of Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, former Chairman of Shell Oil Company, received an honorary degree.

In her remarks, Kathy praised the accomplishments of the Class of 2014: "Like many AUW supporters around the world, we all strongly believe that women's education is the key to a peaceful and sustainable future, and I am confident that with such powerful and inspirational leaders such as you, the world is in good hands." The event marked the culmination of five years of hard work, and many graduates have already gone on to secure jobs and graduate school placements in their home countries and beyond.

OUR INTERNSHIPS

Internships form a crucial component of an AUW education. Through summer-time work experiences, students gain a greater understanding of the professional world and their own career trajectory preferences. We encourage students to complete three internships: one at a not-for-profit, one in the private sector, and one at a start-up, so that they develop a perspective on different environments. In the summer of 2014, 45 new companies and organizations hosted student interns and 96 students completed an internship. Internship sites included:

Bayer Thailand Co. and Bayer Vietnam Co. BRAC	Grameen Bank Korea Export Import Bank (KEXIM)	Starbucks USA Teach for Bangladesh UNIQLO
Citi Bank N.A	L'Oreal China	Work For Better Bangladesh
Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness	Li & Fung Ltd. India and Li & Fung Ltd. Hong Kong	World Bank
General Electric (G.E.) Bangladesh	Ministry of Health, Bhutan Punjab Commission on the Status of Women, Pakistan.	The Yunus Centre



Jack Meyer and Mursal Hamraz '14 meeting in Boston in October

As Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Asian University for Women Support Foundation, I often find myself reflecting on AUW's successes and challenges over the years. Thinking back to when Kamal Ahmad first proposed the idea of a women's university focused on liberal arts and sciences education and leadership development, I remember finding the notion intriguing for its

potential to address multiple social ills at once. Following the news in even a cursory manner reveals that traditional methods of aid are vulnerable to ineffectiveness and stagnation; to truly galvanize progress, one must equip the relevant populations to advocate for progress themselves. Educating young women to be capable and visionary leaders therefore promised a far-reaching cascade of changes – enhanced capacity to get things done, better political representation of women, reduced gender discrimination in professional settings, and improved child health outcomes, to name a few – and I was convinced the AUW was the best philanthropic idea available to us.

To this day I am confident that AUW and young women whom we educate can tip the scales for many of the social, economic, and political challenges that Asia, the Middle East, and the world face. Earlier this fall, I met with one of our Afghan alumnae when she was visiting the U.S. Mursal Hamraz, currently a Fellow at the Government of Afghanistan, shared with me her hopes of going to graduate school in economics and helping her country gain stability and respect. This articulate, confident young woman reminded me of the power that AUW has to change women's lives, and of the power that women have to change their societies.

The Asian University for Women is a young institution; it is still growing into itself. As one of the AUW professors recently reminded me, nothing worth building happens overnight. I am fully committed to the mission and the on-the-ground operations of AUW. It has been a great source of satisfaction to me to support the university and its young women, and it will surely continue to be. I look forward to many more years as an active supporter of AUW, and I am delighted to have each and every one of you as a partner in this endeavor.

JACK R. MEYER

Chairman Emeritus, AUWSF Board of Directors
Senior Managing Partner, Convexity Capital Management L.P.

Jack R. Meyer

COUNTRY	STUDENTS	GRADUATES
Afghanistan	49	4
Bangladesh	235	126
Bhutan	29	7
Cambodia	5	11
China	5	1
India	23	26
Indonesia	2	--
Malaysia	1	--
Myanmar	7	2
Nepal	36	24
Pakistan	23	9
Palestine	3	2
Sri Lanka	13	45
Syria	4	--
Vietnam	39	6
2014-15 TOTAL	474	263

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We are fortunate to have the support of a number of respected organizations and corporations who contribute to the AUW mission in varying ways. Some assist with recruitment, such as Grameen Bank, The Daughters for Life Foundation, and BRAC Afghanistan. The Goldman Sachs Foundation and JP Morgan Chase have both made contributions to university programs, such as the Access Academy, which enabled the university to open its doors in the early years. Finally, many sponsors cover the full cost of select students' education. These partners include IKEA Foundation, L'Oréal, Chevron Corporation, and UNIQLO.



Akriti Manandhar '18

Kathmandu, Nepal

Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

"I now feel like I have a purpose in life," says Akriti when she thinks life since coming to AUW. Now, Akriti is speaking up for other young women. Over the past summer, she interned as a Project Initiator and Coordinator at the Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness in Nepal. While at her internship, Akriti wanted to help girls attending community schools in Nepal. Knowing that menstrual hygiene is a taboo topic, she investigated the amenities available in girls' bathrooms, and found that most schools did not provide the appropriate facilities or products. Akriti brought up the issue with her senior project coordinator, and it became Akriti's job to write the proposal to turn the idea into a new initiative. Although Akriti had never written a proposal before, she researched the components of successful proposal-writing, and visited schools to talk to girls about women's health. Her organization is currently planning on making "girl-friendly" bathroom facilities at two community schools in Nepal.

Akriti's summer work is just one example of her interest in women's empowerment. She says that now, she "cannot tolerate gender discrimination, be it in real life or movies." More determined and more independent than a year ago, Akriti is excited to strengthen her involvement in her communities at AUW, her hometown, and the region.

GOVERNANCE

The Asian University for Women is an independent international university chartered by the Parliament of Bangladesh. The AUW Charter was designed to ensure that the university enjoys full institutional autonomy and academic freedom. The Board of Trustees which can number up to twenty-three members (including two Government of Bangladesh officials serving as ex officio members) is responsible for all aspects of the governance of the institution including appointment and termination of the Vice Chancellor. Separately, a number of independent "support foundations" have been created in different tax jurisdictions around the world to help mobilize financial resources for the university. Such support foundations currently exist in Hong Kong, the United Kingdom and the United States. We also work with partner organizations in Japan and elsewhere. The U.S.-anchored support foundation based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the AUW Support Foundation, is by far the most important source of funding mobilization for the University. It is governed by its own Board of Directors (several of whom also serve on the AUW Board of Trustees).

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The Patrons are public advocates for women's education in general and AUW in particular.



First Lady of Japan Akie Abe at the Asia Society panel discussion in New York in September



Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mohamood Ali, as Chief Guest of the AUW 2014 Commencement.



Dr. Dipu Moni, AUW Trustee and Former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, at the Asia Society discussion in September

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"Abbott and the Abbott Fund are proud supporters of the Asian University for Women. We see the University providing young women leaders with every opportunity to fulfill their human potential. I've met students from throughout the region, and whether they're from India, Cambodia, Sri Lanka or Bhutan, each brings something special to AUW with them something special: the desire to transform not only their own future but that of their home nations. We see AUW not as a recipients of our charitable contributions, but as a significant partner in helping shape future leaders who can help strengthen our business and competitiveness in this key economic region of Asia."

KATHERINE PICKUS

Divisional Vice President,
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OUR FACULTY

Faculty at the Asian University for Women come from Asia, Europe, Australia, and North America, bringing with them their devotion to the pursuit of knowledge and serving as role models for the young women they teach. We recently interviewed four of our Founding Faculty, professors who have taught at A UW since the first year of the undergraduate program in 2009, to find out what drives them and what has been rewarding throughout their years in Chittagong.



Professor Sara Nuzhat Amin

Ph.D., McGill University, Canada

Courses: Education in Asia; Qualitative Methodology; Civil Society and Social Movements; Political Identities in Asia; Sociological Perspective; Writing Seminar on Human Rights; Quantitative Reasoning

After growing up in Thailand, Bangladesh, and Canada,

Professor Amin has developed a research focus on how social change affects identity dynamics, and how individuals and collective actors negotiate, adapt to, and shape social development. Remarking on how her time at A UW has helped her fall in love with teaching, Professor Amin says her students remind her every day of the courage young people show when facing challenges in their homes and communities.

What is compelling about working at A UW?

I have stayed because of the opportunity the multicultural environment of A UW offers in learning how to build relationships across difference, how to learn from each other, and how to have difficult conversations... Every day at A UW feels like it has been important, when I engage with our students, because they are listening, thinking, caring, and acting every day.

Could you share a favorite memory from your time at A UW?

Two of those memories involve the conversations with the Sri Lankan students after they completed their conflict resolution projects at A UW and in Sri Lanka, on how it had changed the way they saw the world, their country's history and each other. Another favorite memory is sitting down with a group of Cambodian students over good home-cooked food underneath a full moon on a rooftop, laughing, singing and just enjoying each other's company.

"(A) favorite memory is overhearing in the university café a group of 4 students (a Palestinian, a Pakistani, a Bangladeshi and an Afghani) debate feminism, Islam and nationalism with passion and humor."

PROFESSOR SARA AMIN



Professor Georgia Guldán

Ph.D., Tufts University, United States

Courses: Maternal and Child Health; Nutrition for Health; Regional Challenges in Public Health; Introduction to Public Health; Health Promotion for Asian Populations; Senior Seminar

Professor Guldán heard about A UW in the early days at a fundraising event, when she was

a professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Having spent her entire career in Asia – including 8 years in Malaysia and 16 years in Hong Kong – Professor Guldán found the mission and idea intriguing. Given the opportunity to return to Bangladesh, where she had collected data for her doctoral dissertation, Professor Guldán saw working at A UW as a chance to give back to the women and children who helped launch her career.

What motivates you during challenges?

I have stayed at A UW because I am dedicated to building this unique university. I also realize that nothing important, including building a university, can be accomplished overnight.

What is a favorite memory from your time at A UW?

In my rookie year at A UW, I was having lunch in the canteen with two Afghani Access Academy students whom I hadn't met before. I asked them what they'd like to be doing five years after graduating and returning home. They replied, "We want to be MPs!" What first came to my mind was 'Military Police.' I thought I might be missing something, so I asked them to clarify. Both immediately stood up and loudly exclaimed, as if I was hopelessly uninformed, "Members of Parliament!" I appreciated their emphatic lesson... which has continued ever since!

"Girls from poor communities are often discriminated against and discouraged from getting a higher education. By supporting A UW scholarships, we want to see women getting a university degree and developing the skills they need to make a difference in their own countries."

VANDANA VERMA

Programme Director, IKEA Foundation



Professor Sangita Rayamajhi

Ph.D., Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Courses: A Celebration of Women Writers (Non-Western); Introduction to Gender Studies; Women in Theatre: A Comparative Study

Professor Rayamajhi’s own educational and professional trajectory must feel familiar to some of her students: hailing from

Nepal, Professor Rayamajhi traveled to the United States for her higher education, and has been living in Bangladesh since 2009. She first heard about AUW while she was in the United States on a Scholar Rescue Fund fellowship. With the subject of women and gender being one of Professor Rayamajhi’s top three research priorities, the mission of the then-nascent university struck a chord deep within her, and has continued to be an inspiration ever since.

Why did you want to join AUW?

I read the objective of the University and in a heartbeat, I knew I had to be here. ...But having said that it is very, very challenging working with the students and every minute is a learning experience for me. There is a certain pull, a certain compelling element in the students, you cannot turn away from, and you want the students to succeed, and go back into their own social milieu taking back with them, what they learnt at AUW.

Why have you stayed at AUW?

When I see these young girls growing up over the years that they are here and see the change, in them, all for the better, it gives me a sense of satisfaction that I had a choice, and I took the road to AUW. The graduates, most are doing well, in their higher education, or have secured jobs, waiting to gain experience before they once again take up their education or climb the ladder of their career. It just feels good.



Professor Varuni Ganepola

Ph.D., University of Wales Swansea, United Kingdom

Courses: Ethics in Interventions; Leadership, Politics, and Psychology

Originally from Sri Lanka, Professor Ganepola says her path to AUW was paved with serendipity and support from people who “thought I could

do something and gave me a chance.” Her research focuses on conflict, refugeehood, disasters and coping; trauma, and resilience; and child mental health. Most recently, Professor Ganepola has undertaken research on the impact of education and employment on gender, family relations, and empowerment.

What is compelling about working at AUW?

Looking from the inside, AUW has taken a very different approach in defining itself and determining its place in the world as a learning institute. That willingness to forge an alternative path, the persistence and resilience to somehow manage the next year, the unfaltering belief in what we stand for and mean to students, are what make the AUW experience meaningful to me. I’m still here because I think teaching at AUW matters.

How have you changed while at AUW?

I look with gratitude at inspiring mentors and colleagues from whom I have learned to be more self-reflective. I have appreciated having the opportunity at AUW to take the time off for research and other scholarship such as trainings and workshops, and as well as the independence to mould our courses and evolve with them.

“We underestimate how much even the smallest gift matters – it says to a student ‘we think you are important’. That can change someone’s life.”

**PROFESSOR
VARUNI GANEPOLA**



Tshering Eudon ‘13

Langten, Bhutan

Major: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Tshering, now in graduate school in South Korea, plans on working in international relations to help represent Bhutan’s interests in the global arena. She is currently studying Korean at Pai Chai University, and will begin her Master’s in International Cooperation at Yonsei University in the coming academic year.

Tshering shares, “It is my dream not only to serve Bhutan but across borders that keeps me moving on. Based on those plans, I planned to pursue my higher studies. For my senior thesis, I did my independent

project on The Micro Effect of Democratization in Rural Bhutan: Strained Community Relations Amidst Economic Development. I will extend my research and studies to learning more about international relations and geopolitics which would help me in my future work and plans. AUW has given me greater dreams to be an ambassador across borders and continents and I will try living up to my dreams. Thank you ever so much for giving us wonderful opportunities to grow up as better human beings always and abilities to keep our dreams alive!”

OUR EVENTS

With supporters all over the world, the Asian University for Women attracts a following of volunteers and like-minded individuals at Support Groups, panel talks, and fundraising events nearly every month of the year. Our Support Groups center around dedicated volunteers who spread the AUW message and mission to the surrounding community, whether through a film screening in Tokyo or a panel discussing women's education in New York. The following are highlights of recent events:

2013

- January** Korea Yale Club Dinner hosted by Young Joon Kim
- March** Japan Support Group Film Screening
- May** Chittagong First Commencement Ceremony
- June** Italy Fundraising Dinner hosted by Claudine Ries
- July** Kabul Canadian Embassy Afghan Student Presentation
- June** London BNY Mellon Breakfast
- August** Hong Kong JPMorgan Dinner
- September** London Travelers Club Lunch hosted by Lady Judy Moody-Stuart
- October** New York Support Group Lunch

2014

- April** Japan Support Group Film Screening
- May** Chittagong Second Commencement Ceremony
- May** Brussels British Chamber of Commerce Lunch
- September** Dhaka Trustee Reception
- September** New York Asia Society Breakfast
- October** Chicago Council on Global Affairs Roundtable with Mursal Hamraz '14
- December** London FTI Consulting Reception

Supporters of AUW contribute at varying levels to the mission of educating young women to be leaders in Asia and the Middle East. For the first time, we are recognizing donors by Giving Societies. Our highest levels of recognition are named for the AUW Houses, which emphasize characteristics that the University seeks to cultivate: Wisdom, Service, Courage, Justice, Imagination, Joy, and Truth.

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"I believe in the power of international exchange, travel exposure and education to transform challenges of circumstances. The mission of AUW to provide excellent post-secondary education for women from all over the Asian region inspires me, and I want to support this school to the best of my ability. It is a thrill to imagine these young women with options to pursue dreams that they alone can manifest, with the support of excellent teachers, opportunities and colleagues."

CHRISTINA T. HOLT, MD, MSc, MA
Research Director, Department of Family Medicine; Portland, Maine, United States

Currently supporting one AUW student's education, **The Running Goddess** (below) held a 5K in June of 2014 to raise funds for its charities.



"The Running Goddess and AUW share a common goal: improving the lives of women through education and health. Giving women the opportunity to excel in life, especially in the sciences, enhances society and provides hope for lasting change."

BETTINA SEMENTILLI (center)
Founder and Race Director,
The Running Goddess, United States



Tausifa Tajalli '15

Hometown: Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh

Major: Economics; **Minor:** Development Studies

Coming from a small rural village in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh, Tausifa first heard about AUW through the Grameen Bank. Her mother was a member, using her Grameen loan to raise chickens to support the family, and through this membership Tausifa became a Grameen Bank scholar in her early school years.

As an Economics major, she has studied the intricacies of development and business and serves as President of the Urban Development Club on campus. This past summer, Tausifa put her economics background to the test with an internship in the Business Development Group department at Starbucks in Seattle, Washington. Assigned to the China and Asia Pacific department, her main responsibility was researching the business context of Myanmar. She describes, "My job was to analyze the market, analyze the opportunities, taxes, weakness, strengths of that market. I had to recommend if they should enter now or if they want to enter in the future."

With AUW graduation on the horizon, Tausifa has cultivated an array of options for her life after university. She hopes one day to run her own business, a "social business to empower women," describing her vision of a restaurant that employs women and provides a safe space for women to discuss issues of economics and politics. Perhaps this venture will be similar to Grameen Bank, and encourage other young women to pursue higher education as well.

CONFERENCES

Our students travel the world not only to study, but also to collaborate with their peers at conferences and summits on topics ranging from international development to the life sciences. Below you will find the story of Drishti Tanjila, one of our alumnae who is already making her mark in her home country. In the past year, AUW students and alumnae have also attended: Social Business Day Summit (Bangladesh), The Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (United States), The G(irls) 20 Summit (Australia), The World Innovation Summit for Education (Qatar), and The 64th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting for Physiology or Medicine (Germany).



Drishti Tanjila '13 and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus at the 2014 One Young World Summit in Dublin, Ireland.

Drishti Tanjila '14

Chittagong, Bangladesh

Major: Biological Sciences

Drishti explains with pride that, "My parents made sure they gave me every opportunity that their friends or distant relatives would perhaps only allow their sons." These opportunities included the chance to apply to the Asian University for Women, where Drishti says she was "transformed from being a girl with dreams to a responsible and sensible woman with achievements and a vision for a better world."

In her new life with a university degree and a vision for the future, Drishti works as a public relations coordinator at Volunteer for Bangladesh. She was also chosen as a BRAC Young Professionals Fellow, where she will complete a one-year rotation at different BRAC programs. Drishti shares excitedly,

"My passion lies in health development with a focus on maternal and child health, youth development, and gender equality."

This past October, Drishti was selected as the group leader of ten Bangladeshi youth representatives for the One Young World Summit, traveling to Ireland for the conference alongside Nobel Peace Laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus. Drishti says that surrounded by the 190 other representatives, she felt "like the world is going to change right now! The presence of counselors like Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General; Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and UN Human Rights Commission; Dr. Yunus, and other leaders was the best part!"

Looking back on how her AUW experience prepared her for her current aspirations, Drishti says that to her, AUW is "a place where boundaries are broken, cultures blend, friendship is cultivated and lifelong sisterhood bonds are formed... The cross-cultural shows, the sleepless coffee-filled nights when I laughed with friends, when we cried on each other's shoulders and patted each other's backs with encouragement – every single thing played its role."

Fatima Hashimi '15

Hometown: Kabul, Afghanistan

Major: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Fatima acted as a voice for women's empowerment during her internship at the Government of Afghanistan this past summer, crediting AUW with her ability to critically analyze her surroundings. In addition to making suggestions for improvements on the Finance and Administration Directorate operations, Fatima responded to what she felt was a discriminatory environment against women. She and her fellow six AUW interns refused to act submissive, determined to continue "freely walking and speaking in the environment of the ministry." Fatima recounted how several times, some men told her and the other interns not to laugh openly or gather in common spaces – in response, "to overcome this challenge and change the perspective of men towards women," they did just that. Fatima also addressed the ministers and deputy ministers at her final presentation to tell them "to no longer deny women's right and status," saying that gender equality should be a priority for government officials.

FINANCIAL REPORT

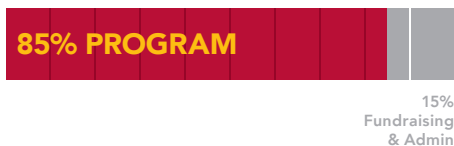
In 2013-2014, the Asian University for Women spent \$6.8 million on programs and administration to ensure a high-quality education and safe environment for the nearly 500 women enrolled. For the second consecutive year, expenses have remained flat, while contributions have increased. For the sixth consecutive year, over 85 percent of expenditures were allocated to directly to education-related activities.

Below is a breakdown of revenues and expenses for Fiscal Year 2014.

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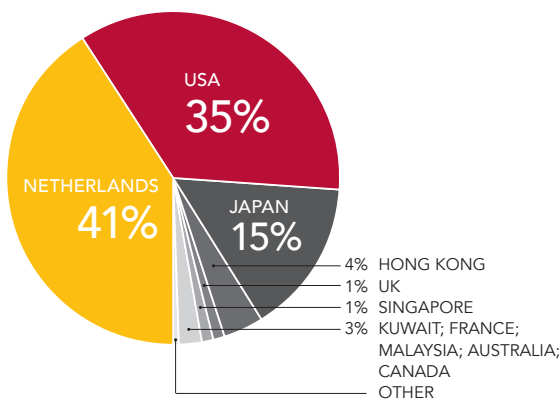
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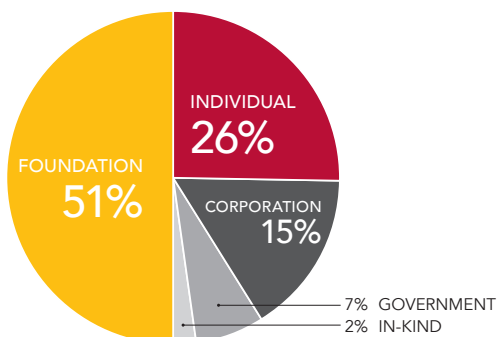


OUR SUPPORTERS

Supporter Country Breakdown FY 2014



Supporter Type Breakdown FY 2014



Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

	2014	2013
REVENUES		
Contributions and Grants	\$1,596,713	\$1,103,418
Donated services	\$133,354	\$370,543
Rental income	\$13,000	\$19,000
Interest and dividend income	\$1,080	\$259
Miscellaneous income	\$6,105	\$4,648
Net assets released from restrictions	\$4,998,420	\$3,034,802
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$6,748,672	\$4,532,670
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
University	\$4,940,108	\$4,653,956
Access Academy	\$875,218	\$844,507
Campus Planning and Operations	\$16,807	\$148,116
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$5,832,133	\$5,646,579
Supporting Services		
Management and general	\$424,696	\$579,932
Fundraising	\$614,791	\$618,121
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$1,039,487	\$1,198,053
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,871,620	\$6,844,632
NET ASSETS		
Net assets, beginning of year	\$11,495,256	\$14,375,635
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$2,981,717	(\$2,880,379)
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$14,476,973	\$11,495,256
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$615,141	\$1,418,302
Unconditional promises to give	\$8,852,793	\$5,992,121
Other Assets	\$5,412,107	\$4,815,785
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,880,041	\$12,226,208

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"I believe strongly in the development of women's leadership as a way to change the world and improve people's lives. AUW provides a unique platform to advance women's education and leadership on important issues and I look forward to seeing the product of this great institution as its students enter the world and leave their mark."

STACEY KEARE

President of the Girls Rights Project

“I don’t know why people have divided the whole world into two groups, west and east. Education is neither eastern nor western. Education is education and it’s the right of every human being.”

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

2014 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient

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