

# Trailblazer!

## Girls' Recognition Event

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

**1 pm via Zoom**

**Presented by:**



## Program

### Welcome:

Ann Pehle, President, AAUW Carlisle

### Teaching in the Time of Covid:

Dr. Albert Parrillo, Director, Career and Technical Education, Carlisle Area School District

### Introduction of Honorees:

Gail D'Urso, Chair, Trailblazers

**Catherine Myers, 2021 Automotive Technology**  
**Haley Wiegner, 2021 Automotive Technology**

### Closing Remarks:

Ann Pehle, President, AAUW Carlisle

## AAUW Mission Statement

Empowering women since 1881. Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

**Rationale:** AAUW recognizes that many high school students face pressure to attend four-year colleges from many sources. Girls who are interested in non-traditional tracks in high school, such as automotive technology, engineering or construction trades, may not receive positive support or recognition. The combined impact of these influences may persuade some young women to pursue four-year degrees, often accompanied with heavy debt, when a vocational program better suits their goals.

AAUW Carlisle's Trailblazer Recognition Event celebrates girls who have chosen Career and Technical Education programs. This idea evolved from recognizing girls in STEM programs to recognition of girls who are pursuing study in career and technical fields. Our honorees have been selected based on good citizenship at school, enthusiasm for their CTE program, and academic competence.

## Honorees' Profiles:

**Catherine Myers** is a team player which is a necessary skill when working in a garage. She explains that her brother, who is her best friend, helped her discover her interest in working on automobiles. Catherine loves working with her hands. She plans to continue working at a garage while pursuing her long-term goal of studying to become a neonatal intensive care nurse practitioner.

**Haley Wiegner** describes herself as an outgoing person who cares about others. She is hardworking and a problem solver. She began working on cars with her father who taught her to troubleshoot to diagnose problems. She works well with other people and manages stress and pressure well. She plans to enroll in business courses after graduation with an eye toward owning an auto shop of her own in the future.

## *Thank You*

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### Trailblazer Committee:

*Gail D'Urso, Chair*

*Barb Attivo, Carolyn Freberg, Lillian Wong*