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**AAUW** **HASTINGS sends COLLEGE STUDENTS to NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Two exceptional female college students from Hastings were awarded scholarships for travel, lodging, and attendance at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The conference took place at the University of Maryland from May 28-30, 2015.

This is the first time scholarships have been awarded by the American Association of University Women, Hastings Branch at the college level. AAUW Hastings has given a scholarship to a top ranking Hastings High School female graduate for the past 44 years. NCCWSL is very valuable in providing college students with lifelong learning experiences meant to enhance their college and professional careers. The women awarded this scholarship were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Elin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Both of the women are 2012 graduates of Hastings High School.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be a senior this fall at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where she is majoring in Materials Science and Engineering. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be a senior this fall at Macalester College in St. Paul. She is majoring in Political Science, International Studies, and English Literature. \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

The women agreed that the conference challenged them in ways that made them stronger in their beliefs, but also more open to new ideas. They made new friends, valuable connections, and great strides in their professional and personal growth.

AAUW Hastings Branch scholarships are funded by the **AAUW Grand Garage Sale** held every September. This year the **garage sale will be on Saturday, September 19, 2015, 8 am to 2 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church on Vermillion Street**. Please note this date on your calendar and plan to attend our outstanding garage sale.

AAUW Hastings is seeking qualified applicants for NCCWSL 2016. More information may be found online at aauw-mn.aauw.net and NCCWSL.org.

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