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“Running for Office: Women’s Perspectives and the Importance of Voting” will be featured as a panel discussion at the October 18 meeting of the Huntingdon Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) at 7 p.m., in the Brumbaugh Academic Center (BAC) C116. The public is invited to attend.

The panelists are MaryAnn Buckley as the Republican representative and Connie Kough Pittenger, the Democrat representative. The Juniata College participants are Rebecca Anglemyer from the Student Government Allocations Board and Madeline Bennetti, the President of Student Government and formerly secretary of the class of 2018.

Juniata College junior Rebecca Anglemyer is a member of the Student Government Allocations Board. She comes from the Poconos and is pursuing studies in Psychology and Women and Gender studies. Her activities include the college radio station WKVR. She has been in AAUW on campus and as part of the national society since her freshmen year and has served as treasurer for the student organization for two years. She did canvassing for Hillary Clinton as well as get out the vote. A citizenship award in high school was one step towards her interest in being involved in politics in the future. Her interests include advocacy in general and psychology and also wants to be like Doctor Ruth, a sexologist.

Madeline Bennetti is a senior studying Psychology from Altoona, PA and will pursue a Ph.D. next fall. She is a member of Psi Chi, the Psychology Honors Society; and Omnicron Delta Kappa, a leadership Honors Society. She also won the Drews Prize for Psychology at Juniata. She serves as a student representative on committees for the Board of Trustees, Alumni Council, Academic Judicial Board, and the Policies and Practices

task force at Juniata. She is an avid zumba dancer, mountain biker, weight lifter, and anything else that is energizing. She is also an advocate for increasing awareness of Type 1 diabetes.

The Republican representative for the panel is MaryAnn Buckley. Recently, she ran as primary candidate as the Pennsylvania State House Representative for the 81st District. Currently, she is a middle school/high school business teacher. Her degrees include a Bachelor of Science degree from Penn State in Dairy and Animal Science with a Business option and a teaching certificate from Penn State. She is enrolled in a Masters of Science in Instructional Teaching at St Joseph's University.

Her work history includes business positions such as accounts payable/payroll for Huntingdon Health Care Associates, General Manager of Isett Community Pool, and Agricultural Loan Administrator and Coordinator. She has also had agricultural-related employment including Penn State Cooperative Extension Agent in Cambria country.

She served as Huntingdon County Republican Committee Treasurer from 2007-2009 and managed a successful campaign for George Zanic for District Attorney. Current community involvement includes Huntingdon County Dairy Promotion Committee since 2004, Huntingdon Area Football Boosters, and Band Boosters. Other community involvement in the past has been the Pennsylvania Rural Leadership Program, the PA State Grange, Huntingdon County Fair Board, Marklesburg 4-H Club and the Holstein Association.

Her hometown is Entriken and she enjoys many activities with her husband and two children. They are members of the Heritage Baptist Church.

Connie Kough Pittenger will serve as the Democrat representative on the panel. She served as Huntingdon County Commissioner from 2008-2012, choosing not to run again. As County Commissioner, Connie served on numerous boards including: Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission, Chair of SAP&DC Tourism Council, Tri-County MH/MR, Tri-County Area on Aging, Home Nursing Agency, The Huntingdon County Library Board, Huntingdon County Business and Industry, Center of Community Action.

Kough Pittenger's professional experience included over 20 years in public broadcasting and began at WITF TV/Radio in Harrisburg, PA where she worked in the Development Department raising local corporate support. She then spent a number of years in the Baltimore area where she was part of the corporate underwriting team for

Maryland Public Television. The last ten years of her career in public broadcasting were with NPR, National Public Radio Washington D.C. During her tenure at NPR she served as Director of National Corporate Support.

Kough Pittenger returned to her hometown in Huntingdon County in 2000 and continued to work for NPR. In 2003 she left NPR to purchase and open a Curves fitness center for women that she owned and operated before selling the business in 2013. She continues to serve on not for profit boards along with serving as Vice Chair of the Huntingdon County Democratic Committee. Connie is married to Robert Pittenger of Atascadero, California. She is the proud mother of two daughters and three grandchildren.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Since 1881, AAUW has been one of the nation's leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW has a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institutional partners. Since AAUW's founding 130 years ago, members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. AAUW's commitment to educational equity is reflected in its public policy advocacy, community programs, leadership development, conventions and conferences, national partnerships, and international connections. Call Pat Croissant for further details on membership, 643-0606.

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