

The American Association of University Women Receives Four Grants from the Gene Haas Foundation

The Camarillo chapter of the American Association of University Women has received four grants between 2002 and 2008 from Gene Haas and the Gene Haas Foundation. This made \$6,700 available to promote engineering careers to young women attending summer camps at UCSB.

August 21, 2009 (FPRC) -- Oxnard, CA -- The Gene Haas Foundation, created by Gene Haas, has provided the American Association of University Women in Camarillo with four grants from 2002 to 2008. The \$6,700 in grants was used specifically to promote engineering careers to young women attending the University of California, Santa Barbara's annual summer camps.

Founded in 1881, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) focuses on helping all young women get into college. They also ensure that women get a fair chance and equality in non-traditional fields. The AAUW's support doesn't just stop at college, either. This women's organization works for equality on all fronts, including education, politics, society/social, and economics to change laws and patterns of thinking through advocacy, research, and education.

The Gene Haas Foundation believes gender equity and the work performed by the AAUW is important, too.

"Women have a lot to offer engineering as an industry, and the world as a whole. The industry also has a lot to offer them. Unfortunately, women often overlook this traditionally male-dominated field," said officials from the Gene Haas Foundation. "When we saw the work that the AAUW was doing at both a community and a national level, we knew it was the solution and wanted to ensure they could continue with their work. The contribution the AAUW makes to society and to women is priceless."

Mr. Haas and the Gene Haas Foundation support organizations that actively address the youth, academic, humanitarian, and health needs of the community, especially within the Ventura County area. Since 2001, they have given \$8.5 million to more than 800 charities and organizations including The Boy Scouts of America, Ranken Technical College, the National MS Society, and Food Share. The Foundation continues to support various charities, and is always willing to consider new organizations.

About the American Association of University Women:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) was founded in 1881 to help women achieve equity in all aspects of society through education, research, and advocacy. They currently have close to 100,000 members and 500 educational institution partners.

About the Gene Haas Foundation:

Created by the founder of machine tool manufacturer Haas Automation, Inc., in 1999, the Gene Haas Foundation is a prominent supporter of organizations that actively address the youth, academic, humanitarian, and health needs of the community, especially within the Ventura County area. Organizations that receive funding from the Gene Haas Foundation provide guidance for youth, educational opportunities for students, support for local communities, and care for people

with sickness or addiction. To date, the Foundation has donated over \$8.5 million to more than 800 charitable organizations.

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