Women leaders from Western Maryland were celebrated in a recent women’s history month observance, “Women Leaders: Past and Present,” that featured five female elected officials who shared their public service experiences and a professional actress who portrayed two female historical figures.

This second annual Women’s History Celebration and Networking Event, sponsored by the Maryland National Organization for Women in collaboration with the Business and Professional Women of Maryland and the American Association of University Women, was hosted by Allegany College of Maryland.

Seated, from left to right, are: Elizabeth West, president, AAUW, Frostburg chapter; Julie Hartman, coordinator, Women's Studies, Frostburg State University; Cherie Snyder, director, Human Services Associate, ACM; Linda Mahoney, president, Maryland NOW; and Robin Summerfield, representative, U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin.

Standing, also from left, are: Susan Horst, BPW/Maryland; Kate Campbell Stevenson, historical actress; Theresa Foster, BPW/Md.; Peggy Jamison, mayor, Oakland; Albert Feldstein, historian; Brenda Smith, executive director, Greater Cumberland Committee; Janet Wilson, superintendent, Garrett County Public Schools; Sara-Beth James and Laurie Marchini, both Allegany County Board of Education members.
More than 60 persons attended the event, which recognized elected and appointed women for their contributions to the public good and raised awareness of public service to motivate others. Feldstein exhibited women’s history items from his extensive collection.

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