

## “Title IX: What You Don’t Know CAN Hurt You”

This year, the Santa Clara County branches of *American Association of University Women (AAUW)* are celebrating March, Women’s History Month since 1987, with a special Zoom webinar on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Title IX (the Educational Amendments Act, requiring all genders equal opportunity to educational programs, activities, and financial assistance).



“*Title IX: What You Don’t Know CAN Hurt You*” March 19<sup>th</sup> (12- 1PM): Moderator **Danielle Slaton**, Olympic Medalist in Women’s Soccer & Television Analyst with the San Jose Earthquakes, will introduce and facilitate the discussion among a celebrated panel of speakers recounting their Title IX research and experience.

A history and introduction of Title IX will first be presented by **Marlene Bjornrud**, leader, and advocate for equal opportunity for women in sports. Marlene testified before Congress about the importance of Title IX, served as Executive Director of the *Alliance of Women Coaches*, and is co-founder of the *Bay Area Women’s Sports Initiative*. |

Our Panel includes:

**Lucy Jane Bledsoe** award-winning novelist: her compelling, determined women protagonists aim to encourage this generation to find its voice and speak up for social justice. Lucy’s latest novel, “*No Stopping Us Now*,” draws on her own true experience of bringing the Portland Public Schools into compliance with Title IX.

**Jess Eagle** passionate social justice advocate to make the world a better place for women, girls, and nonbinary individuals, works at Equal Rights Advocates, and is involved in media relations, grassroots organizing, and digital advocacy.

**Dr. Akilah Carter-Francique** Associate Professor, *Department of African American Studies* and Executive Director for *San Jose State University Institute for the Study of Sport, Society, and Social Change*, earned her doctorate in sports studies at the University of Georgia. She has researched and written extensively on education and sports, primarily as it has impacted African American women.

**Rebecca Sheff** Program Coordinator at *Equal Rights Advocates* has worked on behalf of at-risk youth for many years including Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth, Oakland Unified School District and the Alameda Juvenile Justice System, and the *Youth Violence Prevention Taskforce, United Way of Santa Cruz*.

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Join us on March 19, 2022, at noon, by registering on Eventbrite via the QR code on the flyer, or using the keyword search *Title IX* on the Eventbrite website at Eventbrite.com.

Learn how Title IX has evolved over the last 50 years and how it is still a work in progress. In addition to learning a lot from impactful speakers, as attendees, you will leave with actions you can take using resources and strategies that point out how to recognize sex-based discrimination in educational centers.