



## NAUW Southwest Section West Coast Cities Branch History

The West Coast Cities Branch was organized January 18, 1988, at the home of Julia Banks Williams in Carson, California. Nineteen university graduates joined her, and elected officers. West Coast Cities Branch was chartered on February 5, 1988, at the Airport Park Hotel, Inglewood by National President Carrie Ayers Haynes and Sectional Director, Beverly Johnson. The Branch grew and set programs to promote literacy (self), support education, finance education, scholarship and African-American Heritage projects.

On Sunday, February 26, 1989, the West Coast Cities Branch organized the Carrie Ayers Haynes Scholarship Fund. At the time of the establishment of the scholarship, Carrie Ayers Haynes was the National President of the National Association of University Women.

The scholarship fund was raised through a celebration of a "Cup of Tea with Carrie". The West Coast Cities Branch awarded scholarships, contributed to the United Negro College Fund, participated in the Adopt-a-School Program (St. Timothy Episcopal Day School and Redeemer Elementary School), sponsored the Black History Essay Contest, The Reading is Fundamental program, the Black Inventions, Traveling Museum, Career Day, Financial Aid Workshops, and International Child Adoption Project.

The Purpose of the Branch are:

1. To sponsor, promote, and conduct educational activities designed to provide community outreach to learners at every level or development.
2. To sponsor, promote and conduct conference, seminars, symposia, and other branch meetings on a national, sectional, or branch level, for the purpose of achieving and advancing the purpose.
3. To cooperate with other groups, associations, public, or private agencies that may be concerned with community problems, cultural interests, and educational and world problems.
4. To promote the improvement of education and when appropriate, to issue public statements concerning the quality of education.