

# Commission for Women Hosts International Professional Fellow

For four weeks in October and November, the Maryland Commission for Women was privileged to host Semra Çağlar, a Professional Fellow in a program funded by the U.S. State Department as part of its Citizens Exchange programs. The Professional Fellows Program brings young professionals from developing democracies to the U.S. to gain experience and share best practices and cultural exchanges in the American workplace. Her fellowship was coordinated by the American Councils for International Education. Ms. Çağlar, who is Kurdish, is an employee of the Municipality of Van in Eastern Turkey where she works on international relations, women's and ethnic minorities' issues.



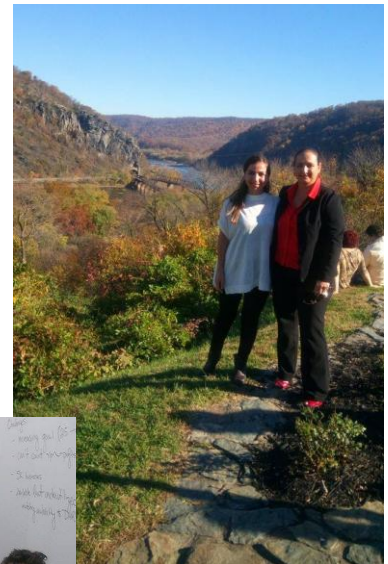
With Commissioner Pat Cornish in the Maryland Senate Chambers

In addition to her work in the Commission for Women office, Ms. Çağlar participated in a DHR Strategic Planning Session on Minority Business Enterprise, visited the Maryland Women's Heritage Center and the Baltimore Harbor as well as the African Art Museum of Maryland where she met with community activists in Howard County. She took a seminar for women business owners and met with the director of the Maryland Women's Business Center, toured the State Capital and participated in a meeting of the Maryland Commission for Women. Ms. Çağlar also visited the International Cultural Center in Gaithersburg and attended a women's Path to Excellence event sponsored by The Daily Record. She met with the Frederick County Executive, County Council President and members of the Frederick County Commission for Women, visited Harper's Ferry in West Virginia, sat in on a meeting of a committee of the Montgomery County Council, and met with President Heidi Hartmann and research staff of the Women's Research and Education Institute in Washington, DC.

At the Maryland Women's Heritage Center

With Commissioner Carole Jaar Sepe at Harpers Ferry

With Commissioner Doris Ligon at the African Art Museum of Maryland



At DHR headquarters strategic planning session

