



Matt - here is your August, 2019 e-newsletter (with updates since early July):

[Proving "It Pays to Be Seen and Be Heard" *](#)

Our latest collective bargaining wins report highlighted benefits won for workers previously denied union representation and gains made by members in successor contract negotiations. [Click here to learn more about how healthcare professionals and public employees overcame obstacles through engagement and organizing.](#)

[Sharing How We're Shoring Up Educators' Pensions](#)

The Connecticut Education Association's (CEA) executive director joined AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel for our latest podcast, which addressed union members' retirement security questions. [Click here to listen to them interview State Treasurer Shawn Wooden on collaborative efforts to protect teachers' pensions.](#)

[Defending Academic Freedom on a Global Stage](#)

Our state federation president in mid July joined her colleagues on the national AFT Executive Council at the Education International (EI) World Congress in Bangkok, Thailand. [Click here to watch Jan Hochadel speak out for "safeguarding academic freedoms in higher education and research" worldwide.](#)

[Demanding Public Service Loan Forgiveness *](#)

AFT Connecticut leaders in late July joined elected and state banking department officials to highlight our national union's legal action seeking student debt relief. [Click here for a photo of Secretary-Treasurer David Hayes speaking at the capitol news briefing in Hartford.](#)

[Earning the "Trust and Confidence of Our Members"](#)

State federation officers, divisional vice presidents and executive committee members elected at our 2019 convention in mid July took their official oaths of office. [Click here for our report on these leaders' shared commitment to a labor movement that is "still growing."](#)

[Joining Social Justice Allies to "Keep Families Together"](#)

Our AFT Connecticut Social Justice Committee in mid July mobilized activists to join immigrants rights advocates in standing up to an unfair deportation. [Click here for photos of the demonstration where a union member spoke out for his former student's family.](#)

[Presenting to a National Audience of Educators](#)

Activists from across Connecticut in mid July traveled to Washington, DC to lead workshops at AFT's biennial Together Educating America's Children (TEACH) professional development conference. [Click here for photos of the union leaders presenting on topics ranging from school safety to arts education.](#)

[Empowering Caregivers with a "Seat at the Table"](#)

Technical professionals at Rockville General Hospital in mid July joined their nurse and healthcare colleagues in forming a local union affiliated with AFT Connecticut. [Click here for our public announcement of their "step toward a fairer balance of power" with their employer.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- August 13: [USC Shoah Foundation ITEACH Bridgeport Seminar](#)
- August 30: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 6th Annual Labor Day Breakfast](#) *
- September 10: [Municipal Primary Election Day](#) *
- October 3 -4: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 2019 Constitutional Convention](#)
- October 3: [Connecticut United Labor Agency Reception & 40th Anniversary Fund-Raiser](#)
- October 28: [Connecticut SERC Paraeducator Development and Leadership Symposium](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Personal Loan](#)

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