



Matt - here is your May, 2016 e-newsletter (with updates since early-April):

### [The "Teach Me You Did" Challenge](#)

For Teacher Appreciation Week our national union supported a global effort to recognize those who've made it their life's work to shape future generations. [Click here to learn more about the campaign organized with the U.S. Rebel Alliance and Share My Lesson.](#)

### [Caregivers Take Patient Care Advocacy to D.C.](#)

Union members from across the country in late-April converged on the nation's capitol to step up efforts for "transparency, accountability and quality in our healthcare system." [Click here for a report-back from AFT's annual conference and lobby day for nurses and healthcare workers.](#)

### [Grassroots Outreach to State Legislators](#)

Public employee union members in late-April came to Hartford to be sure lawmakers heard how proposed state budget cuts would harm Connecticut's quality of life. [Click here for a photo of a member in action inside the state Senate chamber.](#)

### [Professional Development that "Will Give Back"](#)

Forty-six members of affiliated unions in mid-April learned they are among the 188 Connecticut educators selected as Fund for Teachers "Fellows" for 2016. [Click here to learn more about the recipients and the professional learning opportunities their students will benefit from.](#)

## [Echoing Our Call to Protect Workers](#)

A new congressional study released in mid-April has amplified our union members' advocacy for a federal standard to address workplace violence in healthcare settings. [Click here for a report-back on a press conference in the nation's capitol that featured the voices of Connecticut nurses.](#)

## [Resisting Layoffs and Cuts](#)

Our union in mid-April teamed up with Council 4 AFSCME to amplify our call for elected leaders to make better budget choices. [Click here for our latest radio and online digital ads mobilizing public support for the state employees they depend on.](#)

## [Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

During Health Information Professionals week we highlighted union members who play a vital role in helping patients heal through their "ability to turn data into knowledge." [Click here to meet University Health Professionals members who are part of their hospital's informatics services team.](#)

## [Hundreds Turn-Out to Demand Accountability](#)

Union members in early April joined our allies in the Democracy, Unity, and Equality (D.U.E.) Justice coalition for an unprecedented action in Hartford. [Click here to watch highlights of the event that culminated in a call for fairness in state budget deliberations.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- May 21: [AFT Connecticut 2016 Convention](#)
- May 26: [L M Hospital Take-Over Community Visiting Session](#)
- June 9 - 10: [Connecticut AFL-CIO Biennial COPE Convention](#)

## **Featured Benefit**

- Union Plus: [The AFT Credit Card from Capital One](#)

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