



Union Member - here is your May, 2019 e-newsletter (with updates since early April):

[Sharing How the "U & I in Union" Won Pay Raises and Boosted Morale](#)

Veteran educators in Windham Public Schools recently secured a new collective bargaining agreement that "sets a strong precedent for the next round of negotiations." [Click here to meet PreK-12 union members who accepted the challenge to be part of contract talks.](#)

[Getting Answers to Members' Questions on Tolls and Taxes](#) *

Our state federation president and legislative/political action committee chair in late April sat down with an influential lawmaker for our podcast's latest episode. [Click here to listen to Jan Hochadel and Ally Sexton's discussion with the legislature's transportation committee co-chair.](#)

[Honoring Champions for "Safe Jobs"](#)

Advocates in late April were recognized for their workplace safety efforts at the Connecticut AFL-CIO's annual Workers Memorial Day commemoration in Hartford. [Click here for photos of long-time labor activist Mike Petosa presenting the award that bears his name.](#)

[Showing Solidarity for Grocery Workers on Strike for Fairness](#)

Our state federation in mid April teamed up with labor colleagues to support Connecticut-based members of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW). [Click here for the announcement of our joint donation with Council 4 AFSCME to benefit UFCW's strike fund.](#)

[Assuring Elected Representatives Hear Our Voices](#) *

Lawmakers in April showed up to address union members' public policy concerns at the final four regional legislative meetings organized across the state. [Click here to watch the message activists delivered to western Connecticut's delegation to the General Assembly in Hartford.](#)

[Showing Employers "We Wouldn't Back Down From a Fight"](#)

More equitable wage formulas and a role in assuring workplace safety were among the contract gains highlighted in our latest collective bargaining wins report. [Click here to learn more about important firsts negotiated by healthcare workers and paraprofessionals and school-related personnel \(PSRPs\).](#)

[Guiding New Caregivers Preparing to Enter the Field](#)

Our state federation executive vice president in mid April joined four members of affiliated locals for a panel addressing community college nursing program students. [Click here for photos from the event where future aspiring health professionals learned from those who preceded them.](#)

[Engaging with Partners to Help Fund Our Future](#)

State and local union leaders in early April joined advocates for the announcement of millions in resources aimed at students in Connecticut's underserved communities. [Click here for a photo from the event where the Dalio Foundation's public school investment pledge was unveiled.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- May 18: [AFT Connecticut 72nd Annual Business Convention](#)
- May 20: [CT Students for a Dream "Building Unafraid Schools & Communities" Conference](#)
- May 20: [DUE Justice Coalition Rally for a Moral Budget](#) *
- May 21: [Local Union Treasurer's Training Workshop](#)
- May 23: [UCONN Health Labor Coalition Lobby Day](#) *
- May 23: [TeachRock "Music Across the Disciplines" Workshop for Educators](#)
- May 28: [Website Communications Training for Union Leaders](#)
- May 29: [Google's Applied Digital Skills Training for Educators](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [SimpliSafe Home Security Discount](#)

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