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78th Annual Business Convention

May 3, 2025

The Fox Tower @ Foxwoods
Ledyard, Connecticut

AWARDS

2025 Awards Program

AFT Connecticut Staff Recognition

Local Anniversary Citations

Testifiers/Submitted Testimony

Phyllis H. Kornfeld Golden Achievement Award

Unionist of the Year

Joseph H. Soifer Award

President's Award



AFT Connecticut Staff Recognition

Teri Merisotis, Legislative Advocate30 years

Ben Wenograd, Field Representative25 years

Stephanie Burnham, Chief Financial Officer.....5 years





Local Anniversary Citations

Wethersfield Federation of Teachers.....	65 years
Middletown Federation of Teachers	65 years
Waterford Federation of Classroom Teachers	55 years
Milford Federation of Paraprofessionals.....	40 years
Regional District #13 Support Staff Association	30 years
Windham Community Memorial Hospital United Employees.....	30 years
New Haven Federation of Teachers Retirees.....	30 years
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern CT RNs	25 years
Manchester Tutors Association.....	10 years
New London Federation of Non Certified Personnel	5 years

2025 AFT CT Members: Testified or Submitted Testimony

AAUP UCONN, Local 6746

Sam Sommers

AAUP CSU, Local 6745

Stephen Adair
Syafira Azzahra
Sara Baker Bailey
Carina Bandhaver
Christina Barmon
Elizabeth Chang Davidson
Brenda Cunningham
Ricardo Friez
Wynn Gadkar Wilcox
Audra King
Ratua Lumbantobins
Anna Malavisi
Kenneth McGill
Stephen Monroe Tomczak
Katy Mulvaney
Melanie Newport
John O'Connor
Fiona Pearson
Natalie Sanchez
Timothy Scott
Theresa Severance
Cynthia Stretch
Kari Swanson
Christopher Trombly
Margot Weiss
Louise Williams



A&R, Local 4200

John DiSette
Ally Sexton

Assoc. of CT Asst. Attorneys General, Local 6574

Joan Andrews
Nancy Brouillet

American School for the Deaf, Local 4230

Anne Nutt

Backus Federation of Nurses Local 5149

Danielle Berriault
John Brady
Heather Brauth
Angela Langlais

Hartford Fed. of Paraeducators, Local 2221

Shellye Davis

Hartford Federation of Teachers, Local 1018

Carol Gale

Meriden Federation of Teachers, Local 1478

Lauren Mancini

New Haven Fed. of Teachers, Local 933

Dolores Bates
Leslie Blatteau
Amy Brazauski
Sarah Fennessy
Isabelle Geller
Jenny Graves
Zoe Homonoff
Christopher Latka
Rebecca Mickelson
Julia Miller
Marsela Rashidy
David Weinreb

Norwalk Fed. of Teachers, Local 1723

Cynthia Adams
Mary Yordon

State Vocational Fed. of Teachers, Local 4200A

Paul Angelucci
Sara Bruno
Marc Couture
Sarah Fennessy
Makenzie Hurtado

University Health Professionals, Local 3837

Bill Garrity

Windham Fed. of Teachers, Local 1577

Rose Reyes



AFT Connecticut

Stuart Savelkoul

Ferguson, Doyle & Chester

James Demetriades



**Phyllis H. Kornfeld
Golden Achievement Award**

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