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Nearly Half a Million Workers Unionized in 2025

Annual BLS Report Shows Growth in Union Representation

New data released Feb. 18 by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) shows union representation grew by 463,000 in 2025, bringing the total number of workers represented by union contracts to 16.5 million. Thanks to years of sustained organizing, 11.2% of all wage and salary workers in the United States are now covered under union contracts, up from 2024 and the highest in 16 years.

"Billionaire bosses and union-busting politicians have tried to throw the kitchen sink at working people and their unions – slashing our jobs and rigging the rules to scare us out of organizing – but they are failing," said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler. "Working people are experiencing relentless attacks on our freedoms and our livelihoods. These numbers confirm what we've seen in the labor movement: Workers ... are hungry to take back their power. Workers know that the best check on a bad boss is a strong union contract. In 2026, workers will continue to organize in every corner of the country and build power to fight for the lives they deserve."

Shuler added, "Labor is one of the last institutions in this country that working people actually trust. Nearly 70% of Americans support unions and more than 50 million more workers are eager to join one, but broken labor law still has the deck stacked against them. Too many face vicious union-busting and retaliation for organizing and punishing lay-offs even as corporate bosses rake in profits."

"Unionization grew in 2025 despite the nation's broken system of labor law and the most anti-union president in history," said Heidi Shierholz, president of the labor-backed Economic Policy Institute and a former Labor Department chief economist. "And in response to the Trump administration's aggressive

attacks on federal employees and their unions, federal workers increasingly turned to collective representation. This increase is a testament to working people's resolve and the fact that unions are recognized as critical instruments for building a fair economy."

According to the report, there was, as usual, a big earnings gap between union members and their non-union colleagues. The median weekly earnings for all workers – the point where half the workforce is above and half below – was \$1,204 last year, a \$45 increase over 2024.

But unionists had median weekly earnings of \$1,484 and union men had median weekly earnings last year of \$1,487, almost \$200 more than non-union men. Union women had median weekly earnings of \$1,297.

The median for unrepresented workers was \$1,174 overall, up \$36 in a year. Non-union men had a median of \$1,289, up \$48 in a year, while non-union women had a median of \$1,056.

The BLS data also reflects the following:

- Years of organizing in new industries, workplaces and in so-called "right to work (for less)" states in the South have pushed nationwide union density to 10%.
- Nearly half of all union growth came from Southern states, with younger workers organizing at a rapid pace.
- The number of public sector workers represented by a union grew by 236,000, up to 36.4% of that workforce.
- Despite what has been described as the biggest act of union-busting in history, union density among federal workers grew to more than 31%, which is the largest single-year increase since 2011, as workers responded to DOGE-driven attacks aimed at stripping away



AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler

collective bargaining rights and driving experts out of their jobs.

- Private-sector union representation grew to add 227,000 workers, with significant gains in health care, retail, education services and construction.

"Politicians face a clear mandate to stand up to union-busting bosses, whether they are in the corner office or the oval office," Shuler added. "We call on Congress to pass the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act and the Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act, and to reverse the single largest act of union-busting in American history by passing the Protect America's Workforce Act in the Senate."

According to the Press Associates Union News Service, some of the state-level data should be taken with a proverbial grain of salt.

"The state samples of unionists are much smaller than the national sample BLS uses for its top-line number," the service reported. "But though the numbers should be taken with caution, the state pattern remained the same: Union members were concentrated in the Northeast, around the Great Lakes and in the Pacific Coast states, including Alaska and Hawaii. But ... half the numerical gains last year occurred in states of the old Confederacy alone."

Hawaii (24.8%) was the most union-dense state last year, beating New York (21.3%), though New York is catching up in density and also added 128,000 union members last year, rising to 1.734 million. Washington state was notable for big hikes in union both density and numbers. Its density rose from 16% in 2024 to 18% last year. Union numbers increased there by 84,000.

California was high in density (14.9%) and led the nation in numbers both years: 2.489 million unionists in 2025, 108,000 more than in 2024. New York was second in numbers last year, too, at 1.834 million. Illinois, which has the right to organize in its state constitution, added 24,000 union members, rising to 758,000, the BLS estimated. That kept it at 13.1% density.

Alaska was third in density, the BLS estimated, at 18.1%. Also high on the 2025 list were Connecticut and Rhode Island (16.1% each), Massachusetts (14.5%), Minnesota (14.1%), Michigan (13%), New Jersey (14.7%), Oregon (15.1%), Nevada (13%), Ohio (11.6%) and Pennsylvania (10.9%).

For the first time in decades, the two Carolinas did not vie for last in union density. South Dakota "beat" them both, falling to 2.3%. The two Carolinas finished below 3% each, though.

AFL-CIO on February Jobs Numbers: 'Everything Is Too Expensive'

The following is a statement from AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler on the February jobs report recently released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This jobs report confirms what many workers already feel: everything is too expensive. This is an economy built for the billionaire bosses, not working people. The "big ugly bill" is coming home to roost. Jobs are down in nearly every sector, and more cuts are coming as funding that industries need dries up. For months, the only growing area has been health care, and those jobs are being ripped away, too—which disproportionately affects women workers, especially women of color. At the same time, energy prices are spiking and the cost of living overall is crushing working people.

No matter how the Trump administration tries to spin these awful numbers

today, it's clear working people need union contracts to support and protect them. Our message to Congress and the president is simple: get to work making this economy better and more affordable for workers.

Additional Analysis from Dr. Darrick Hamilton, AFL-CIO Chief Economist:

If not for the healthcare sector, the U.S. economy would have experienced a net loss of jobs over the past year. But as today's jobs report shows, healthcare could not prop up the labor market this time—in fact, the sector lost 28,000 jobs. And with cuts to Medicaid and other healthcare subsidies stemming from last year's Budget Reconciliation Bill, the slowdown could deepen in the healthcare labor market.

The fact that we are seeing only modest growth alongside a sluggish labor market is indicative of a K-shaped economy—one propped up by the spending habits of the wealthy and speculation in AI and data technology, while working people continue to struggle with an affordability crisis. This outcome reflects a public infrastructure that is overinvested in profit and speculation and underinvested in the American people. The so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill" alone diverts nearly \$4 trillion of public resources through the tax code while

cutting Medicaid, food assistance, and other essential benefits.

It is also important to note that the healthcare sector is disproportionately staffed by women, particularly women of color. The unemployment rate for Black women has risen toward 7.1 percent—levels that are deeply recessionary—while the rate for Black men stands at around 7 percent. These figures underscore the persistence of racial inequities in the labor market and the need for public policy to address them.

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President's Column

It's Better in a Union

This year's report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics covering union membership in the United States felt like a much-needed jolt of good news. It is no secret that the labor movement faces a long list of challenges these days – but the BLS data shows that we still know how to fight and we still know how to win.

The fact that union membership grew in 2025 despite numerous attacks on workers' rights (most prominently in the public sector) reinforces our movement's fortitude. Not to be overlooked is the government's findings that union members typically enjoy bigger paychecks and better benefits than their unrepresented counterparts. That's consistent from year to year, but it shouldn't be taken for granted.

At the risk of preaching to the choir, so to speak, the gains are all the more remarkable when you consider that our country's basic labor law, the National Labor Relations Act, no longer fulfills its central promise to U.S. workers. The NLRA, enacted in 1935, declares it "to be the policy of the United States to encourage the practice and procedure of collective bargaining and ... protect the exercise by workers of full freedom of association, self-organization, and designation of representatives of their own choosing, for the purpose of negotiating the terms and conditions of their employment or other mutual aid or protection."

Anyone who's ever taken part in an organizing drive knows that the NLRA sounds more like a wish list than an official policy. After more than 90 years of practice and untold millions of dollars spent on union-busting, employers have nearly perfected the exercise of "persuading" employees to remain unrepresented. With all of that in mind, I think it's fair to say that we collectively beat the odds in 2025.

That's partly due to hard work and also because union membership pays off, literally and figuratively. We're at the forefront of promoting and protecting workers' rights, fair wages, safety and more. As my predecessor, the late Mike Sacco, would say from time to time, relying on employer benevolence isn't much of a bargaining strategy. Our country needs unions today just as much as at any other time in history.

Further evidence of that claim is found in the latest BLS report, which once again reveals that so-called "right-to-work" laws really should be named "right to work for less." Those laws consistently lower income rates, and workers suffer as a result.

Put it all together, and you can see why public opinion is on our side. As you may remember from the coverage of our convention that took place last September, Americans today are more likely to side with labor than at any time in the past 60 years. This shift didn't happen by accident. It happened because people gradually became more and more aware that unions deliver – not only for their members, but even for workers who aren't unionized. This isn't part of the BLS report, but plenty of other studies throughout the years have shown that union paychecks can have a positive ripple effect.

In conclusion, while I'm realistic about the tasks we face, I'm also confident in our ability to work together and to achieve real results that benefit not only our members but all of America's working families. That's the union way, that's the American way, and that's our way forward.



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Professional Women's Hockey League Players Association Joins the AFL-CIO

Editor's note: The following news release was issued by the SEATU-affiliated AFL-CIO.

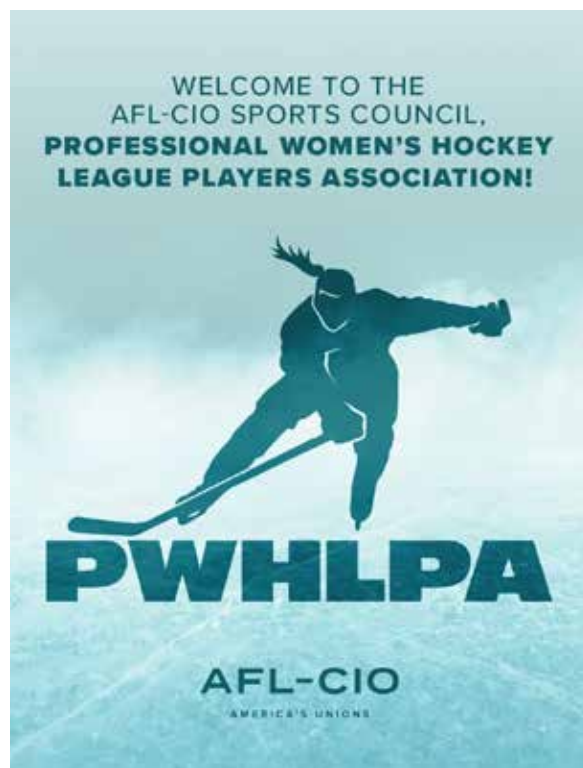
The Professional Women's Hockey League Players Association (PWHLPA) recently announced it is formally affiliating with the AFL-CIO. The PWHLPA became the 10th professional sports union to join the AFL-CIO Sports Council and the 65th affiliate of the nation's largest labor federation, a milestone in the fight for equity in women's sports and fair treatment of all athlete workers.

The PWHLPA represents 184 professional hockey players across eight teams in the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL), 61 of whom just competed in the 2026 Milan Cortina Winter Olympics, including the gold and silver medal-winning U.S. and Canadian teams. The union's affiliation with the AFL-CIO comes as interest in women's hockey is reaching historic growth in the United States, with athletes driving record ticket sales.

"When women athletes come together as workers, they don't only elevate their own leagues—they also raise the bar across all of women's sports. The players of the PWHL have been no exception, and I am thrilled to welcome the Players Association into our federation," said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler. "The AFL-CIO is proud to bring the solidarity of our 64 affiliated unions and nearly 15 million working people to stand alongside the PWHLPA and its members as they continue to grow the game, inspire the next generation of women's ice hockey players, and fight for the contract they deserve."

"Our members know there is power in a union," said Malaika Underwood, executive director of the PWHLPA. "That is why they organized to form the Players Association and negotiated a collective bargaining agreement before the first puck dropped in the PWHL. It is also why we are proud to join the AFL-CIO and its Sports Council today. We look forward to continuing the fight for the rights, fair pay, and the safety of our members as part of this historic labor federation, and to standing alongside our fellow unions to ensure all workers, including PWHL players, are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve."

The AFL-CIO Sports Council was formed in 2022 to build power across unions in professional sports, amplify the voices of athletes and shine a light on the challenges they face as workers. It also aligns the interests of athletes in professional sports industries and beyond. The Sports Council unions include: the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA), Major League Soccer Players Association (MLSFA), NFL Players Association (NFLPA), National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA), National Lacrosse League Players' Association (NLLPA), NWSL Players Association (NWSLPA), Professional Hockey Players' Association (PHPA), Women's National Basketball Players Association (WNBPA), and USL Players Association-CWA (USLPA-CWA).



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Texas Union Win: Labor Leader Taylor Rehmet Elected to State Senate



Texas State Senator Taylor Rehmet (D). Photo courtesy AFL-CIO

Recently, the Texas AFL-CIO released the following statement on union leader Taylor Rehmet’s historic election to Texas Senate District 9.

“This is a huge win for Texas workers. Taylor embodies what it means to be a union leader — working together to address the struggles of real, everyday Texans,” said Texas AFL-CIO President Leonard Aguilar. “While state parties are trying to reconnect with the working class, we’re running union members up and down the ballot — and winning. Taylor’s historic win kicks off a slate of rank-and-file union members running for office to fight for all of us.”

Rehmet, a veteran and the president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) Texas State Council, was born and raised in Garland, Texas. His passion for fairness and dignity on the job led him to union organizing, where he was elected president of both his local and state chapters of the IAM. As a graduate of the Texas AFL-CIO’s Ruth Ellinger Leadership Academy, he’s committed to taking the fight for working Texans to the State Capitol.

Just this week, the Texas AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) Board, made up of delegates from across the state, announced their 2026 primary endorsements. It includes 15 endorsed union members running for state-level positions, who were union members before they were candidates:

- Lieutenant Governor: **Marcos Vélez (D)**
Assistant Director of United Steelworkers (USW) District 13
- Commissioner of General Land Office: **Jose Loya (D)**
Staff representative for United Steelworkers (USW) District 13, Veterans of Steel Coordinator
- Texas Supreme Court, Place 1: **Maggie Ellis (D)**
Member of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) 1624 and Texas State Employees Union (TSEU-CWA 6186)
- Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9: **Holly Taylor (D)**
Member of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Texas Retiree Chapter 12
- U.S. House, District 19 (Lubbock): **Kyle Rable (D)**
Member of Texas State Employees Union (TSEU-CWA 6186)
- U.S. House, District 27 (Victoria): **Tanya Lloyd (D)**
Member of Texas American Federation of Teachers (Texas AFT)
- Texas Senate, District 9 (Fort Worth): **Taylor Rehmet (D)**
President of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) Texas State Council
- Texas House, District 28 (Richmond): **Sandy Ibanez (D)**
Member of Fort Bend American Federation of Teachers (AFT Local 6198)
- Texas House, District 47 (Austin): **Pooja Sethi (D)**
Member of Texas State Employees Union (TSEU-CWA 6186)
- Texas House, District 49 (Austin): **Montserrat Garibay (D)**
Former Texas AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer; Member of Education Austin (AFT Local 2048)
- Texas House, District 50 (Austin): **Jeremy Hendricks (D)**
Assistant Business Manager, Southwest Laborers District Council (SWLDC), Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA)
- Texas House, District 120 (San Antonio): **Jordan Brown (D)**
Member of Northside American Federation of Teachers (AFT Local 3216)
- Texas House, District 125 (San Antonio): **Adrian Reyna (D)**
Member of San Antonio Alliance (AFT Local 67)
- Texas House, District 142 (Houston): **Danyahel (Danny) Norris (D)**
Member of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) HOPE 123
- Texas House, District 146 (Houston): **Lauren Ashley Simmons (D)**, incumbent
Member of Texas State Employees Union (TSEU-CWA 6186) & Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 1180

EPI Touts Benefits of Unions

Editor’s note: The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) posted the following piece coinciding with the release of the annual Bureau of Labor Statistics report on union membership. A much longer version that includes source citations, along with additional information about unions and the report is available on the EPI website (epi.org).

The high favorability of unions in the U.S. makes sense when you consider the benefits unions provide for workers. When workers join together in a union and engage in collective bargaining, their wages, benefits, and working conditions improve. Further, in communities with higher union density rates, working families have higher incomes, greater access to health care, and fewer restrictions on voting. Unions:

- **Boost wages.** On average, a worker covered by a union contract earns 12.8% more in wages than a peer in a nonunionized workplace. Further, in places or industries where unionization is strong, unions also boost wages for nonunion workers by effectively establishing higher standards. This is the union “spill-over” effect.
- **Narrow racial wage gaps and raise women’s wages.** On average, Hispanic and Black workers represented by a union are paid 16.4% and 12.6% more, respectively, than their nonunionized Hispanic and Black peers. The wages of women represented by a union are 9.8% higher than those of nonunionized women.
- **Create healthier and safer workplaces.** Unions also improve the health and safety of workplaces by providing health insurance and paid sick time, requiring safety equipment, and empowering workers to report unsafe conditions without fear of retaliation.
- **Increase retirement security.** More than nine in 10 unionized workers have access to employer-sponsored retirement plans. Further, union employers are more likely to contribute more toward retirement plans than comparable non-union employers.

In the same way that unions give workers a voice at their workplace, the data suggests that unions also give workers a voice in shaping their communities. Research by EPI documents a strong correlation between high-union-density states and a range of measures that promote higher incomes, healthier communities, and a stronger democracy, as reflected in:

- **Higher minimum wages.** The average minimum wage of high-union-density states is \$13.70, compared with low-union-density states’ average minimum wage of \$9.30.
- **Higher incomes.** Median household incomes in high-union-density states are more than \$12,000 higher, on average, than median incomes in low-union-density states.
- **More spending on education.** States with higher rates of unionization spend \$22,777 per pupil on education, compared with \$15,568 per pupil in low-union-density states. Further, states with higher unionization rates are less likely to have universal voucher programs.
- **Greater access to paid sick leave.** 70.6% of states with the highest union density have enacted paid sick leave legislation, compared with just 11.8% of low-union-density states.
- **Fewer voting restriction laws.** Since 2021, low-union-density states have passed 44 voter restriction laws, whereas high-union-density states passed six such laws.

It is clear that unions provide workers with direct benefits. Further, there is an undeniable correlation between higher levels of unionization and stronger economic, community, and democratic outcomes. While these benefits have long been evident, increased recognition of unions’ role in creating a more just economy and society has undoubtedly contributed to the increase in unionization in 2025.

Officials Call on State Governments to Protect Workers

The labor movement called on state governments in California and around the country to protect workers’ jobs, rights and freedoms from being taken away by artificial intelligence.

National AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler joined California Federation of Labor Unions President Lorena Gonzalez, Iowa Federation of Labor President Charlie Wishman, Nevada State AFL-CIO Executive Secretary-Treasurer Susie Martinez, Georgia State AFL-CIO President Yvonne Brooks, and North Carolina State AFL-CIO President Braxton Winston II for a press conference at the California State Capitol to highlight the existential risks that AI poses to workers and to call on elected officials to take action. The labor leaders highlighted how the explosion of AI across the economy is enriching tech billionaires while jeopardizing workers’ livelihoods by potentially eliminating or worsening jobs, threatening worker safety and privacy, and infringing on civil and labor rights.

The California Labor Federation has been fighting for common-sense AI guardrails to protect workers, including a bill preventing AI “robot-bosses” from firing workers without human oversight. Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed last year’s bill even after it passed both chambers of the state legislature with strong support. Shuler and the other leaders emphasized that AI is a top issue for voters across the political spectrum, and that any candidate seeking the support of working people must stand with workers on sensible AI guardrails.

“The decisions that we are making right now on AI are going to shape the next 50 years. We’re demanding our politicians do what 80% of Americans want you to do: pass common-sense guardrails. Protect working people. Bring us to the table now, not after the fact,” said Liz Shuler, president of the AFL-CIO. “The labor movement and working people across this country are watching, and we demand real leadership.”

The press conference followed the California Labor Federation’s AI Summit, part of the AFL-CIO’s nationwide effort to fight for an AI future that respects workers. The state federation recently launched its most ambitious AI agenda to date to hold elected officials accountable for delivering the AI safety measures their constituents strongly support. And last fall, the national AFL-CIO released the Workers First Initiative on AI, a first-of-its-kind campaign outlining a road map for a worker-centered AI future across industries and advancing strong AI safety laws in the states.

Members Graduate From Classes At SEATU-Affiliated Paul Hall Center



Editor's note: Many SEATU members employed by Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) have recently completed the Basic Safety Training course at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education in Piney Point, Maryland. The one-week course includes training specified by the vessel operator and approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, and features fire fighting, water survival and first aid training. These sessions were all administered at the Joseph Sacco Fire Fighting and Safety School, located on a satellite campus. In each photo on the following pages, all members are listed in alphabetical order.



Recently graduated: Warren Alexander, Kendle Bahl, Marie Berger, Jacob Britts, Darias Contreras, Deangelo Dandridge, Amanda Fragoso, Jordon Groom, Logan Jenkins, Destiny Pabon, Ahzani Quick, Kevin Reynolds, Savannah Robinson, Robert Shelton and Natricha Yodjabok.



Pictured above: Marquise Atkinson, David Frank, Nathaly Frank, Miles Grant, Emilio Knox, Arthur Krier, Israel Lopez, Marcelo Mota Jr., Sampson Piermattei, Brian Ruiz, Daniel Shook, Shereen Turner, Bridgitte Uzzell, Alan Valencia, Tracy Wagner and Brandiss Zierhut.



Not all are pictured: Dante Cole, Gabriel Davis, Christopher Gallardo Jr., Randall Heidema, Felix Hernandez, Isaiah Johnson, Phalae Laughlin, Shannon Martin, Gregory Miller, Noah Robles, Juan Salaman Rosario, Makiyah Smith, Victor Tay and Blake Wildfong.

Members Graduate From Classes At SEATU-Affiliated Paul Hall Center



Recently graduated: Andrew Austin, Christopher Beck Roussell, Ryan Carrion, Tania Corbin, Makenzie Drako, Kaisean Harvey, Kayla Hazard, Ashlee Jones, Yolanda Jones, Samuel Legg, Andrew Levine, Melinda McKnight, Elizabeth Nichols and Ariel Patterson.



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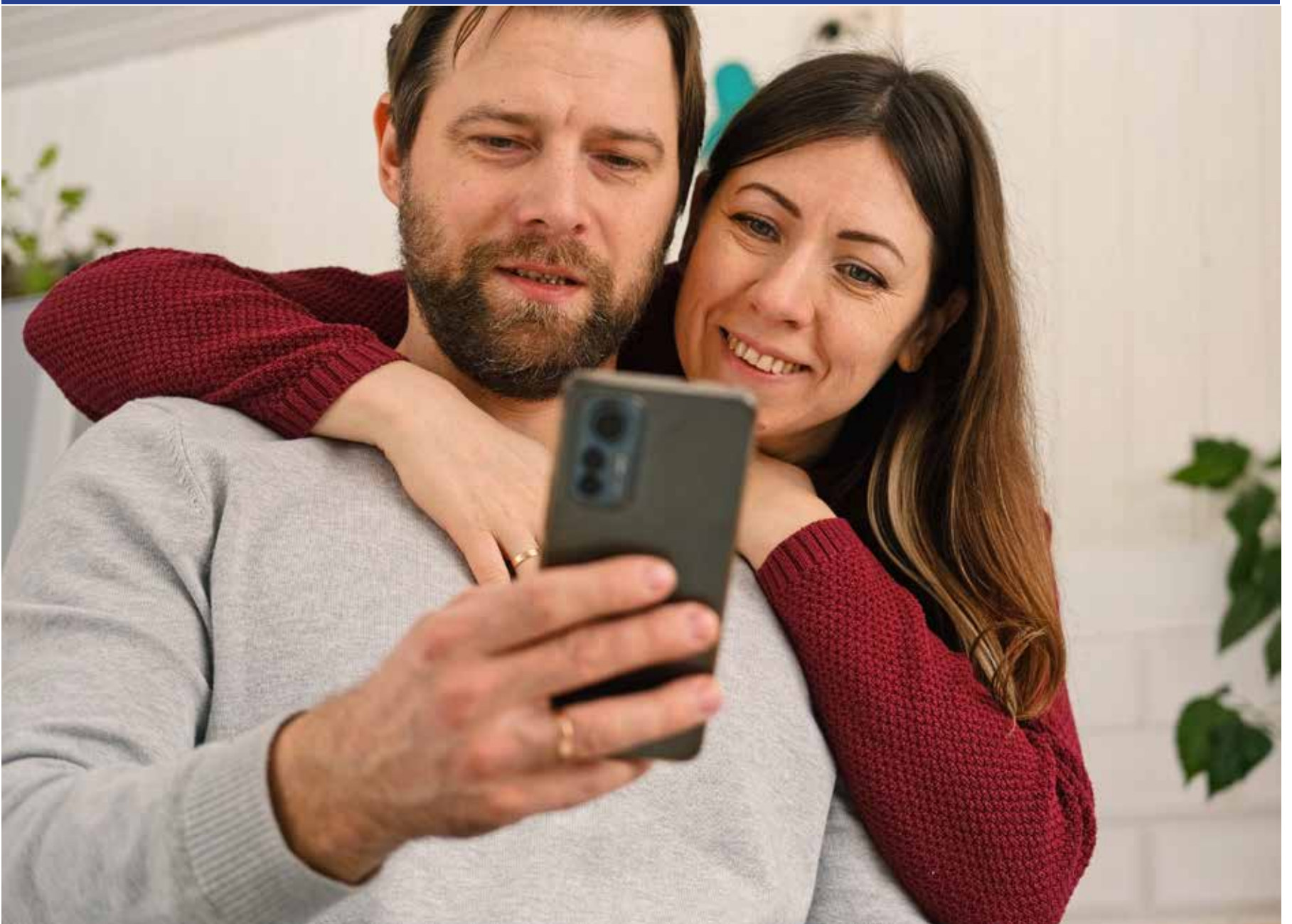
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Lifeboat Training Completed on Pride of America

Patrick Schoenberger, a teacher at the union-affiliated Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, recently instructed multiple classes of SEATU members working aboard the *Pride of America*, and submitted the photos below. He's in the top (far right) and bottom (far left) photos.



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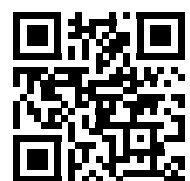


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Delegates Needed

Delegates are needed at workplaces in all SEATU jurisdictions. Contact your local union hall for more information.

Know Your Weingarten Rights

All SEATU members should be aware of their Weingarten Rights.

Established by the Supreme Court in 1975, the rights guarantee employees the right to union representation during investigatory interviews with management. An investigatory interview is one in which a supervisor questions an employee to obtain information which could be used as a basis for discipline or asks an employee to defend his/her conduct.

If an employee has a reasonable belief that discipline or discharge may result from what they say during such an interview, they have the right to request union representation. It's important to remember that management is not required to inform employees of their Weingarten rights; employees have the responsibility of knowing that these rights exist and to request that they be invoked when appropriate.

Copies of the Weingarten Rights are posted on all union bulletin boards. They also can be accessed on SEATU's web site at www.seatu.org, linked under the Members Rights section. Individuals with questions regarding these rights should contact their SEATU representative, delegate or shop steward.

Become Familiar With Your Labor Contract

All SEATU members, especially those in bargaining unit classifications, are reminded to obtain, read and become familiar with the provisions of their labor contracts.

It is equally important to be aware of the company's policies and procedures where labor issues are concerned. Knowledge of both better enables members to invoke their rights as necessary and protect them when threatened.

Those desiring copies of their labor contracts should contact their on-site delegate or visit their union hall.

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All members are encouraged to share their ideas for stories and photos with the editorial staff of *The Entertainer*. Become the eyes and ears in your work areas by staying abreast of newsworthy events such as promotions, awards, retirements, participation in community activities, etc.

The Entertainer staff would also like to know about anyone who has or participates in unusual hobbies for possible feature stories.

Contact your union representatives with any tips you may have so that we can give recognition to those who richly deserve it.

Call for Submissions to The Entertainer



The photo above was submitted by SEATU Representative Amber Akana, depicting the *Pride of America* awaiting new guests.

As a reminder, photos, news and feature stories about you, your coworkers and your workplace are highly encouraged. Send your submissions to nmerrill@seafarers.org.

SEATU Notebook

Algonac/Detroit Metro

Current Delegates:

M/V Detroit Princess

Bar Staff: Seeking volunteers

Wait Staff: Seeking volunteers

Kitchen Staff: Seeking volunteers

Boston

Current Delegates:

Plainridge Park

Food & Beverage: Seeking volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming a delegate or steward is encouraged to contact the union hall at 701-434-6000.

Chicagoland/Joliet

Members are encouraged to contact their SEATU representatives with any questions or concerns at 815-723-8002.

Hollywood Casino Joliet:

Celestina Olaleye

Ameristar: Jim Jasman

Honolulu

The union is always seeking volunteers in all departments aboard the *Pride of America*.

Current Delegates:

Restaurant: Keith Shufelt

Hotel-Housekeeping: Lucia Colon

Galley/F&B: Seeking volunteers

Bar/Gift Shop: Seeking volunteers

Kansas City

Anyone interested in volunteering for a steward or delegate position, call the union hall at 816-453-5700.

Food & Beverage: Susan Hunt

Slots: Abbey Heller

Maintenance: Seeking volunteers

Main Bank: Crystal Malone

Lawrenceburg

Hollywood Lawrenceburg

Current Delegates:

Slots: Robyn Williams

Cage & Credit: Linda Richter,

LEC Front Desk: Brandi Coy

Food & Beverage: Charles Turner

Anyone interested in becoming a delegate or steward is encouraged to contact the union hall at 812-539-2941.

Maryland

Anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to call 410-537-5987.

Current Delegates:

Hollywood Casino Perryville

Food & Beverage: Seeking volunteers

Table Games: Jackie Holstein

Maryland Live! Casino

Food & Beverage: Glory Warrick

Bartender: Jeff Wunk

EVS: Seeking volunteers

Housekeeping: Seeking volunteers

Baltimore/Washington International Airport

Seeking volunteers

Rosecroft Raceway: Seeking volunteers

New Orleans

Anyone wishing to become a delegate or steward is encouraged to call 504-328-7545.

Current Delegates:

MOPS: Seeking volunteers

Food & Beverage Hotel:

Seeking volunteers

Bell/Luggage Attendants:

Seeking volunteers

Maintenance: Tony Blanks (chief delegate)

Boat: Trina Hester

Ohio

Miami Valley Gaming

Gaming Attendants: Gina

Fumi-Fiamawle, David Williams

Food & Beverage: Kerri Gates, Robert Rogers

Hollywood Gaming Dayton

Raceway

VLT: Nieawna Russel, Josh Steel

Facilities: Damon Boyd Jr.

EVS: Daryl Davis

Hollywood Gaming at

Mahoning Valley

Current Delegates:

Food & Beverage: Nilsa

Lipscomb

EVS: Ethel Smith

VLT: Keely Nance

Riverside

Current Delegates:

Cage: Seeking volunteers

Food & Beverage: Jaime Edge

Count Room: Jackie Hibbs

Slots: Sabrina Louthain

Maintenance: Ahmad Alzaidi

St. Louis/Alton Metro

Current Delegates:

Food & Beverage: Maggie

Roy, Dennis Baker, Lisa Longo

Housekeeping: Seeking volunteers

Cage & Credit: Hope Jones

Marine Crew: Seeking volunteers

Count Team: Chloe Lake