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To the Point

Let the sunshine in

In February 2018, the state comptroller issued a blistering report that found that more than half of SUNY campus foundations hadn’t been audited by SUNY over the last 10 years.

According to the study, the University at Buffalo Foundation ($723 million in assets) and the Stony Brook Foundation ($377 million) control $1.1 billion, more than half of the net assets of SUNY’s 30 campus foundations combined.

The comptroller also found that contracts bid by the UB and Stony Brook foundations—including services for lobbying, fundraising and entertainment—were not bid competitively and awarded based on referrals or companies they had worked with before.

This was last year. Since SUNY isn’t auditing the foundations on a regular basis, it’s anyone’s guess as to what the inner workings of these murky foundations really are. The public has a right to know how much money the foundations have, where it came from, where it’s going and how it’s being used.

Right now, that’s not the case. And that has to change.

Our cash-strapped campuses need help, and the foundations are doing precious little to provide that help, even though they were established to serve the academic missions of our colleges and universities.

Public higher education isn’t a priority for the state, and hasn’t been for far too long. Draconian Great Recession cuts followed by years of flat state funding have seen to that.

It is time for change. Making SUNY foundations accountable and transparent is a solid step toward making public higher education a priority again.

To that end, UUP is pushing for legislation mandating that the foundations submit annual reports to SUNY for approval. Among other things, those reports would include a yearly budget, detailed contract data, and a list of foundation and campus foundation employees with salaries, job titles and descriptions.

UUP is also calling for:
- Restoration of the state comptroller’s authority to audit SUNY foundations;
- Creation of a new System Administration compliance unit to ensure that foundation expenditures and transactions line up with SUNY’s mission statement.

Certainly, some expenditures made by the foundations seem to meet that threshold. In June, the SUNY Canton Foundation secured a purchase option on a vacant retail plaza to house the college’s Small Business Development Center and an Entrepreneurship Center that would create jobs and hopefully entice SUNY Canton students to stay in Canton after graduation.

Since the foundations aren’t compelled to report on their activities, the public has no idea what they do with their dollars—unless the foundations decide to go public.

Not all is hidden. Thanks to news coverage by the Syracuse Post-Standard, we know that two ex-Upstate Medical University presidents received large SUNY Research Foundation payments to supplement their salaries.

Ex-president David Smith, who was convicted of official misconduct, and former Upstate senior vice president Steven Brady gave themselves unauthorized Research Foundation raises in 2007; Smith ended up paying back nearly $190,000 in foundation funds. Brady pleaded guilty to falsifying business records and returned $60,000.

The comptroller’s report pointed out that the UB Foundation paid nearly $240,000 in salaries and fringe benefits to two retired UB staff members who returned to work, allowing the employees to skirt caps under Retirement and Social Security law.

And just last month, UB’s student paper, The Spectrum, reported that the UB Foundation paid former Vice President Joe Biden $200,000 for his October 2018 speech at the university’s Alumni Arena.

What we have now is a situation where the issue is not just the lack of transparency, but serious concern over how these hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent. These dollars should be used to help campuses and aid students in their pursuit of a college degree—and a better life.

The Research foundation is subject to the state’s Freedom of Information Act, but that oversight isn’t nearly enough. Some foundations have hired lobbyists to push against efforts to uncloak these organizations; one has to wonder why that is.

Enough is enough. It’s time to make SUNY’s campus foundations transparent. Right now.
**Cover Story**

**Family leave**

UUP wins hard-fought, valuable benefit

BY DARRYL McGRATH

**One UUP member received a phone call from her academic department on a routine question while she was in labor at the hospital. Another was told she might have to teach a summer session for free to make up the money her department spent to cover her classes while she was on maternity leave. Still another was told by her department chair, shortly after she returned from maternity leave and resumed a full schedule in a state of exhaustion, “You don’t seem happy.”**

Incredible but true stories like these are surfacing this spring at workshops organized by UUP and hosted by chapters around the state to explain the union’s new paid family leave provisions. Often, chapter and statewide leaders say they are hearing these accounts for the first time, as the dam of silence and fear over the need to take time off from a job at SUNY begins to crack.

Members kept these stories to themselves, afraid of jeopardizing their path to tenure or permanent appointment, or afraid of losing a contingent position.

The 2016-2022 UUP contract provided a major step forward by adding a new provision for use of the New York State Paid Family Leave benefit. The NYS PFL benefit allows partially paid leave for up to 10 weeks in 2019 and 2020 (increasing to 12 weeks in 2021) for bonding with a child in the first year following birth, adoption or foster care placement; caring for a family member with a serious health condition; or assisting family members deployed abroad for active military service.

This new benefit adds to UUP’s other contractual provisions for family leave. There are now several avenues for fully paid, partially paid or unpaid leave for family care purposes that can be used singly, concurrently or successively, depending on specific circumstances. They are described in Article 23 and Appendix A-42 of the NYS/UUP contract.

“It’s been a difficult struggle,” said Jamie Dangler, UUP’s statewide vice president for academics. “It’s been a major issue for the last four rounds of negotiations, beginning with the 2003-2007 contract. We were also active for more than 15 years in working with other unions and advocacy groups in trying to secure passage of the New York State Paid Family Leave law, which was finally passed in 2016. The law applies to private sector workers, but UUP was the first public employee union to negotiate into the new state statute.”

**Workshops, guide available**

Chapters around the state are hosting workshops to educate members on the many choices available to them for leave, including paid family leave after birth, adoption, foster care placement, or if a family member is ill or actively serving in the military. Chapters wishing to schedule a workshop on family leave can do so through the labor relations specialist assigned to their chapter.

And, as conversations by members at the workshops held so far make clear, members desperately needed a systemwide benefit and clarity about what their options are. Historically, family leave experiences at SUNY varied wildly among campuses and even among different departments on the same campus. The lack of uniformity became a given, but one that members were often afraid to question, especially if they did not yet have tenure or permanent appointment, or if they were on visiting or contingent status.

“There was this attitude that they were doing me a favor by covering my classes,” said one academic who declined to be named. “I didn’t push back as much as I could have, knowing they had to advocate for me during my
reappointment meeting."

UUP is taking many important steps to help its members understand and access paid family leave and to know what options exist to address workplace situations that arise when employees take family leave. In addition to the chapter workshops, and workshops at the Spring Delegate Assembly, UUP has also published the UUP Family Leave and Work-Life Services Guide, which sets out in clear, plain language how the new benefit works, as well as other options for family leave and flexible or reduced work schedules.

The guide is available in hard copy at chapter offices or on the UUP website at https://bit.ly/2XndKat

INVOLVE, INFORM CHAPTERS

The union urges all members—full time, part time, contingent and noncontingent—to consult with their chapter leaders and labor relations specialists, not just their campus human resources department, if they intend to take family leave.

But even as they plan a leave, members should keep these facts in mind: Family leave covers a number of situations, not just maternity leave, and defines qualifying relatives and situations for which a member may take leave. And it is possible in many cases for members to draw on several options for paid and unpaid leave in a way that will allow them to extend their leave by “stacking,” or consecutively using, the options for which they are eligible.

“There are so many ways that members may be able to take leave that we urge them to consult with their chapter, because leave options vary based on individual circumstances,” Dangler said. “We want to make sure that members know the full range of options and benefits available to them. The new guide covers all of these options.”

Members will benefit from this pioneering opportunity, said Rich Veenstra, Upstate Medical University chapter president. Veenstra was one of many members, including a number of chapter leaders, who attended a workshop at the Spring DA to learn about family leave, so that they can serve as a first source of information on leave options. He said he came away with one clear message: Members who expect to invoke their right to family leave need to talk to their chapter, not just human resources at their campus.

His overall reaction to the new benefit? “I think it’s really good for members,” Veenstra said at the end of the workshop.

Farmingdale Chapter Vice President for Professionals Harry Espaillat agreed. “There is a lot of information that we can get here, which our human resources department may not know,” Espaillat said. “Because of the change in the contract, members may be getting the wrong information. That’s why I’m here.”

The guide covers leaves for birth, adoption, foster care placement, care of sick relatives and domestic partners, assisting members deployed abroad for active military service, and death of family members through:

- Using leave accruals for **fully paid leave**;
- **Partially paid leave** under the NYS Paid Family Leave law, as bargained by UUP; and
- **Unpaid leave** under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the UUP contract.

The guide also covers:

- Tenure clock stoppage for academics and professionals following childbirth, adoption or foster care placement;
- Possibilities for flexible work arrangements;
- NYS Work-Life Services programs negotiated by UUP; and
- Support services and member benefits programs from UUP and its affiliates.

UUP’s family leave guide is available online at https://bit.ly/2XndKat
UUP delegates were seen and heard at the recent 2019 NYSUT Representative Assembly in Albany.

UUP members served on committees and worked to register delegates. They stepped up to microphones to debate resolutions, took part in a special town hall meeting with a presidential candidate, and voted for dozens of policies that set NYSUT’s course into the future.

And the representatives—including the more than 60 UUP members in attendance—resoundingly adopted a UUP-sponsored resolution dealing with gender designation.

The RA was held May 3-4 at the Albany Capital Center and Empire State Plaza.

**Stepping up**

Membership Development Officer Tom Hoey spoke during the Organization Committee and again at the general session in support of a resolution for NYSUT to create a task force to consider a separate dues category for adjunct faculty in SUNY and CUNY.

He noted that many members belong to a NYSUT K-12 local, but work part-time at a SUNY campus and are also represented by UUP.

“It’s not right to ask them to pay dues to each local,” Hoey said.

UUP statewide Vice President for Academics Jamie Dangler chaired the College and University Committee; Downstate Medical Center Chapter delegate Henry Flax served as secretary and Stony Brook Chapter delegate Charlie McAteer as timekeeper.

A handful of UUP members went to the mic to speak against the U.S. Department of Education’s proposed rollbacks to Title IX regulations. They supported a resolution to “publicly oppose” efforts by U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to undermine the long-established anti-discrimination and sexual violence protections.

Both resolutions were later adopted by the full delegation.

Dangler was one of four current and past UUP officers to attend the NYSUT Higher Education Council meeting held prior to the start of the RA. Dangler, Secretary-Treasurer Jeri O’Bryan-Losee, Vice President for Professionals Tom Tucker and former statewide treasurer Rowena Blackman-Stroud discussed a range of issues affecting higher education, including the effects of austerity budgets, the student debt debacle, and signing up adjuncts as union members.

And NYSUT President Andy Pallotta and the rest of NYSUT’s officers—Executive Vice President Jolene DiBrango, Secretary-Treasurer (and UUP member) Philippe Abraham, and Second Vice President Paul Pecorale—greeted UUP delegates at UUP’s RA breakfast May 4.

Pallotta, O’Bryan-Losee and UUP President Fred Kowal addressed delegates at the breakfast.

**Strength in numbers**

Organizing, engaging and signing up new members was the theme of Pallotta’s May 3 address to delegates, and was echoed by AFT President Randi Weingarten. The state and national leaders said unions are stronger than ever, despite the unprecedented efforts to destroy them.

“Anti-union forces wanted to destroy us, but this challenge made us stronger,” said Pallotta, referencing the anti-union U.S. Supreme Court Janus v. AFSCME Council 31 decision that prohibits unions from collecting fees equal to dues.

“We’re stronger because we did the right thing. We organized. We knocked on doors. We built relationships.

“And our membership numbers are up, our members are more engaged than ever... and they’re sticking with our union.”

Weingarten agreed.

“NYSUT is alive and well,” she said.

“At the end of the day, we survived Janus and we will thrive in spite of it.”
Empowering members is how unions will continue to thrive, which is why AFT revamped its endorsement process to include a series of town hall meetings with presidential candidates, she said. U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan of Ohio was at the RA to answer questions posed by a group of NYSUT members, including UUP statewide Executive Board member and NYSUT Director Pamela Malone of the Empire State College Chapter.

Ryan outlined the challenges the country is facing, from climate change and a “racist criminal justice system,” to environmental pollution and health care concerns. “Maybe it’s (as simple as) just a kid from Steel Country who has to get into the White House to fix the damn mess that we’re in,” he said. “Maybe that’s what it will take.”

“There can be nobody sitting on the sidelines. No teacher, no cop, no firefighter, no engineer, no farmer,” he said. “We need everybody in this country to unite. The challenges are great, and we’re missing opportunities every single day.

“It’s time for us to reinvest in the United States—into our teachers, our schools, our communities,” he added. “We need to clean our rivers, to clean our downtowns, to rebuild our schools and our infrastructure, to invest in the future technologies that are going to dominate the globe, to reverse climate change, to make sure everybody has health care. These are the pressing issues today.”

UUP members are urged to visit www.AFTvotes.org or email AFTvotes@aft.org to weigh in on the process. The website serves as a source of ongoing information about the process and how union members can get involved.

**UUP resolution adopted**

Under the resolution sponsored by UUP and discussed during the Civil and Human Rights Committee, NYSUT will support legislation that establishes the gender-neutral gender designation of “X” on state-issued birth certificates and legal documents, and also legislation that will allow individuals to change the gender designation on their state-issued birth certificate and legal documents so long as the applicant provides a notarized affidavit that attests that the purpose of the change is to affirm their gender identity. A municipal law went into effect in New York City this year that allows such changes; the resolution cited that law as an example.

In putting forth the resolution, UUP cited concern for the welfare of students and adults in the community who deal with gender identity issues. The resolution noted that a 2017 study at the University of Minnesota found that transgender or gender nonbinary students in high school have higher rates of attempted suicide or suicidal thoughts than other students.

**VOTE-COPE awardees**

Active members at six UUP chapters and retiree members from a seventh helped their chapters earn Abel Blattman VOTE-COPE awards. The awards are given to chapters that collect donations equivalent to at least $10 per member for VOTE-COPE, NYSUT’s nonpartisan political action fund.

Members from Empire State College, Farmingdale, Geneseo, New Paltz, Stony Brook HSC and System Administration and Cortland Chapter retirees were honored for sustained contributions to VOTE-COPE in 2018 and for their commitment to political advocacy.

Blattman was a science teacher in the Lakeland District; he served on the merger negotiating team from United Teachers of New York that would lead to the formation of NYSUT in 1973. He was part of NYSUT’s first VOTE-COPE drive in 1974, and was the first secretary-treasurer of VOTE-COPE.

He died in 1981.

The Albany and Plattsburgh chapters were recognized with Lou Cammarosano Awards for outstanding improvement and leadership during the prior calendar year.

Cammarosano was a founder of NYSUT’s voluntary political action fund. He was a longtime VOTE-COPE coordinator who helped create teams of political activists and emphasized the importance of contributing resources to the union’s political action fund.
n aggressive push to achieve full state funding for SUNY is now a year-round, all-out effort for UUP.

UUP President Fred Kowal announced the union’s new plan during his plenary address of the 2019 Spring Delegate Assembly, held May 10-11 at The Desmond in Albany.

“For years, UUP has declared that we are the voice for public higher education,” Kowal told the intently listening audience of delegates during his May 10 address. “Know this: I am now more committed than ever before to build and execute a campaign that raises our political profile across New York and dramatically increases our political power everywhere in our state, with the goal of making public higher education a priority, like never before.

“This is not a rhetorical statement,” Kowal added, as the delegates broke into applause. “It is a promise. A vow. It’s a question of fairness. Of opportunity. Of justice.”

Kowal’s promise dominated discussions by the nearly 300 delegates throughout the weekend. With the hiring of a new UUP political director, Dan Brown, Kowal promised to continue working to build community coalitions across the state and connect with legislators in their district offices to dramatically increase the union’s presence and clout in Albany.

Delegates approved UUP’s 2019-2020 budget, honored Old Westbury Chapter President Martha Livingston (see related story, page 15), memorialized two beloved longtime members; and approved a pair of resolutions at the DA.

Delegates also applauded the outstanding work of their colleagues with the presentation of UUP’s annual journalism awards, which recognize print and digital journalism by chapters and individuals, and honored a writer with the annual Phillip H. Smith Communications Award (see related story, page 14).

During the plenary sessions, delegates approved two special orders of business that paid tribute to two beloved members who recently died: Carlos Vidal, a longtime chapter officer and delegate from Stony Brook HSC; and Fayez Samuel of Farmingdale, an advocate for part-time employees for whom a prestigious UUP award to part-time academic and professional faculty is named.

Workshops offered primers on member engagement and building an organizing team, and also an overview of family leave options (see related story, page 4).
The 2019 Spring DA fell nearly a year after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned decades of precedent in *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31*, with a ruling that public sector unions could no longer collect agency fees in lieu of dues from employees in their bargaining units who had never signed a membership card. But throughout the DA, members noted the many successes since then that counter the *Janus* decision.

They include: UUP’s strongest membership numbers in decades, literally only a handful of membership defections following *Janus*, a healthy and balanced budget, and an organizing effort that has engaged a new generation of UUP leaders.

Kowal also told the UUP delegates that despite a challenging political climate on the national scene, he remains filled with hope. “I am fully committed to victory for all of us in this great union for generations to come,” Kowal said. “In our shared life as unionists, we will all suffer losses, but we all shall turn these losses into victories and all our tears into songs of joyful celebration. Let us begin.”
Prolific, well-written newsletter articles by Farmingdale Chapter member Daniel Scott Marrone earned him the union’s prestigious Phillip H. Smith “Best of the Best” Communications Award.

The award was presented to Marrone May 3 at the union’s 2019 Spring Delegate Assembly in Albany.

According to the Capital District-area journalists who judged the annual UUP Journalism Contest, Marrone’s “compelling writing on contemporary and historic labor topics” was worthy of the top award, which recognizes the most outstanding accomplishment in member communication. The award is named after former UUP president Phil Smith, who served from 2008-2013 and was instrumental in strengthening UUP’s online and print communications.

A UUP delegate and Farmingdale Chapter officer for retirees, Marrone writes consistently for the chapter newsletter, Unifier, and The Active Retiree, the official publication for UUP’s 5,000-plus retiree members. He retired from teaching in 2015 after 31 years at SUNY.

Since his retirement, Marrone has written two books and more than 20 magazine and newspaper articles. He is a writer for and contributing editor of American Spirit: Magazine of the National Daughters of the American Revolution, which is distributed monthly to the 300,000 members of DAR. One of his books, New York Heroes: Herkimer, Lincoln, TR, and La Guardia, earned Google’s “eBook for Kindle Bestseller” status.

In accepting his award, Marrone spoke passionately about the union workers who perished in the 9/11 World Trade Center attack, the topic of his September 2018 Unifier article. He noted how he taught Civil Service Employees Association students in the World Trade Center two nights a week from 1984 to 1987, and about a family member of his wife’s who was among the 343 firefighters killed in the attack.

“It was union members who worked in and went up the World Trade Center,” he said. “These are the individuals who are noble, not by birth, but by their noble actions.”

Marrone said addressing the Delegate Assembly was a “wonderful experience for me,” and he noted with pride how UUP President Fred Kowal thanked him after his speech for “describing the essence of the crucial role our union colleagues serve in society.”

Chapters, retirees awarded

Also awarded for outstanding writing, photography, design and websites were:

Brockport

Award of Merit: Best Website, www.uuphost.org/brockport, webmaster Brittany Profit-Rheinwald; and Honorable Mention: Best Original Article, “When bad men combine, the good must associate ...” January 2019, by Joe Torre.

Buffalo State

Award of Merit: Best Publication Design, We Are UUP Strong, Winter 2019, designer Jean Yarwood.

Cortland


Empire State College


Farmingdale

Honorable Mention: General Excellence, Unifier, September and October 2018, editor Yolanda Segarra; and Honorable Mention: Best Publication Design, Unifier, February 2019, designer Segarra.

Fredonia


New Paltz

First Award: Best Original Photo, “Rally Against Gun Insanity,” April/May 2018, photographer Emily Trapp; and Award of Merit: Best Editorial or Column, “We have a new contract—now what?” September/October 2018, writer Beth E. Wilson.
Livingston honored with union advocacy award

BY KAREN L. MATTISON

To know Old Westbury Chapter President Martha Livingston is to know the argument for a single-payer health care system.

Livingston is a longtime proponent of health care initiatives and a respected expert on health insurance reform. She is known for never missing an opportunity to tell others why they should support a national health care system for all Americans.

Her efforts received union recognition as the 2019 recipient of the Judith Wishnia Advocacy Award, which honors UUP members who have advocated tirelessly for the union, labor, equity and humanity.

The award is named for longtime UUP activist and Stony Brook Chapter delegate Judith Wishnia, who is a recipient of UUP’s highest honor, the Nina Mitchell Award for Distinguished Service, and is also a former NYSUT Higher Education Member of the Year.

Livingston was nominated by her chapter executive board, and received eight letters of recommendation.

A VOICE FOR OTHERS

Livingston, an academic who chairs the college’s public health department, is an outspoken advocate for social justice through UUP and in broader social justice movements.

She is a member of UUP’s statewide Solidarity and Outreach committees, and serves on the union’s Academic Medical Programs Committee’s Nursing Professions Work Group.

Fellow work group member and Plattsburgh Chapter delegate Dave Curry said Livingston has “a caring soul” and admires how she shares her compassion with others.

“Martha could be found marching at protests or on picket lines as needed,” Curry said. “She never misses an opportunity to have her voice heard.”

Livingston is also vice chair of the New York Metro chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program, serves on the National Steering Committee of the Labor Campaign for Single-Payer Healthcare, and is a leader in the statewide Campaign for New York Health.

“Martha provides consistently vigorous, articulate and inspiring leadership as an active, vocal and influential member of several progressive caucuses” in the American Public Health Association, wrote University of Rochester professor Theodore Brown in his letter of recommendation.

In accepting her award, Livingston acknowledged fellow UUP delegate Wishnia as a role model.

“I am beyond humbled to accept this award from a woman whose activism I have so long admired,” Livingston told the delegates.

— Darryl McGrath contributed to this report
Forty-six years after he enlisted in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Stony Brook Chapter leader Kevin Moriarty was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans’ Hall of Fame. Moriarty, a full-time lecturer in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at SUNY’s university center on Long Island, was the 1st Senate District inductee; he was nominated by state Sen. Kenneth LaValle.

The Veterans’ Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding Empire State veterans who have distinguished themselves in the military and civilian life. Moriarty and the other honorees were inducted May 21 at a ceremony at the State Capitol in Albany.

Moriarty was also recognized with a resolution, written by the union’s statewide Veterans Affairs Committee, at the 2019 Spring Delegate Assembly, May 10-11 in Albany.

“Kevin deserves this special recognition as a veteran and as a valuable member of his union and the state university,” said UUP President Fred Kowal. “His induction into the Veterans’ Hall of Fame is a fitting tribute for his bravery and service during the Vietnam War and beyond. He has UUP’s gratitude and admiration.”

A WORTHY RECIPIENT

Moriarty joined the U.S. Army in 1973 after graduating from Longwood High School. He served until 1981, achieving the rank of sergeant. A Vietnam-era veteran, Moriarty earned numerous awards and medals, including the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Ribbon for service during the Vietnam War, Foreign Service Ribbon, and two consecutive Good Conduct Medals. He twice received the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy Ribbon.

Moriarty graduated from the U.S. Army Defense Mapping School, and the U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officers Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Va., and was the “Honor Graduate” of the Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Academy in Bad Toltz, Germany.

He has been a member of The American Legion, Wilson Rich Post, in Port Jefferson Station for 34 years.

POST-MILITARY CAREER

After leaving the military, Moriarty returned to Long Island to complete his education. He earned his MBA in general management from Dowling College, and has completed work toward a Ph.D. in industrial engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

As a full-time lecturer at Stony Brook University, Moriarty teaches the Technological Systems Management and Global Operations Management programs. He has taught undergraduate and graduate courses since 1997.

Throughout his career, Moriarty has held senior management positions with a number of international corporations based in New York and has served as a senior executive, vice president and general manager for several Long Island high-tech manufacturing companies considered leaders in automation, controls and instrumentation.

In 2014, he was named to the board of directors and has served as vice president of marketing of APICS/New York City-Long Island Chapter.

Moriarty is a past president of the Stony Brook Chapter of UUP.
Spotlight shines on UUPers

Each year, hundreds of UUP members publish books and articles, and are recognized for accomplishments on campus and in their communities. The Voice is pleased to recognize three members in this issue.

Douglas Daley, an associate professor of engineering at SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry and director of the SUNY Center for Brownfield Studies, is the recipient of the 2019 ESF College Foundation Award for Exceptional Achievement in Teaching.

Daley has devoted his career to delivering a wide range of classes that support undergraduate and graduate programs. His undergraduate courses have included engineering management and design, transportation and power systems, graphics and engineering economics, and solid waste management. He has also taught graduate-level seminars and classes exploring a range of topics, such as soil physics.

His research interests are in the areas of ecological engineering, ecosystem restoration and brownfield redevelopment, and storm water engineering.

Stephen Faraone, a distinguished professor of psychiatry at Upstate Medical University and a leading researcher on attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, was recently elected as president of the World Federation of ADHD. He will serve a four-year term.

Faraone, vice chair for research in Upstate’s department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, has received numerous national and international awards, including the Paul Hoch Award from the American Psychopathological Association, which honors an active investigator who has produced significant, generative research. He also earned the Ming Tsuang Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society of Psychiatric Genetics for significant and sustained contributions in the field of psychiatric genetics.

He is a member of the Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Hall of Fame.

Jacqueline Frair, an associate professor at ESF, was recently named the college’s Exemplary Researcher for 2019-2020 for her work in wildlife research.

She is a leading quantitative biologist in her field, with her most cited work on developing novel approaches or extending analytical tools to study animal populations over multiple spatio-temporal scales.

Frair was recently elected to serve as president of the Northeast section of The Wildlife Society, and was inducted as a TWS Fellow in 2014. She won TWS’s Northeastern Adviser of the Year award in 2011, and has received numerous ESF honors, including the Undergraduate Student Association’s Outstanding Teaching and Academic Advisor awards.

She is an associate editor for the Journal of Applied Ecology, and an adviser to the Fish and Wildlife Management Advisory Board.

UUP seeks member input on SUNY plan to expand online ed

BY DARRYL MCGRATH

UUP is asking chapter leaders to share a link on the UUP website so members can learn about SUNY’s new initiative to expand its online education, and then comment on it or ask questions at https://bit.ly/2Mysp1C

“No one knows better about online education at SUNY than our academic and professional faculty,” Kowal said. “Just as we obtained a solid contract with the state by first hearing what our members wanted and needed, we now plan to go into discussions with the state about online education backed by valuable input from the talented and dedicated members who actually deal with these courses.”

In addition to gathering member input via the website link, UUP will convene an online education advisory committee consisting of one professional and one academic from each chapter. The union aims to accurately represent concerns about the effects of online education on terms and conditions of employment, including workload, compensation, intellectual property protection, the need for resources and support systems and involvement of private companies.

Appendix A-13 of the 2016-2022 NYS/UUP contract calls for discussions between representatives of UUP, the Governor’s Office of Employee Relations and SUNY to review issues of mutual concern about online education and its effect on employees in the bargaining unit.

The new SUNY online initiative was also a major topic at the union’s 2019 Spring Delegate Assembly, where Jamie Dangler, statewide vice president for academics, led a discussion about the initiative at the meeting of academic delegates.

“Workload is going to be very crucial, not only for academics but also for professionals,” Dangler said during that discussion as she outlined SUNY’s plans.

“This is very important for you to watch out for—please get involved.”

The new initiative is aimed at “non-traditional” students such as those over age 35, or former SUNY students who want to complete their degrees. In the highly competitive online education market, SUNY is losing online students to both for-profit and nonprofit colleges, according to information provided at the recent delegates meeting.
**Labor Notes**

**UUP’s Cortland history chronicled in ‘Our Common Ground’**

United University Professions has played an important role in SUNY Cortland’s history. Last August, UUP’s impact on SUNY Cortland and the surrounding community was spotlighted in an exhibition, “We Are UUP: The University’s Union.”

Now, the union is prominently featured in a new compendium about SUNY Cortland, titled “Our Common Ground: An Illustrated History of SUNY Cortland 1990-2017.”

The 191-page coffee table book, written by Cortland Chapter members Amy Henderson-Harr, Kevin Sheets and Randi Storch, celebrates UUP’s presence on campus and the contributions its members have made over the years.

Inside are black-and-white and color photos of union rallies and actions on campus, and shots of Cortland Chapter members, including statewide Vice President for Academics Jamie Dangler, Committee on Active Retired Membership (COARM) Chair Jo Schaffer, Cortland Chapter President Jaclyn Pittsley, retiree Henry Steck and the late Larry Ashley, who served as chapter president from 2001-2009.

“The way the book is organized, you can’t tell the college’s story without talking about all the things that happened statewide, said Storch. “From that perspective, you can’t miss the activity of the union. That story is an important thread throughout the book.”

UUP’s advocacy is mentioned numerous times, appearing as early as page 17, in a discussion about a proposed $1.9 million cut in state aid to SUNY Cortland that threatened to hit the college and the community hard. Then-campus President Judson Taylor joined UUP, NYSUT and AFT in speaking out against planned state funding cuts. The union’s efforts are again spotlighted in a series of color photos on pages 176 and 177. Among the many union members photographed is Cortland

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**UUP announces staff hires, promotions**

UUP has hired a political director and added a professional organizer to its ranks.

And a new NYSUT labor relations specialist has been assigned to UUP to cover the Alfred, Brockport, Geneseo and Morrisville chapters.

Two John M. Reilly legislative interns have also joined UUP to assist with legislative and research efforts.

**Dan Brown** came on board in May as UUP political director. He is responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating UUP’s political program, and recommending strategies to the union’s statewide leadership.

Brown has worked in state and local politics for nearly two decades. Most recently, he worked as a political and media consultant, and campaign manager for state and local candidates and issues. Throughout his professional career, Brown worked on several successful political campaigns for state Assemblyman Phil Steck, among others.

Prior to independent consulting, Brown served as vice president for facilities and infrastructure at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Albany. He also held numerous positions in New York state government, including serving as director of intergovernmental and agency operations, director of agency operations, and special assistant for state operations, all with the Office of General Services.

**Richard Burton** was hired in May as a UUP professional organizer assigned to the Albany, New Paltz, Purchase and System Administration chapters.

Prior to coming to UUP, Burton was a union organizing representative with AFT Washington, and the political action coordinator with the Washington State Nurses Association from 2011-2015. He was an AFT state affiliate political organizer from 2007-2011, and a faculty member at Seattle Central Community College from 1992-2007.

**Jamie Guilian** was hired as a labor relations specialist in May. She replaced Pat Domaratz, who was promoted in March to NYSUT regional staff director assigned to UUP.

Since January 2011, Guilian had worked as an LRS in NYSUT’s Rochester Regional Office. Before that, she worked for nearly 20 years as a physical education instructor at Dansville Middle School and at Mount Morris Junior-Senior High School. She is a former president, vice president and chief negotiator for the Dansville Teachers Association.

**Alex Hemmerstein** and **Kate Wood**—both students at the University at Albany’s Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy—were hired in May as Reilly interns for up to 20 hours a week through August. The internship honors the late John M. Reilly, UUP president from 1987-1993.

Hemmerstein is assisting UUP with researching and analyzing issues related to public higher education, public hospitals, SUNY and labor, to support and inform UUP’s policy agenda. He is also responsible for data collection, synthesizing complex qualitative
Ground’

Chapter leader Jen Drake, rallying against state budget cuts and for a fair UUP contract.

“The final chapter, that was a real editor’s moment for us,” said Storch. “We couldn’t talk about friends of the college without talking about the unions. Through the many different administrations, UUP was a constant,” Storch continued. “The union usually worked with administration, although we were occasionally a thorn in their side, working for contingent faculty and better pay and benefits for all members.”

The book, printed by SUNY Cortland, was produced to celebrate SUNY Cortland’s 150th anniversary. Released late last year, it is available for purchase online from the college’s college store at https://bit.ly/2MGFHJu. The cost is $18.52.

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He earned his B.A. in political science and environmental studies from the University of Vermont in 2010.

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— Karen L. Mattison

Gracias A La Vida

Cortland Chapter delegate Anne Wiegard, right, met fabled folksinger Joan Baez after Baez’s May 5 show in Port Chester, N.Y. Wiegard gave Baez a framed letter from UUP President Fred Kowal that honored Baez’s musical accomplishments and activism: “For nearly 60 years, you’ve spoken truth to power—using your words and the powerful gift of your voice as shield and sword. ... We wish you health and much happiness as you step down from your prominent place on the world stage.”

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Activism pays off for Rutgers PT lecturers

After more than a year of tenacious bargaining, part-time lecturers, including adjunct faculty, at Rutgers University in New Jersey have won a tentative five-year agreement.

Once approved by Rutgers AAUP-AFT members, the deal will include pay increases of more than 12 percent compounded over the life of the contract. The agreement also includes multisemester appointments, protection against discrimination, and a grievance procedure that defends and strengthens priority-of-appointment protections for part-time employees with 10 semesters of service.

D.C. charter school educators vote for union

Educators at Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School—Washington, D.C.’s first “green” public charter school—voted May 15 to unionize by a 3-to-1 margin.

The vote ensures that teachers and staff will have a voice in shaping school policy, and it heralds a growing movement to unionize charter schools.

“Charters are meant to be incubators of innovation, enabling parents and educators to have more of a role in a student’s education,” said AFT President Randi Weingarten. “And that’s what Mundo Verde educators want—an active role in the decision-making process at this school.”
Dear Colleagues,

This is the report of the accountants regarding the audit for fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2018. The accounting firm Dermody, Burke & Brown, CPAs, LLC conducted the audit, which was reviewed by the Delegate Assembly. Should you have any questions concerning the audit, please contact me.

— UUP Secretary-Treasurer Jeri O’Bryan-Losee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT

EXECUTIVE BOARD
UNITED UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONS

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the UNITED UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONS (the Union) which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors’ Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of expenses on pages 18 through 20 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is directly related to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of expenses on pages 18 through 20 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is directly related to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of United University Professions as of August 31, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplementary Information

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INLAND UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONS

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
August 31, 2018 and 2017

NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization
United University Professions (the “Union”) was organized for the primary purpose of improving the terms and conditions of employment for the staff of the State University of New York. The Union maintains 32 chapters at the 29 universities of the State of New York. The Union is affiliated with New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

Financial Statement Presentation
The Union is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

None of the Union’s net assets are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, all net assets are accounted for as unrestricted net assets.

Campus Chapters
Each campus chapter is entitled to receive a dues allocation, based on chapter membership, to be used for local activities. These allocations are based on the number of bargaining unit members at the respective campus. The Union recognizes an expense to the extent funds are expended by the local chapters. Unexpended dues allocations to campus chapters are included in cash and cash equivalents.

Income Taxes
The Union has been determined to be exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a).

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Union management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Union and to recognize the tax benefit from a position only if it is more likely than not the Union will receive the benefit. If the Union has taken an uncertain position that is more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS, management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Union, and has concluded that as of August 31, 2018, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require the recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements.

Accounting Basis
The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this method, revenues are recognized as earned, and expenses are recognized as incurred.

Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue
Membership dues and agency fees (agency fees through June 27, 2018) are the primary sources of revenue for the Union and are collected from members at the rate of 1% of annual salary. Dues and agency fees are collected through payroll deductions by the Office of the New York State Comptroller and remitted periodically to the Union and are recognized as revenue as the salary is earned by the members.

The Union has a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with the State of New York. The most recent CBA was ratified by the membership on September 5, 2018 for the period July 2, 2016 through July 1, 2022. The terms of the expired CBA were in effect until the new agreement was ratified.

Affiliate Dues
The Union is required to pay per capita affiliate dues to AFT and NYSUT as a result of its affiliation with AFT and NYSUT. The affiliate dues are based on formulas as defined in the affiliation agreements.

Cash Equivalents
The Union considers all investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consist primarily of money market accounts.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition
Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Union’s gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Investments consist of money market accounts and certificates of deposit with original maturities greater than three months. Certificates of deposit included $35,863 and $52,625 as excess of federally insured limits at August 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The Union may at times invest in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of activities.

Property and Equipment
The Union capitalizes expenditures in excess of $2,500 for property and equipment at cost. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over estimated useful lives ranging from three to ten years. When properties are retired or otherwise disposed of, the related costs and accumulated depreciation and amortization are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recorded in the statements of activities. Equipment under capital leases is amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Expenditures for repairs and maintenance not considered to substantially lengthen property life are charged to expense as incurred.

Officer and Chapter Leader Release Time Payable
Officer and chapter release time payable represents amounts owed to various State universities for reimbursement of the portion of certain officers’ salaries and fringe benefits that relate to time incurred for Union activities which have been paid by the universities.

Deferred Revenue
The Union bills retirees for annual dues at the end of each fiscal year. Dues collected that relate to the next fiscal year are recorded as deferred revenue.

The Union received NYSUT funding for the Chapter Action Project (CAP), an initiative to assist in building a chapter-based structure to recruit and engage new union members and activists. Funding collected that has not been spent is recorded as deferred revenue.

Subsequent Events
Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 30, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following at August 31, 2018 and 2017:

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Concentration of Credit Risk
Cash and cash equivalents include bank demand deposit accounts, money market accounts and highly liquid investments purchased with maturities of three months or less. The Union maintains its cash in bank accounts, which at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Union has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk with respect to cash and cash equivalents.

Uninsured cash amounted to $1,524,241 and $2,896,990 at August 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting standards provide the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Union has the ability to access.
- Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
  - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
  - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets;
  - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
  - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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The asset or liability’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value:

There have been no changes in the methodologies used at August 31, 2018 and 2017.

**Money Markets** – Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. The money market fund is an open-end mutual fund that is registered with the SEC. The fund is required to publish its daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The money market fund held by the Union is deemed to be actively traded.

**Traditional Certificates of Deposit** – Valued at fair value by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the credit-worthiness of the issuer.

**Brokered Certificates of Deposit** – Valued at fair value based on interest rate fluctuations during the holding period. Broked CD’s held to maturity are redeemed at purchased face value. It is the Union’s intent to hold these investments to maturity.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Union believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Union’s assets at fair value as of August 31, 2018 and 2017:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Level</th>
<th>Level 1</th>
<th>Level 2</th>
<th>Level 3</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Money Markets</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Traditional Certificates of Deposit</td>
<td>305,863</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>305,863</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Brokered Certificates of Deposit</td>
<td>4,543,566</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4,543,566</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Assets at Fair Value</td>
<td>$4,849,429</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$4,849,429</td>
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NOTE 6 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following at August 31, 2018 and 2017:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture and Equipment</td>
<td>$413,204</td>
<td>$375,639</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capitalized Office Equipment</td>
<td>69,190</td>
<td>69,190</td>
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<tr>
<td>Automobiles</td>
<td>179,410</td>
<td>203,688</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$661,804</td>
<td>$548,517</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization</td>
<td>408,309</td>
<td>337,123</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$253,495</td>
<td>$211,394</td>
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Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017 was $68,878 and $61,538, respectively.

NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Operating Leases

The Union has entered into operating leases for its offices and certain office equipment. Total rent expense amounted to $284,643 and $333,481 for years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. In addition, the Union had leased office equipment under capital leases that were set to expire in various years through 2019. These capital leases were paid off during the year ended August 31, 2017.

Minimum future rental payments under these operating leases as of August 31, 2018 are as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2021</th>
<th>2022</th>
<th>2023</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$283,879</td>
<td>$49,232</td>
<td>$40,222</td>
<td>$27,069</td>
<td>$20,362</td>
<td>$403,666</td>
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NOTE 8 – BENEFIT PLANS

The Union maintains a non-contributory defined contribution benefit plan covering substantially all full-time and certain part-time employees. Contributions to the plan are based on 10% of participant’s compensation and are fully vested when made. Pension expense for the years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017 was $190,186 and $174,995, respectively.

The Union also maintains a 401(k) plan. The 401(k) plan is funded through voluntary employee contributions, employer contributions for CWA staff, and discretionary employer contributions for non-CWA staff. The Union made contributions of $26,005 and $22,949 for 2018 and 2017, respectively.

NOTE 9 – RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

In addition to its relationships with NYSUT and AFT, United University Professions is affiliated with the following:

**UUP Benefit Trust Fund** – The Benefit Trust Fund (BTF) is a separate entity which was established to provide vision and dental benefits to Union members. The BTF is funded solely by New York State on behalf of Union members who are state employees. The BTF reimbursed the Union for certain expenses totaling $1,786,859 and $1,651,525 for the years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. UUP is reimbursed by the BTF for the salaries and expenses of any UUP employers that provide services on behalf of the BTF.

**UUP Member Services Trust Fund** – The Member Services Trust Fund (MSTF) is a separate entity which was established to provide vision and dental benefits to Union members. The MSTF is funded solely by voluntary premium contributions. The MSTF reimbursed the Union for certain expenses totaling $144,839 and $158,109 for the years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. UUP is reimbursed by the MSTF for the salaries and expenses of any UUP employers that provide services on behalf of the MSTF.

**NYSUT Support** – The Union receives support from NYSUT to cover expenses incurred by the Union on their behalf. These expenses include, but are not limited to, secretarial support, office rent, office supplies, telephone, training, and public relations. These expenses are included in unrestricted expenses. Support provided to the Union to cover these expenses amounted to $1,614,600 for both years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017. NYSUT support is included in unrestricted revenues.

NYSUT may provide additional support to the Union for specific causes as it deem’s warranted. In 2018 and 2017, NYSUT provided funding for the Union’s Chapter Action Project (CAP). Additional support amounted to $676,771 and $452,789 for 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Union reimburses NYSUT for services provided to the Union by NYSUT. These services include computer support services, printing services, postage, and other miscellaneous contributions. The Union reimbursed NYSUT $121,467 and $146,731 during 2018 and 2017, respectively, for these services.

NYSUT leases office space to the Union. Rent paid to NYSUT was approximately $187,139 and $252,085 for 2018 and 2017, respectively.

NOTE 10 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Most full and part-time, non-exempt employees of the Union’s workforce work under a collective bargaining agreement with Communications Workers of America (CWA) as of August 31, 2018 and 2017. The current contract is effective through August 31, 2020.

NOTE 11 – NATURAL EXPENSE CLASSIFICATION

The natural expense classification for the Union for the years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017 is as follows:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Classification</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Salaries and Benefits</td>
<td>$1,614,600</td>
<td>$1,614,600</td>
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<tr>
<td>Negotiations</td>
<td>$382,008</td>
<td>$329,991</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chapter Elections</td>
<td>$9,637</td>
<td>$10,005</td>
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<tr>
<td>Membership Benefits</td>
<td>$250,753</td>
<td>$228,289</td>
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<tr>
<td>Auto Expense</td>
<td>$11,433</td>
<td>$14,999</td>
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<tr>
<td>Supplies</td>
<td>$75,047</td>
<td>$69,888</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rent</td>
<td>$224,865</td>
<td>$289,037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chapter Release Time</td>
<td>$1,061,249</td>
<td>$665,701</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camp Chapter</td>
<td>$878,534</td>
<td>$821,207</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chapter Support</td>
<td>$40,074</td>
<td>$41,451</td>
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<tr>
<td>Additional Support</td>
<td>$676,771</td>
<td>$452,789</td>
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<tr>
<td>Outreach Ad Campaign</td>
<td>$117,675</td>
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<tr>
<td>Statewide Release Time</td>
<td>$132,030</td>
<td>$68,028</td>
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<tr>
<td>Auto Expense</td>
<td>$11,433</td>
<td>$14,999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Insurance and Bonding</td>
<td>$60,086</td>
<td>$43,988</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Telephone</td>
<td>$31,327</td>
<td>$49,275</td>
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<tr>
<td>Postage</td>
<td>$63,514</td>
<td>$57,911</td>
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<td>Printing and Duplicating</td>
<td>$25,000</td>
<td>$8,942</td>
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<td>Supplies</td>
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<tr>
<td>Membership Benefits</td>
<td>$230,753</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$6,969,134</td>
<td>$8,588,750</td>
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SCHEDULES OF EXPENSES

Years Ended August 31, 2018 and 2017

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<th>2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Offender Salaries and Benefits</td>
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<td>Statewide Release Time</td>
<td>$320,030</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administrative Salaries and Benefits</td>
<td>$2,207,582</td>
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<tr>
<td>Office Supplies and Contributions</td>
<td>$75,047</td>
<td>$70,810</td>
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<tr>
<td>Auto Expenses</td>
<td>$11,433</td>
<td>$14,999</td>
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS’ COMPILATION REPORT

EXECUTIVE BOARD
UNITED UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONS

Management is responsible for the accompanying campus expenditure report of chapters of UNITED UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONS (the Chapters) for the year ended August 31, 2018 in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. We have performed the compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the campus expenditure report of chapters nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the campus expenditure report of chapters.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in the campus expenditure report of chapters prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statement, they might influence the user’s conclusions about the Chapters’ cash receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, the financial statement is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

Syracuse, NY
November 30, 2018

DERMODY, BURKE & BROWN, CPAs, LLC

COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CAMPUS EXPENDITURE REPORT OF CHAPTERS
Year Ended August 31, 2018

|                        | Albany     | Alfred     | Binghamton | Brockport | Buffalo      | Buffalo      | IHC         | Canton     | Cobleskill | Cortland    | Delhi    |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Cash Balance as of September 1, 2017 | $12,837    | $4,652     | $32,115    | $7,982    | $17,722      | $30,009      | $12,520    | $13,406    | $3,837     | $7,204     | $10,890  |
| Cash Receipts:         |            |            |            |           |              |              |            |            |            |            |          |
| Chapter Allocations, Net| $18,257    | $2,624     | $20,904    | $10,037   | $31,684      | $41,613      | $10,985    | $16,188    | $5,011     | $16,594    | $2,003   |
| Interest               | $6          | $0         | $57        | $0        | $25          | $19          | $3         | $0         | $0         | $12        |          |
| Total Receipts         | $20,267    | $2,624     | $20,904    | $10,037   | $31,684      | $41,613      | $10,985    | $16,188    | $5,011     | $16,594    | $2,003   |
| Cash Disbursements:    |            |            |            |           |              |              |            |            |            |            |          |
| Membership and Chapter Committee Meetings | $14,009    | $3,993     | $6,767     | $6,634    | $8,656       | $4,020       | $2,317     | $8,894     | $3,667     | $13,160    | $3,251   |
| Executive Board        | $2,481     | $121       | $2,375     | $1,134    | $68          | $6,557       | $2,333     | $1,457     | $275       | $1,261     | $1,360   |
| Outreach Activities    | $0          | $0         | $100       | $0        | $0           | $1,785       | $530       | $0         | $0         | $0         | $0       |
| Grievance              | $0          | $0         | $0         | $0        | $0           | $0           | $0         | $0         | $0         | $0         | $0       |
| Office Expense         | $261        | $553       | $4,256     | $18,131   | $797         | $443         | $971       | $435       | $421       | $339       |          |
| Printing/Duplicating   | $329        | $304       | $245       | $0        | $0           | $0           | $0         | $532       | $1,468     | $32         |          |
| Newsletter/Publications| $0          | $1,608     | $4,315     | $0        | $0           | $78          | $0         | $0         | $0         | $0         | $0       |
| Telephone/Internet Website | $788       | $225       | $513       | $166      | $5,495       | $496         | $0         | $0         | $52        | $400       | $0       |
| Postage                | $0          | $37        | $141       | $162      | $87          | $149         | $133       | $214       | $89        | $49        |          |
| Bank Charges           | $0          | $29        | $84        | $76       | $139         | $19          | $105       | $0         | $0         | $0         | $0       |
| Chapter Workshops | 1,445 | 0 | 428 | 0 | 6,200 | 1,502 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 0 |
| Furniture/Equipment | 0 | 0 | 173 | 0 | 596 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 1,623 | 0 | 1,748 | 1,513 | 1,383 | 381 | 3,999 | 299 | 31 | 496 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Disbursements** | 20,936 | 6,813 | 17,507 | 10,355 | 40,665 | 15,784 | 10,060 | 11,621 | 5,206 | 17,425 | 5,031 | 0 |
| **(Deficiency) Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements** | (2,649) | (3,289) | 3,054 | (218) | (6,383) | (1,152) | 928 | 4,667 | 5 | 627 | (2,200) | 0 |
| **Cash Balance as of August 31, 2018** | $10,188 | $763 | $35,169 | $7,764 | $9,084 | $28,857 | $13,448 | $18,073 | $3,842 | $7,911 | $8,690 | 0 |
| **Downstate** | Albany | 6,427 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **Empire State** | Binghamton | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **Erie Science and Forestry** | Fredonia | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **Farmingdale** | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **GeneSEO** | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **Maritime** | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **Morrisville** | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **New Paltz** | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **Old Westbury** | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **Oneonta** | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| **Total Receipts** | 49,035 | 5,052 | 2,196 | 24,272 | 7,596 | 9,084 | 28,857 | 13,448 | 18,073 | 3,842 | 7,911 | 8,690 |
| **Cash Receipts:** | 49,035 | 5,052 | 2,196 | 24,272 | 7,596 | 9,084 | 28,857 | 13,448 | 18,073 | 3,842 | 7,911 | 8,690 |
| **Chapter Allocations, Net** | 49,035 | 5,052 | 2,196 | 24,272 | 7,596 | 9,084 | 28,857 | 13,448 | 18,073 | 3,842 | 7,911 | 8,690 |
| **Interest** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Reimbursements for Various Expenses** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Other** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Disbursements** | 28,442 | 9,583 | 7,874 | 19,244 | 9,790 | 11,888 | 960 | 5,805 | 15,786 | 5,438 | 7,752 | 0 |
| **(Deficiency) Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements** | (3,411) | 347 | (3,369) | 5,040 | (1,675) | (2,551) | 4,372 | (1,353) | (8,288) | (1,698) | 2,752 | 0 |
| **Cash Balance as of September 1, 2017** | $17,816 | $9,034 | $45,217 | $8,954 | $36,571 | $18,226 | $40,456 | $3,311 | $14,123 | $1,861 | $3,421 | 0 |
Danielle Cole was passionate about mathematics even as a child. Her mother remembers Cole coming home from pre-school one day and demanding, “I want you to teach me everything about math.” That early love lasted; Cole eventually earned her Ph.D. in differential geometry at Dartmouth College, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Rice University. Now she is an associate professor of mathematics at Maritime College, where she has also exemplified some hard-earned lessons about tolerance, courage and honesty. As one of the very few openly transgender SUNY employees, Cole is a quiet activist who felt that she needed to keep her gender identity a secret while working toward tenure. In the spring of 2015, she came out as transgender to her campus administration and colleagues. Her social transition soon followed.

Cole joined UUP in 2009. She is a delegate and a member of the statewide SOUL Committee, which advocates for LGBTQ members. Through SOUL, she wrote UUP’s resolution approved at the 2019 NYSUT Representative Assembly that supports a gender-neutral designation of “X” on state-issued documents.

You’ve said you hope your decision to come out as transgender may make it easier for future colleagues or students who also identify as transgender. Talk about that time.

“I chose to wait, even though it was hard to wait, because I was not sure how it would be received. Most of the faculty were good; some were not. About two years in, it got bad enough that I had to go to the SUNY administration. That’s when a full-time Title IX coordinator at Maritime was hired.”

But your decision to come out as trans also led to your becoming more active with UUP. How did that happen?

“I was very excited to join a union. My mother was a CSEA member, so I come from a union family. I ended up getting involved with the union through NYSUT, not UUP, through the NYSUT LGBTQ standing committee. That was a very positive experience. Patty Bentley [a now-retired UUP activist, chapter officer and Plattsburgh delegate] got me involved in SOUL. I became a delegate, and then got involved in CAP. [UUP’s Chapter Action Project.] Then [Vice President for Professionals] Tom Tucker asked me to get a group together to go to [state] Sen. Alessandra Biaggi’s office for TAP, so I am politically active, as well.

“I really like being on SOUL. It’s a very effective group; it’s constantly moving forward.”

Do you ever tire of being a role model or agent of change?

“Part of me embraces it. Transitioning, but also getting involved with the union, activated my inner activist. You go from hiding all the time, to suddenly being free to be yourself. It’s incredibly stressful, to hear what people say about trans people, but I realize if I don’t advocate, someone else is going to have to. I’m doing this for myself, but I’m also doing it for the next trans person who comes out at SUNY. We’re all pioneers.”

Mathematics majors can often write their own ticket for a career, but you chose to teach. What do you enjoy about working with college students?

“I especially enjoy teaching students who are struggling. What I like being is that person who says to them, ‘You’re going to be able to do this.’”

― DARRYL McGRATH
Buying or selling a home? UUP offers benefits to do it all

Whether you’re buying, selling or refinancing a home, condo or apartment, let the UUP Member Services Trust make it a one-stop shop.

The UUP Member Services Trust announces a new Real Estate Advantage Program for our members through Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty, which has a network of more than 950 sales associates across the United States. This benefit program could save you a substantial amount of money when you buy or sell a home, apartment or condo. The real estate benefit is only offered through UUP’s exclusive members-only program and is not available to the general public.

UUP also offers mortgage, legal and insurance plans to make your move less stressful and more affordable.

The new real estate program offers rebates at closing. The rebate is available on the sale or purchase of your residence, or both. Check out the chart below.

Highlights of the benefit include:
• Free comparative marketing analysis of your property.
• A dedicated program coordinator to monitor your transaction throughout the process.
• Expert guidance on buying or selling a home.
• An agent specially selected to service your unique real estate needs.

This program is available to UUP members buying or selling a home anywhere in the U.S.; however, some states have restrictions on rebates.

RELATED BENEFITS
Don’t forget to combine the Real Estate Advantage Program with UUP’s other cost-savings programs, such as the Mid Island Mortgage plan or Mid Island’s Physician’s Mortgage program for certain health care professionals.

Also available: The Hyatt Legal Plan to help with contracts and closings, and Liberty Mutual’s homeowner’s insurance plan, which offers a 5 percent discount to UUP members.

Your only worry is packing for the move!

For more information, go to the UUP website at www.uupinfo.org or contact a UUP Benefit Trust Fund representative at (800) 342-4206. It pays to be a member of UUP!
To the Editor:

Reading the recent issue of The Voice, I was happy to find Assemblymember Deborah Glick addressing union members to press for opportunity funds. I strongly support the effort.

However, there is another issue crucial to many upstate rural friends and myself. Assemblymember Glick is supporting state Assembly Bill A722A, which objects to the right of hunting-dog owners to participate in training trials of pointers, retrievers and other hunting dogs. These contest trials prepare dogs for their naturally gifted fieldwork. Let me emphasize that the dogs do not kill animals or birds. For their own safety, the dogs are trained to ensure that they are not disturbed or frightened by gunshots.

Before I say any more, let me tell you that I own—and carefully keep “wild”—70 acres of field, woods, stream, gorges and pond in Tompkins County. We adjoin the Finger Lakes Land Trust and the protected Eldridge Wild Refuge, which is graced with identical terrain to my land. There are more than five separate families of deer and birds, including pheasants, hawks and eagles. For the last 50 years, I have paid off two mortgages, raised children and now have grandchildren and great grandchildren. I write to UUP because I am a longtime member and a retired distinguished teaching professor of history at Binghamton University.

I choose to abstain from meat eating of any sort.

Each year, one family with hunting dogs may kill a deer on my land. Why do I allow it? I respect their right to hunt because their skills respect the land and the many animals that live wild and free there. One family member is a U.S. Marine vet, who was wounded, decor- rated and now finishing an apprentice- ship for licensed plumbing. He is a husband and father who built his home and kennel to train his dogs. His brother is a college graduate, a sergeant in our city police force and a husband and father who also built his home. He trained his pointer. Once when the dog was a puppy, I saw him snap to attention and hold the point. Then I laughed to see that he was pointing at a black crow in the tree. Yes, these hunting dogs are naturals.

One more example: This hunting-dog family includes a registered nurse at our local hospital for 30 years and her partner, a local farmer. They have six beautiful hunting dogs and recently built a kennel attached to the home they also built. The dogs have a heated home and individual blankets. They are active participants in the contests and trials of hunting dogs.

I think that Assemblymember Glick may not have the local experiences that led me to support the hunting dogs and their human partners, and to value the lawful contests that protect them and preserve a historical partnership of dogs and human. They deserve our respect and protection.

At 83 years of age, I recall my years of civil rights activism, environmental protection, anti-war activism. This one is close to home.

— Sarah Elbert
Binghamton University

(Editor’s note: This letter was also sent to state Assemblymembers Deborah Glick and Barbara Lifton. Read more about the bill at https://bit.ly/2Mh7e46)
Membership in your union goes well beyond fair and equitable wages, and quality, affordable health insurance. It’s a statement: There is strength in numbers, and our collective voice will be heard.

Together, our voice is heard when bargaining with New York state and SUNY. Our voice strengthens our leverage in contract talks and enforcement, and in addressing problems in SUNY labor-management meetings.

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