



**AFSCME**

**NEWSLETTER LOCAL 1067**

**REMEMBERING THOSE THAT HAVE  
GIVEN ALL, YOUR SACRIFICE WILL  
NEVER BE FORGOTTEN**

**MAY 31, 2021**



**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Remember and Honor**

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# 2021 AFSCME Scholarships

## Local 1067 Scholarship

The pandemic has created a financial hardship on many families, especially hard on college students. We are happy to announce that this year there will be twice as many scholarships awarded to deserving union families! Ten \$500 and four \$1,000. Eligibility is open to members, their children or grandchildren.

Applications will be accepted beginning March 1 with a **deadline of May 14, 2021 at 5:00pm.**

Applicants can apply at the following link [Submit Application](#)

There are 4 components to the online application.

1. Your information
2. Union members information identifying your relationship to them
3. Write a short essay of 100 – 300 words explaining what does being a part of a union family mean to you?
4. Uploading the following documents

**One letter of reference from one of the following people:**

- A person from your high school, school that you attended, or are currently attending, that knows you and can tell us how they think you will succeed in college/a technical program.
- A person you have worked with (job related, or on a committee) explain.
- A personal reference from someone in your community that can explain how long they have known you, and their vision for your success (not a family member).

**An acceptance letter from the college or technical program that you will be attending or if you are already attending, a transcript or proof of attendance.**

All materials must be received no later than 5 PM on May 14, 2021.

### Council 93 Memorial Scholarship Fund

Each year, the AFSCME Council 93 Memorial Scholarship Fund provides five individual one-thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarships to students enrolled in a two-year or four-year accredited college, recognized technical, or trade school. Awarded in memory of all of our departed members, the scholarship is renewed for each year of attendance. Over the past two decades, more than \$43,000 in funding has been awarded to deserving AFSCME families.

The application criteria is released in the late Winter and due by June 1st to be considered for an award.

### Links to More Union Scholarships

AFSCME International  
 Massachusetts AFL-CIO  
 New Hampshire AFL-CIO  
 Union Plus Scholarship Program

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
**By and Between the BHE and AFSCME COUNCIL 93 LOCAL 1067**  
**On Extension of New Vacation Cap**

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting operational needs of the state universities and community colleges as well as the needs of unit members, the BHE/Community Colleges/State Universities and AFSCME Council 93 Local 1067 hereby agree as follows:

1. The parties, for the third time, agree to amend the parties' present collective bargaining agreement's Article 13, Section 7 as set forth below (amendments are in red on electronic document):

**Section 7**

An employee may request vacation leave when it becomes available. Vacation leave requests shall be granted unless in the CEO's opinion it is impossible or impracticable to do so because of work schedules or emergencies. The CEO shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that an employee, having requested vacation leave, is granted such leave in order to prevent the loss of earned vacation credits.

An employee wishing to exercise his/her seniority for vacation preference must apply in writing not more than sixty (60) calendar days nor less than forty-five (45) calendar days in advance of the first day requested. (An employee wishing to file such request earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the first day requested, may do so but preference will be determined as of the 45th day in advance of the first day requested.) The CEO shall respond to this request in writing, indicating whether it can reasonably schedule such vacation, at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the first day requested.

When vacation requests are submitted less than forty-five (45) calendar days in advance such requests shall be processed in the order in which they are received without regard to seniority. Responses shall be given to unit members in writing within seven (7) calendar days of date of receipt of such request.

Effective July 1, 2019, no employee shall carry vacation leave credit of more than 375 hours (50 days) for unit members in Unit I and 400 hours (50 days) for unit members in Unit II. Notwithstanding the above, current unit members as of the date of the parties' Memorandum of Agreement for this collective bargaining agreement with accrued vacation leave amounts above the fifty (50) day limit shall have until the last payroll period of June 2022 to lower their accrued vacation leave amounts equal to or below the fifty (50) day limit. The process by which this change in vacation leave maximum balances and accrual is effectuated shall be as follows:

At the end of the payroll period of June 2022, any employee who is carrying vacation leave credits of more than 375 hours (50 days) or 400 hours (50 days) shall have any such accrued vacation leave credits converted to sick leave. After the last payroll period of June, 2022, accrued vacation leave credits in excess of 375 hours or 400 hours depending on unit membership shall not be converted to sick leave and any accrued vacation leave credits above 375 hours or 400 hours shall be forfeited at the end of the last payroll period in December of each year thereafter. Employees whose services are terminated for any reason during a given year shall be subject to the provisions of Section 11 below.

2. All other provisions of the parties' collective bargaining agreement remain in full force and effect. All prior Memoranda of Agreements between the parties amending Article 13 Section 7 are superseded by this Agreement and are null and void.
3. The parties agree to incorporate the amended language of Article 13 Section 7 set forth above in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement into their successor collective bargaining agreement commencing on July 1, 2021.

BHE

By: /s/ Michael J. Murray

Michael J. Murray  
 Director of Employee and Labor Relations  
 Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
 Dated: April 27, 2021

AFSCME LOCAL 1067

By: Thomasine A. Corbett

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 President, AFSCME Local 1067  
 Dated: April 27, 2021

## CAMPUS POLICE NEWS

### CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER STEWARDS SWORN IN

Please join us in congratulating the new CPO stewards from campuses across the state. Many were sworn in at the last Executive Board meeting held on April 13 by our AFSCME Public Safety Representative, Detective Joe Morgan from Bridgewater State University.

It has been a long time coming and we are happy to have Campus Police Officers represented at our Executive Board meetings. Local 1067 is working hard to ensure that all our AFSCME members' voices are heard. Some members, like CPOs, are in unique areas of the AFSCME community. We look forward to input from their perspective and encourage all of them to actively participate in the meetings.

David Dean – Bridgewater State University  
 Helena Rezendes - Bunker Hill Community College  
 Timothy Grant—Fitchburg State University  
 Shawn Deleskey - Framingham State University  
 Ilie Taraburca – Greenfield Community College  
 Matthew Connelly—Holyoke Community College  
 Shawn Ryan – Mass College of Art and Design  
 Manuel Portalatin – Mass Bay Community College  
 Maxwell Sumner – Mt. Wachusett Community College  
 Mike Vigeant - Worcester State University

Campus Police Officers are directed to contact the **AFSCME Public Safety Liaison Officer, Detective Joe Morgan** ([J3Morgan@Bridgew.edu](mailto:J3Morgan@Bridgew.edu) or 781-771-9978) if you have any questions regarding Public Safety.

## RETIREMENT NEWS



After 25 years of service, STCC's Unit II Steward, Mike Cassese has made it to retirement!

Mike began his career with STCC as a part-time groundskeeper in 1996 under then President, Anthony Scibelli's tenure.

Two presidents and countless iterations of the Human Resources department later, Mike will leave his maintainer position, on May 14th. Fortunately for our members, he will continue his stewardship with the college through the end of his term.

Like many of our stewards across the state, Mike's advocacy has been somewhat invisible, but truly invaluable to the membership. Countless conversations and planned disruptions have held our administration to the fire

and our contract; keeping our members safe, paid and respected. Mike was instrumental in returning 7 of our laid-off facilities staff to service this year and serves as the voice of reason on the current Campus Repopulation Committee.

Mike's strength as a steward lies in the genuine connections he has made across campus; he is a man of his word and his words are always straightforward. His gift of gab, good ear and knowledge of the contract kept us all a step ahead and one up!

He will be missed, but we couldn't be happier that snow duty and floor stripping are behind him and his time can now be spent as he wishes, in good health and good times.

Thank you, Mike!  
 All best wishes, always!

# COVID-19 RETIREMENT CREDIT

[Bill HD1794](#), filed by Rep. Jon Zlotnik at the request of AFSCME Council 93, recognizes the bravery, sacrifice, and service of Massachusetts' frontline public-sector workers who have been required to work outside of their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic with a three-year credit towards their retirement.

## [CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS TODAY AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT MASSACHUSETTS FRONTLINE WORKERS BY SUPPORTING HD1794!](#)

For almost a year now, tens of thousands of essential Massachusetts public-sector workers have been faithfully reporting to work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the continued delivery of critical public services.

Despite personal risk to themselves and their families, they leave the safe confines of their homes every day to provide the vital public services that the people of Massachusetts rely on and often take for granted.

- Our state human services workers continue to provide quality compassionate care to our most vulnerable populations.
- The men and women in public works departments continue to maintain vital infrastructure systems. Our public safety professionals continue to work tirelessly in correctional facilities, keep our communities safe, and respond to emergencies.
- Our public health inspectors continue to ensure we are protected by safe standards and regulations.
- Our school nurses have shifted to doing important contact tracing work to limit the spread of the virus, while other school support staff have been ensuring the continued delivery of nutritious meals to hungry children.

## [CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS TODAY!](#)



**SUPPORT HD1974**

There is one thread that ties together all AFSCME members: We choose public service; we choose to strengthen our communities and make a difference in the lives of others.

But there's more than one way to serve your community, and the COVID-19 vaccines present another opportunity. Every one of us who receives the vaccine is helping restart our country after a devastating pandemic.

[View our vaccine selfie wall and add your photo when you get the vaccine.](#)



## [ADD YOUR PHOTO »](#)

We've received so much heartening news lately. More than 75 million doses of the vaccine have been administered in the United States to date, and the FDA has just approved a new safe and effective one-shot vaccine to join the two-shot regimens already in place.

Many Americans have concerns about the vaccines, and those are understandable. **But we are encouraging all AFSCME members to follow the advice of medical experts and get the vaccine as soon as they are able. All available evidence shows the vaccines are safe and effective.**

Millions of people are getting vaccinated every day, and we hope the vaccines will be widely available sometime this summer to anyone who has not yet received one. Meanwhile, many AFSCME members have already received their doses because they work closely with people in their communities. We're heartened to see the joy in the faces of so many members who have gotten vaccinated.

We've collected those photos into a vaccine selfie wall, and we'd love to see your face on it!

[Add your photo to our selfie wall when you get the vaccine.](#)

Thank you for everything you do to keep your community safe, strong, and healthy — including getting the COVID-19 vaccine!

In solidarity,  
Dalia Thornton  
AFSCME

# AFSCME ADVANTAGE

## HARDSHIP HELP

Union Plus is here to help union members and their families through times of uncertainty with unique Hardship Help benefits. Find out if you're eligible for these Union Plus programs.

- [Layoff Assistance](#)
- [Mortgage Assistance](#)
- [Save My Home Hotline](#)
- [Disaster Relief Grants](#)
- [Legal Help](#)
- [Medical Bill Negotiating Service](#)
- [Hospital Grant for Mortgage](#)
- [Supplemental Insurance](#)
- [Disability Benefits](#)

## MORTGAGE FINANCING



**UNIONPLUS**  
MORTGAGE COMPANY

Call 1-855-UNION-53 TO SPEAK WITH A LOAN OFFICER



**Home Mortgage**

CALL 1-866-802-7307 FOR A CONSULTATION

## MONEY & CREDIT

From credit cards to credit counseling, AFSCME Advantage offers union members and their families a wide array of financial products to meet their everyday needs.

[Credit Card Program](#)

[Credit Counseling](#)

[Personal Loan](#)

[Consumer Tips](#)

# UNION PLUS BENEFITS

Union Plus is a non-profit and we're the ONLY consumer benefits organization created and endorsed by the AFL-CIO.

Here at Union Plus, our mission is to improve the quality of life for union members and their families, provide valuable benefits and services that strengthen the ties of union members to their unions and contribute funding to the labor movement.

*"...Union Plus is a non-profit and we're the ONLY consumer benefits organization created and endorsed by the AFL-CIO."*

We believe that our country's middle class was built by union-strong members like you, so we diligently research every benefit and tailor them to support you and other union members — we're working hard to make life a little easier for you.

### If You're Union — You're Eligible

As current and retired union members, you are automatically eligible for your union's Union Plus Benefits —



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often times, your parents, spouse and children are also eligible. No Union Plus membership, No Fees, No Waiting Period, No Hassle.

Don't have access to a union job? Consider joining Working America for free.

# IMPORTANT AFSCME LINKS

Looking for the most recent contract:

[2017-2020 AFSCME Contract](#)

Looking to reallocate? Start by finding the correct spec for you new position.

[Mass State Classification Specifications](#)

Fill out the request reallocation packet

[Appendix E Reallocation Packet](#)

Having an Election on your campus?

[Local-Union-Election-Manual-English](#)

Are you a public safety officer?

[Public Safety Protection Plan brochure](#) [www.psoaa.org/faq.php](http://www.psoaa.org/faq.php) website

Sign-up and payments are handled by the local. The per-member cost for this option is \$15.75 per quarter (\$5.25 per member per month).

The Local is willing to pay for the first six months.

Looking for your campus steward?  
<https://afscme1067.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/steward-list-2020.pdf>

# AFSCME Local 1067 Strong Instruction for New Cards

Make a plan within your local to speak with each member – spread the work out, you should get volunteers to assist. The members will be more engaged in the local if we get them talking with each other on a local level.

**First**, approach each individual member and get them to recommit to the union. Ask them if they would be willing to help by getting active at work. Check the box where they are willing to do something. Keep this information for your records. (top section)

**Second**, have the member fill out the Membership Application (middle section)

Make sure the card is signed. And, cell phone and personal email are important.

**Third**, explain to the member how important it is to be involved politically

Make sure you tell the member that dues money can't be spent on politics. That's why we need them to contribute to PEOPLE. It's job security for them to

have someone lobbying for their best interests.

When you complete this process you can **give the original cards** to your Council 93 Staff Representative when they are on campus or at Executive

The image shows two forms. The top one is the 'AFSCME Council 93 Strong' card, which includes a 'Yes, sign me up to:' section with checkboxes for: 'Talk to colleagues at work about AFSCME', 'Make phone calls to AFSCME members for campaigns', and 'Knock AFSCME member doors during campaigns'. Below this is the 'Membership Application' form, which includes fields for Name, Address, City, State, ZIP Code, and Employer. It also has a 'PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY' section and a 'PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY' section for the member's signature and date.

Board Meetings or mail them to Brittany Alexander, 8 Beacon Street, 8th Floor Boston, MA 02108. **Make a copy and submit to both HR and Payroll.** Keep a copy for your local files, In between meetings/mailings a scanned copy can be e-mailed to Brittany Alexander at [balexander@afscme93.org](mailto:balexander@afscme93.org).

You do not have to wait until you get cards from all the members; get them to Council 93 staff when you receive them. Please send the whole card, even if only the middle section has been filled out. Do not perforate or cut the card.

- FOR NEW MEMBERS: Original card goes to Council 93 – Copy to HR and Payroll.
- PEOPLE – When a member fills out the PEOPLE card, make sure they have selected a deduction amount and signed the card. Make a copy of the card for local records.
- CAMPUS – Make sure that the name of your college/university is on the card

# WEINGARTEN RIGHTS! KNOW THEM!

Beware that management is not obligated to inform employees of their Weingarten rights – employees must ask for them.

Unlike Miranda rights –where police are required to tell a suspect of his/her right to an attorney, etc. – employees must ask for their Weingarten rights.

Weingarten – State the following:

“If the discussion in this meeting could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated or impact on my personal working conditions, I request that my steward, local officer or union representative be present.

Without union representation, I choose not to answer any further questions at this time.

This is my right under a Supreme Court decision called Weingarten”.

Weingarten rights apply during investigatory interviews when a supervisor questions an employee to obtain information that could be used

as grounds for discipline for either you or a colleague.

When an employee believes such a meeting may lead to

discipline, he/she has the right to request union representation. These basic Weingarten rights stem from a Supreme Court’s decision.

The employee must request representation before or during the meeting.

After an employee makes the request,

the supervisor has these choices:

grant the request and wait for the union representative’s arrival;

deny the request and end the meeting immediately; or

give the employee the choice of either ending the meeting or continuing without representation.

Never continue without representation. EVER! If the supervisor denies the request and continues to ask questions, the employee has a right to refuse to answer. In addition, the supervisor is committing an unfair labor practice. As always, call your Chief Steward if you have questions or if you are unsure!

**“Never continue without representation. EVER!”**



# MONTHLY E-BOARD MEETINGS

<i>January 12, 2021</i>	<i>July 13, 2021</i>
<i>February 9, 2021</i>	<i>August 10, 2021</i>
<i>March 9, 2021</i>	<i>September 21, 2021</i>
<i>April 13, 2021</i>	<i>October 12, 2021</i>
<i>May 11, 2021</i>	<i>November 9, 2021</i>
<i>June 8, 2021</i>	<i>December 14, 2021</i>

**Monthly Executive Board Meetings**  
**AFSCME Local 1067**

January 12, 2021 at 9:30 AM

**Members Can Join Zoom Meeting**

by clicking the link below

<https://zoom.us/j/96713662043>

by phone: 929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 967 1366 2043

## NEW FACES AT COUNCIL 93

Council 93 has hired three new Staff Reps to fill the recent vacancies of Carol Markland, Dan Morse, Ashely Peele, and Joe Malinowski who is currently on leave.

Derek Desroche will be working out of the Northshore office representing North Shore Community College, Northern Essex Community College and Salem State University. Derek is taking over for Carol Markland who has taken on a different position at Council 93

While we will miss Carol's skill, expertise

and knowledge of all things Higher Ed she is happy to assist if Derek should need any help navigating the Higher Ed System.

Dan Morse has taken a recruitment position within Council 93 and will be turning over his assignments from Fitchburg State and Framingham State to Dan Skinner.

Staff Rep Frank Gentile will be stepping in while Joe Malinowski is out on leave. Frank will be working out of the Western Mass Office representing Berkshire Community College,

Greenfield Community College, Holyoke Community College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Springfield Technical Community College, Westfield State University, as well as UMass Amherst.

The remainder of the campuses will be represented by the Higher Ed Coordinator, Kim Sylvia.

Contact information for the new Staff Reps is listed below. They will be reaching out to campus stewards in the very near future to set up a meeting to get acquainted.

## COUNCIL 93 STAFF REPRESENTATIVES

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**Frank Gentile**  
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**Kim Sylvia**  
**Higher Ed Coordinator**  
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Berkshire Community College	Frank Gentile	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Kim Sylvia
Bridgewater State University	Kim Sylvia	Massasoit Community College	Kim Sylvia
Bristol Community College	Kim Sylvia	Middlesex Community College	Kim Sylvia
Bunker Hill Community College	Kim Sylvia	Mt. Wachusett Community College	Kim Sylvia
Cape Cod Community College	Kim Sylvia	North Shore Community College	Derek Deroche
Fitchburg State University	Dan Skinner	Northern Essex Community College	Derek Deroche
Framingham State University	Dan Skinner	Quinsigamond Community College	Kim Sylvia
Greenfield Community College	Frank Gentile	Roxbury Community College	Kim Sylvia
Holyoke Community College	Frank Gentile	Salem State University	Derek Deroche
Massachusetts Bay Community College	Kim Sylvia	Springfield Technical Community College	Frank Gentile
Massachusetts College of Art & Design	Kim Sylvia	Westfield State University	Frank Gentile
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Frank Gentile	Worcester State University	Kim Sylvia