Haverhill Education Association Newsletter June 2021

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Letter from the President:

Sisters and Brothers,

This week brings to a close what has arguably been the most challenging school year any of us is likely to experience in our lifetimes.

As we prepare for the upcoming break, I want to thank you all for everything you've done in support of one another. Your advocacy and activism has invigorated the spirit of our membership, resulted in real, measurable victories through hard-fought campaigns, and established the Haverhill Education Association as a force to be considered and reckoned with by any elected official who wishes to affect educational policy.

During this pandemic, when Mayor Fiorentini and some School Committee members' first instinct was not to take care of their employees but to begin immediate layoffs, we not only prevented any cuts but won every campaign we launched this year from declaring "no confidence" in DESE and the Haverhill School Committee for their handling of the crisis to winning the most lucrative ESP contract ever!

Together, we have proved over and over again that when the HEArt of Haverhill creates spaces for members to come together, identify common problems, make demands, and take collective action there is no goal that can not be achieved.

When WE fight, WE win!

In Solidarity Forever, Anthony

Anthony J. ParolisiPresident Haverhill Education Association



Congratulations

With joy we celebrate some new additions to our HEA Family

Kendra Hobbs on the birth of her daughter Jennifer Scranton on the birth of her son Emily Siegfreidt on the birth of her son

Susan Beauregard on the birth of her granddaughter

Tori Breen on her engagement



Get Well Wishes

To our members who are healing Cheryl Lynch

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to our fellow members as they mourn their loved ones

Mandy Breton on the loss of her grandfather Jennifer Nadeau on the loss of her husband





2021 HEA Honorees

Retirees:

| Ted Becker | Susan Brandon | |
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| Deb Buccini | Tim Carven | |
| Suzanne Coffin | Judy Collins | |
| Debra D'Orzio | Kate DiBurro | |
| Lana Gould | F. Daniel Hickey | |
| Sharon Kennedy-Kary | Bonnie Lalumiere | |
| Mary Laprel | Kathy Lucia | |
| Lisa Lynch. | Barbara McCarthy | |
| Susanna Morgan-Kiempa | Linda Motta | |
| Jody Pallaria | Alberto Rosso | |
| Mary Scally | Mary Beth Soterion | |
| Diane St. Pierre | Anne Stephens | |

20 Year Veterans:

| Maria Barry | Catherine Bilmazes | Amy Bowler |
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| Rachel Boynton | Maria Cantwell | Suzanne Coffin |
| John Craven | Kathleen Duggan | Brian Hammond |
| Lynne Murray | Jessica Paquette | Vincent Pettis |
| Edith Riley | Deborah Russell | Patricia Sullivan |
| Laurel Tomasz | Mary Woelfel | Corinne Bly |
| Mildred Flores | Debra Garvey | Dawn Marks |
| Leslye Zylkuski | | |

Have you seen the new **HEA Apparel**??

Sizes available in Small - XXXL - Limited sizes left! All proceeds benefit the **2022 HEA Scholarship Fund**.

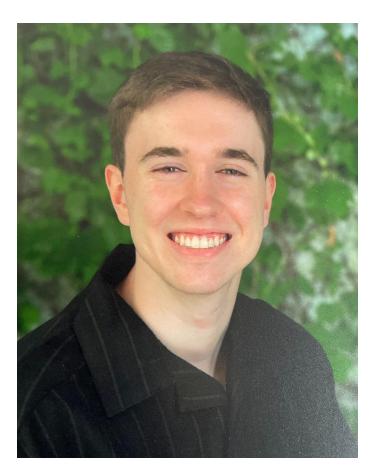


Thanks to all who donated to the 2021 HEA Scholarship Drive!

This year's winner was Brian Wrenn

He will begin his studies at Merrimack College in the fall. Congratulations Brian!

HEA Scholarship Committee 2021
Liz Briggs
Dan Cerat
Irina Ostrovskaya
Lauren Sanguedolce
Lynn Sullivan





Scan. Pay. Go.

Help send one of our Hillies to college.

If you would like to make a donation online, please click on this link to be directed to the <u>Haverhill Education Association</u> PayPal Business Account.

(https://paypal.me/HEArtofHaverhill) You can also use the QR code

Contracts

Paraprofessionals/ESP Contract - recently ratified!!

Clerical Contract - expired June 30, 2020 negotiations ongoing, please contact <u>Cyndi O'Shaughnessy</u>, if you are interested in joining.

Teacher Contract - expires June 2022

KNOW YOUR CONTRACT

We have an online intake form

(https://haverhill.massteacher.org/report-your-issue/) for contract violations! Please use this so we can appropriately address concerns that need immediate attention through the grievance process. REMEMBER, we have 20 days from the infraction to submit a grievance. Some concerns are addressed without having to submit through the grievance process but we still need to document the concerns properly. Help us ensure the fair treatment of all employees by submitting the form with detailed information in a timely manner. If you need assistance, ask your building rep or contact the e-board directly.



Building Representatives

Building Representatives are a crucial element to making the Haverhill Education Association work for our members. Any active member of the Clerical, ESP, or Teacher units may represent his or her building at our monthly meetings. To serve, please contact HEA Secretary Deb Russell by calling (978) 764-8840 or via email to debrussell80@verizon.net (subject: Building Representative).

<u>Bradford</u> – Dan Cerat, Meaghan Ivone, &

Rachel White

Consentino - Barbara Freeman, Irina

Ostrovskaya, Kaitlyn Watts, & Colleen Wrisley

Golden Hill - NOMINEE NEEDED

<u>Greenleaf Academy - NOMINEE NEEDED</u>

HHS – Lisa Begley, Liz Briggs, Nancy Burke,

Deb Comiskey, Ted Kempinski, & Nancy Kooranaty

Koorapaty

Hunking – Tim Briggs

Moody - Leeann Ferguson & Vicki Steed

Nettle - Maeve Torres

Pentucket Lake - Alysha Bartlett, Lauren

Roberts & Lynn Sullivan

<u>Silver Hill</u> – Judi Carleton, Megan Duffy & Leslye

Zylkuski **TEACH** - Ben Flagg

<u>Tilton Lower & Upper</u> – Christine Hickey &

Dana McNamara

Walnut Square - Nicole LaRose-Sanchez

Whittier – Emily Boulger & Krista DiGloria

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KNOW YOUR WEINGARTEN RIGHTS

You have the right to union representation during investigatory interviews. According to the Supreme Court in NLRB v. J. Weingarten, Inc.

- 1. <u>The employee must make a clear request for union representation before OR during the interview.</u> The employee cannot be punished for making this request.
- 2. After the employee makes the request, the <u>employer must</u> choose from among three options:
 - a. Grant the request and <u>delay the questioning</u> until the union representative arrives and has a chance to consult privately with the employee; OR
 - b. Deny the request and end the interview immediately; OR
 - c. Give the employee a choice between having the interview without representation (you should never choose this option!) or ending the interview.
- 3. If the employer denies the request for union representation and continues to ask questions, it commits an <u>unfair labor practice</u> and <u>the employee has a right to refuse to answer. The employer may not discipline the employee for such a refusal.</u>

When being interviewed by administration, if you feel the discussion could in anyway lead to disciplinary action invoke your Weingarten Rights by saying, "If this discussion could in anyway lead to my being disciplined or terminated, or affect my personal working conditions, I respectfully request that my union representative, officer, or steward be present at this meeting.

Print out and keep this Weingarten Rights handy - you never know when you might need it!