



NEW DIRECTIONS



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES

Presidents Conference

August 27, 2016
Double Tree
175 Hutchinson Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Veterans Conference

September 16-17, 2016
Ohio Veterans Home
3416 Columbus Ave.
Sandusky, OH, 44870

Voter Registration Deadline

October 11, 2016

Absentee Vote by Mail & Early Voting Begins

October 12, 2016

Election Day

November 8, 2016
At a voting booth near you

AFSCME Convention Highlights

OCSEA honored with AFSCME PEOPLE award

OCSEA leaders representing the union at the 42nd AFSCME International Convention in July were recognized with one of AFSCME's highest honors, the PEOPLE Award. It recognized the union's work in organizing members to contribute to OCSEA's political action committee, PEOPLE.

"We never quit," was the message of the convention held in Las Vegas and the center of President Lee Saunders' state of the union address on the opening day. The event brought together thousands of AFSCME activists and honored the resolve and commitment of public worker union members around the nation.

"To those who try to scapegoat public service workers, demeaning and denigrating us, questioning our professionalism and blaming us for fiscal recklessness, what do we say? To anyone who questions whether AFSCME is still up to the task of making America happen, what do we say?" Saunders roared. Delegates thundered back: "We never quit!"

Also unveiled at the convention was a video featuring Jacob Hasselback, an OCSEA Correction Officer from Lorain Correctional Institution, part of a series of promotional vignettes entitled "Never Quit."

"I am AFSCME," are the words spoken by AFSCME public employee union members spotlighted in the video about the triumphs and tribulations of the work they do.

Brenda Mabe (second from right) accepts OCSEA's PEOPLE Award at the 42nd AFSCME Convention in July.



Hasselback joins a nurse, 911 dispatcher, health caregiver and a sanitation worker to tell their stories of how public workers and their unions are working around the clock to make communities better. "Always keep going, no matter what you come up against," Hasselback said in the video. See it at OCSEA.org.

Delegates tended to the business of the union, including reelecting President Saunders and Secretary-Treasurer Laura Reyes. Delegates passed resolutions in support of raising the minimum wage, protecting and expanding voting rights, affirming their commitment to racial and economic justice, honoring the work of public safety officers who serve and protect, strengthening long-term services for those with developmental disabilities and so much more.

AFSCME-endorsed presidential candidate Hillary Clinton addressed the delegation, pledging her support to union rights and trade deals that put American jobs first. Δ

Cosponsors of Right to Work (is Wrong) announced

Anti-union state legislators are at it again! A Right to Work bill for public sector employees has been introduced, and just like Senate Bill 5, this anti-union attack would undermine OCSEA's right to negotiate for fair pay and benefits, plain and simple. House Bill 583, "The Limit Applicability of Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act," is another scheme to silence workers and take away union protections.

The attack is being led by Ohio Rep. John Becker (R – Union Township, Clermont County). Additionally, the cosponsors supporting the dangerous House Bill 583 have been announced (see right).

Visit OCSEAVotes.org/RTW to read the bill and to contact the anti-union GOP sponsors. **Each cosponsor is on the ballot this November.** Tell them: "We said NO to Right to Work when we defeated SB 5. Dump HB 583, or we'll dump you!" Δ



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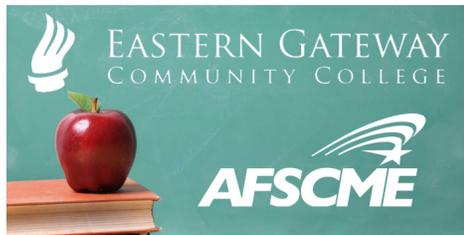
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AFSCME announces nationwide free college plan

At its national convention in July, AFSCME International announced an education benefit that allows AFSCME members and their families to earn an



online associate degree from the Ohio-based college at absolutely no cost.

The benefit, modeled after a partnership between AFSCME Ohio affiliates OAPSE, OCSEA and Council 8 and Eastern Gateway Community College, will now be offered to *all* AFSCME members and their families nationwide.

OCSEA members have been taking part in the educational pilot throughout 2016. One of OCSEA's members, Correction Officer Richard Anderson, was recently featured in a video about how the union benefit is changing his life. Watch his story at OCSEA.org/CollegeStories.

To be eligible, interested students must apply for federal financial aid and use any grants to pay the tuition including any employer-sponsored tuition assistance, such as Union Education Trust or military tuition reimbursement. Any remaining balance for tuition, fees or books at Eastern Gateway Community College will be covered by an OCSEA scholarship.

Learn more about the benefit at OCSEAEducation.org. Δ

Saunders, Strickland and Cordray to headline OCSEA election kick-off



AFSCME President Lee Saunders will join with powerhouse speakers, U.S. Senate candidate Ted Strickland and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Director Richard Cordray, as OCSEA kicks off election season in late August.

With a lot on the line for public sector unions this election—from defeating Right to Work to

the U.S. Supreme Court selection—it's vital that activists come together to strategize and energize about what's at stake this election year. Other guests will include Ohio Sens. Joe Schiavoni and Capri Cafaro and Ohio Democratic Party Chair David Pepper.

The OCSEA President's Conference on August 27 is the official kick-off to election season. Stay tuned to OCSEAVotes.org for more on Get Out the Vote efforts, including member-to-member outreach. Δ



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Veterans Conference is Sept. 16-17

Calling all OCSEA veterans and union veteran supporters. The OCSEA Veterans Affairs Committee will hold its annual Veterans Conference the weekend of Sept. 16-17, 2016. The event will take place at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio.

The conference theme is, "We don't know them all, but we owe them all."

The majority of the conference agenda is scheduled for Saturday, with a social and networking event on Friday evening.

Overnight accommodations are available at the Best Western Plus on Milan Rd. near the Veteran's Home. The rate is \$116 per night. Contact the hotel directly to make accommodations at 419-627-9595.

Download the conference Call and reservation form at OCSEA.org. Links to all upcoming OCSEA events can be found at the bottom of the OCSEA home page. Δ

Register for Dist. 6 Next Wave Conference

OCSEA District 6 leaders know that new and young state employees are the future: the future of public service and the future of the labor movement.

That's why, this October, they will be holding a Next Wave Conference for new and young members, and their union mentors, about the issues that concern them and how they can make a difference in their union and community.

The District 6 Next Wave Conference will take place Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will be held at the OCSEA Union Hall, 390 Worthington Rd., Westerville, Ohio 43082. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To RSVP for the conference, contact Roschelle Holcomb at 614-732-6725 (text or call) or Debbie King-Hutchinson at 614-329-2536. Δ



Join us at the **District 6**
NEXT WAVE CONFERENCE

October 8, 2016 • 10:00 am – 3:00pm