

UUP Outreach Committee Report

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The Outreach Committee has increased member involvement this year, and hope more and more members will engage in political action in the upcoming year.

The committee, comprised of Regional and Chapter Political Coordinators, met nearly every week during the legislative session. During these meetings, we heard updates from Political Director Dan Brown on the status of important pieces of legislation and upcoming events.

We also focused on addressing any questions or concerns of the Chapter Political Coordinators, including encouraging them to connect with their chapter presidents, executive board, membership officers, and other chapter leaders; local NYSUT political coordinators; regional and local labor councils and other organizations. The expectation is that CPCs build their team of activists at their chapter.

During the election season, the committee members worked very hard for our endorsed candidates, including working with AFT on the Biden campaign, and for our candidates for NYS assembly and senate.

The team worked very hard to advocate for UUP's comprehensive HEALS legislative agenda. We discussed the agenda during dozens of meetings with our legislators during Higher Ed Lobby Day, with fellow NYSUT members at the Committee of 100, and more.

In the last year, we have held numerous Town Halls with members of the NYS Senate and Assembly as well as US Congress and Senate. These have provided us with a unique opportunity to talk one on one to speak with our elected officials, build relationships, and increase the visibility of UUP and our issues.

We hope to continue to grow our power through local organizing and encourage all statewide and chapter executive board members to connect with their CPC to help build a strong team of advocates who will work together across UUP in political action. You can find your CPC by looking on the UUP website under Political Action—Get Involved, or by contacting the co-chairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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