

DCNA Together – Making a Difference in DC

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Negotiations Updates

Howard University and DCNA Agree on New Contract Covering Licensed Health Care Professionals

On May 11th, DCNA and HU/HUH reached tentative agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement. The agreement runs until June 30, 2024. The parties continue to thoroughly review the entire contract and expect to sign the agreement over the next few weeks. The parties also plan to have their first Staffing Committee meeting in late July or early August.

District of Columbia Government

As previously reported here, the District of Columbia and DCNA have agreed to raises for the nurses under the Department of Behavioral Health and Compensation Unit 13, with 9% pay increases plus a 3.5% bonus and bonuses each year in addition to the annual pay increases.

DCNA has learned that the Mayor has forwarded the Agreements to the DC Council for its review and passage. It is expected that the DC Council will take up the resolution seeking passage of the Agreements in July.

PG County Members – Vote for Wala Blegay for PG Council, District 6

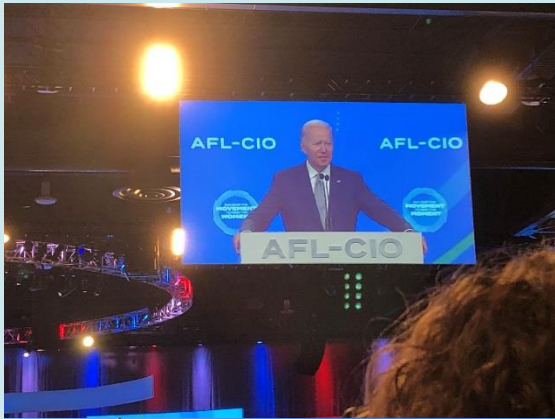


As you know, I am running to be the next District 6 Representative on the Prince George's County Council and I am requesting your vote. Thank you for your endorsement. For the past 8 years, I have been your advocate, from negotiating collective bargaining agreements, to representing you before the DC Council, arbitrations, management officials and more. I have been a fierce advocate on your behalf and I will take that same advocacy to the county council. I am going to be an advocate for improving our schools, not increasing property taxes, expanding access to quality healthcare, increasing economic development and quality retail and more. I will be a voice for labor to ensure the workers have a safe work environment and competitive wages. Finally, I will continue my advocacy for nurses; ensuring that nurses have adequate staffing legislation for patient ratios, legislation addressing violence against nurses and more. I hope that you will support me in my endeavors to be the next County Councilmember for District 6.

Don't Forget our Members Who Need Help

Did you know that DCNA has a fund specifically set up to help members in need of financial assistance? For well over a decade, DCNA has provided assistance to nurses and licensed health care workers who have struggled financially. We ask that you help keep this fund maintained. To donate, please contact Ms. Veronica Burnett at vburnett@dcna.org.

DCNA Attends Historic AFL-CIO Convention



From June 11-15, Edward Smith, Executive Director, attended the AFL-CIO Convention, as a guest of the National Nurses United. During this Convention, the delegates elected Liz Shuler as the first female President, AFL-CIO. In addition, delegates elected Fred Redmond as the first African-American Secretary/Treasurer of the AFL-CIO. President Joe Biden addressed the unions and made clear that he supports labor and all of our organizing efforts. Stacey Abrams, who is running for Governor in Georgia, gave a rousing speech as well.

“She is the one of the most dynamic and progressive leaders of our social justice movement. I am so proud to be part of the house of labor,” stated Smith.

The AFL-CIO also passed numerous resolutions, including the support of

medicare for all and supporting efforts to address gender inequity and climate change. In fact, Bonnie Castillo, Executive Director, NNU, introduced the resolution on gender inequity. We also attended a rally to support workers at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, represented by AFSCME, who are trying to get their first contract. For highlights of the Convention, go to www.aflcio.tv.



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