

TEACHERS' VOICE

PROFESSIONAL PROGRESSIVE UNIONISM

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There may be times
when we are
powerless to
prevent injustice,
but there must
never be a time when
we fail to protest.

- Elie Wiesel



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Activism and Solidarity



By Ellen Bernstein, ATF President

We have a yearly tradition of recognizing our union activists. These men and women work tirelessly, in addition to their regular jobs in our schools, to create a collective voice and the strength of solidarity to our union's goals.

These activists, along with every ATF member, advance our goals:

- to protect and promote the well-being of our members;
- to improve teaching and learning conditions;
- to protect and promote public education and our collective professions;
- to ensure that the human dignity and civil rights of all children and youth are protected;
- to secure a more just, equitable, and democratic society.

We are living through a difficult time when our professions and our public schools have suffered attacks, both overt and covert. Yet, we have won tremendous battles against all odds—not only because our cause is just, but because we have strength in numbers.

Thank you all—for standing up, even when you are tired. For speaking up—even when your voice trembles. For acting on behalf of every colleague and every student in your school, in this district, in our state, and in our nation. For acting as though what you do makes a difference—because it surely does.

In solidarity,

Ellen

FED REPS OF THE YEAR 2015

JAMES MACKLIN

Whether he is serenading under the moonlight with classical guitar riffs or fighting for social justice, James Macklin is the embodiment of fire and ice.

This year, James joins fifteen others, plus this year's co-winner, Leila Pochop, in illustriousness, by receiving the prestigious title of ATF Fed Rep of the Year.

Though new to the chambers of 530 Jefferson Street, James received the most nominations this year – five in total. Beyond that, James embodies each of the six principles that constitute a great Fed Rep.

Hailing from the halls of TLS Fine Arts, James is well-respected by his colleagues, volunteers every chance he gets, and is well-versed in contract language. One of his colleagues had this to say on why they nominated him:

“James has such passion for all the issues and is determined to do his best for the Fine Arts teachers in all aspects. He takes his job as Union Rep very seriously. He goes to everything Union related, and volunteers numerous unpaid hours to help further the Union and the rights of all teachers.”

On top of that, James attended every Fed Rep Council meeting, informing himself of current events, and at times, informing the rest of the Council of other current events and policy changes that are affecting educators at both a national level and here in New Mexico. Another nominator had this to say:

“James is so passionate about his position as Fine Arts Union Representative. He keeps our staff up to date about the issues the union is working on. He especially went above and beyond during the last Legislative Session. He kept track of the bills that the union supported and opposed and helped our staff contact our Reps and Senators. He led a group of Fine Arts teachers to the Roundhouse for a protest.”



James Macklin's leadership is truly inspiring. His unwavering valor and steadfastness against injustice towards educators is unrivaled. And this year, and for many years to come, let it be known, that until James Macklin's last breath, here, in the Land of Enchantment, the voice of the union, and the voice of educators, will not go quiet.

FED REP OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

In March, we asked ATF members for nominations for “Fed Rep of the Year.” Once they were compiled, the ATF Executive Council reviewed all of the nominations, carefully considering what the members wrote in their statements, as well as the following criteria:

- RESPECT** as a school leader
- ATTENDANCE** at Fed Rep council meetings
- RECRUITING** new members
- PARTICIPATION** in leadership activities
- KNOWLEDGE** of the contract language
- VOLUNTEERISM & ACTIVISM**

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize all of the ATF Fed Reps who were nominated for “Fed Rep of the Year.” Your colleagues had wonderful things to say about you:

Katya Adams, CEC

She is a passionate and knowledgeable representative for all teachers at school board meetings and the legislature. She encourages all to be active participants in the union and to make our voices heard for the benefit of our students and ourselves. Katya is an inspiring role model.

Ricky Adams, SE Diagnostic Center

Ricky gives clear, excellent explanations. He has so many qualities that instantly demonstrate his leadership skills. He gives helpful reminders—including to vote—and constantly updates us on political actions. And, we really, really like him as a person!

Cathy Alonzo, Tony Hillerman MS

She goes above and beyond as a rep and always has current information to share with staff. She is a wonderful support.

Julie Armijo-Meade, Rudolfo Anaya ES

Julie is dedicated to her students, but she is also dedicated to the rights of her colleagues. She works hard to make sure everyone at school is aware of the ins and outs of their rights as an educator. She attends the Fed Rep meetings so that she knows what is going on and can pass along that information to the rest of us. She is our grade level chair and attends instructional council meetings in order to be our voice about everything education. She is dependable and believes that we should be treated fairly and respected for all that we do for students.

Sara Attleson, Kennedy MS

She keeps us informed regularly and gives up her personal time to go to union activities as well as encouraging our school to be more involved with the union and to stand up and fight for what is right and to fight for it!

Mary Butler, Manzano HS

Mary has always been a source of reasoned, union-based information for all of us here at Manzano. She knows her stuff and what she doesn't know, she finds out. She gives thorough reports and keeps us apprised of union issues and legislative activity. She's a great union rep.



LEILA POCHOP

I came in for a Managing Difficult Students workshop, and who was teaching it? Leila Pochop.

I came in for a COPE committee meeting, and who was there? Leila Pochop.

I went to the New Mexico Federation of Labor's Central Labor Council meeting, and who was there representing ATF? Leila Pochop.

I went knocking on doors for ATF-endorsed candidates, and who did I walk with? Leila Pochop.

I came in for a Common Core Workshop, and who was the instructor? Leila Pochop.

I came in for a Fed Rep Council meeting, and who did I sit next to? Leila Pochop.

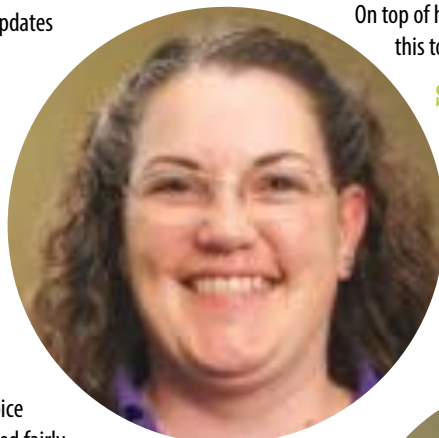
Is there anything Leila Pochop is not involved in here at ATF?

There is a reason—actually many—why Leila Pochop was selected, along with James Macklin, as the 2015 ATF Fed Rep of the Year.

On top of her involvement and activism, one of her colleagues from Jimmy Carter Middle School had this to say about her:

She is not afraid to stand up for her students or fellow teachers. She is involved and keeps her knowledge of education politics up to date. Leila gives 100% and has done so year after year. She makes me proud to be a union member.

So, if you are not active in your union yet, or if you want to make a difference for educators politically, or if you need expert advice on classroom management, come down to the ATF office. Leila Pochop will be waiting for you!



[Left to Right] CATHY ALONZO, MARY BUTLER, SARA ATTLESON

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NOMINEES

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Bob Coffey, Highland HS

Bob is well respected by all faculty. He works hard to help union members resolve issues and problems. He has a long history as a union man. He tried to make a difference by running for elected office this year.

Elynn Cowden, LBJ MS

Elynn is a strong union leader, someone who stands up at staff meetings and lets the faculty know the importance of issues facing our profession. She does an outstanding job keeping teachers informed about any impending votes or legislation that may impact education. We are lucky to have her as our union rep at LBJ!

Sandra Dorsey, Chamiza ES

Sandy knows the ropes. She is a valued liaison between staff and management. Her insight is exquisite. She accepts nothing short of fairness from management, and at the same time she does not condone teachers who are not getting it done.

Doug Flynn, Petroglyph ES

He is very informative and professional!

Veronica Forester, Armijo ES

Veronica is very passionate about what she does, not only for her teaching responsibilities but for her union responsibilities as well. She is very informative and helps to keep our staff up to date on what happens in the union. She is reliable, knowledgeable, and is an all-around fantastic Fed Rep!

Doreen Garcia, Chamiza ES

Wow! What an advocate! She tirelessly attends meetings and researches for us so that we receive fair treatment.

Robin Gibson, Sandia Base ES

She is informed about union matters and informs our staff. She helps us with letter-writing to legislators.

Cristina Gonzales, Madison MS

Cristina is super outspoken and full of exuberance and enthusiasm. (I wish it could be bottled!) She is the acting department chair for Social Studies, attends Instructional Council meetings, knows her "stuff" when dealing with political issues and is always willing to let her voice be heard! She helps staff out around the school, has an infectious attitude filled with positivity and has been a joy to work with all of these years! I wish every school could have a teacher and representative as dedicated as Cristina! Thank you so much for all you do!

Michelle Gonzales-Shiver, Adobe Acres ES

She is very well-spoken and understands the role of the Union. She keeps the staff up-to-date on matters that impact them. More importantly, she shows us and encourages us to be involved. She reminds us that we shouldn't have to have things "happen" to us, and that we have ways we can have an impact on the direction education is taking. Thank you Michelle!

Rosemary Griego, Alvarado ES

Rosemary always listens and respects what people want and think. She is on our school council and is always the teachers' voice. She reminds us to ask our constituents and make sure we are representing everyone. This is exactly what she does for the teachers she represents as our Fed Rep. Rosemary always has the contract with her to find answers to questions, and if she can't find the answer in the book she finds someone who knows the answer. Rosemary is not afraid to stand up for what she believes and for those she represents.

Laurie Harris, Jefferson MS

She attends union meetings faithfully and recruits new members. She keeps the membership at her school fully informed and engaged. She walks the talk by showing up at the BoE meetings and state legislative hearings and rallies. She is a union Shero!

Kathy Harvey, Inez ES

At Inez ES, the job of Fed Rep/alternate is a shared leadership position. Kathy has been in such a position a number of times in the past few years. Her assigned months to attend the Fed Rep meetings were always attended, and she returned to report out, explain and discuss the current issues with calm intensity, eloquence, humor and motivation to action. Kathy, with these qualities always present, presents as a wonderful role model for the newer Fed Reps and staff in general, members or not. Last but not least, Kathy, as one of the most well-respected, hard-working and imaginative teachers (5th grade) at Inez, serves as a foundational presence as the kind of teacher and union member we all want to see in education.

Allison Hawkes, Eugene Field ES

Allison has taken the position of Fed Rep very seriously. She is informed on the contract language and is always able to answer a question if I have one for her. She is very active in attending the council meetings. I know she has participated in some of the protests in Santa Fe. Allison has been very active and will try to bring in the Union to the school, even though she has had push back from the principal. I feel she has put herself on the line at our school.

Robert Herrera, Helen Cordero ES

He keeps me posted on all union issues and looks into questions that I have. When I asked about getting a union leader into the school, the breakdown occurred due to those with more authority.

Courtney Hinman, Albuquerque HS

He has breathed new life into our Union at AHS. He is knowledgeable, respectful, and questions why our school environment is the way it is. We are very lucky to have him at our school representing us.

Pam Irvin, Alamosa ES

She always has the latest information, and shares it willingly. No matter what she is doing, she will stop and help answer any question you might have about union decisions, legislative decisions, and anything else. Whatever is going on, she knows about it and will share her knowledge.

Alethea Jahn, Truman MS

She always advocates for our ability to teach students appropriately and is kind and willing to help others.

Christy Jewell-Roth, North Star ES

Christy has such a quiet yet strong presence. She keeps us well informed and inspires us to take a strong stance together. She is committed to education and the betterment of the profession.

Fonda Kirchmeyer, Inez ES

Fonda is very dedicated to her Fed Rep position. She is knowledgeable and often volunteers in her off hours to advocate for our profession in many ways by attending meetings, making phone calls, etc.

Terry Kominiak, Corrales ES

She never says 'no' to anyone in need, whether a student or colleague. Her patience, heart and leadership have made me a better person. She is the teacher that reminds me, during these trying times, that what we do (the only thing I have EVER wanted to do) is not only important, but changes lives. She is the one that gets mattresses for kindergarteners sleeping on floors and arranges rides for kids that should not have to move, yet again, at the end of the year. She is always the voice of reason and calm no matter how trying the circumstance. She makes me proud to be a teacher. All of this, while taking on the role of union leader. She brings the same love, high expectations and even-handed grace in all she does. Thanks Terry!

Jason Krosinsky, Cleveland MS

He is the best Fed Rep in the union. Ask anybody!

Tanya Kuhnee, West Mesa HS

Tanya is always there for us in a timely manner and ready to help us. She listens well and looks for ways to address our issues. When we have issues that are sensitive, she recruits help from her mentors at the union. Tanya will follow up on issues that get sidelined and others would just let go. Additionally, her personality makes her easy for us to open up to and seek her help.

Maria Lawrence, Navajo ES

She has worked really hard with all of our staff and our principal. She has gone beyond, worked the phone banks, and really fought for all the teachers of APS.

Gail Love, Grant MS

Gail is diligent about keeping us informed on issues that impact us. She encourages us to express our opinions and is always there when there are questions of compliance with the contract.

Lauren McDougall, Eldorado HS

She is an asset to our community and keeps up on all the changes that impact us.

Heather McGuire, Highland HS

Heather is always recruiting for our Union. She carries Union applications with her and asks our teachers to join at every opportunity. She shares stories of how the ATF is always backing the teachers in tough situations. She has been the cornerstone of Highland's move to re-establish an Instructional Council. Heather knows the contract. She is highly respected by faculty, administrators and STUDENTS!

Suzanne Newsome, Polk MS

Keeps us updated at an exemplary level. Participates at a very high level. Understands the contract language and shares with constituents. Is always ready to talk with you around issues pertaining to the union and our rights. Excellent active listener and comes up with solutions that work. She's the best!

Dwayne Norris, Bandelier ES

Dwayne is very knowledgeable about what is going on, both on a local and state level. He works tirelessly to make our profession be respected and strives to make things better for the kids and the staff.

Michelle Perez, Montezuma ES

Michelle has done an amazing job in her first year as Fed Rep at Montezuma. She has organized events for us to have an opportunity to meet our union reps, and to discuss common issues. Michelle has gone above and beyond attending board meetings, the legislature in Santa Fe and organizing events that give teachers a voice. This is the first year in a long time I have felt like I had a voice (through Michelle) and that, because of her, my union was representing me.

John Potter, Freedom HS

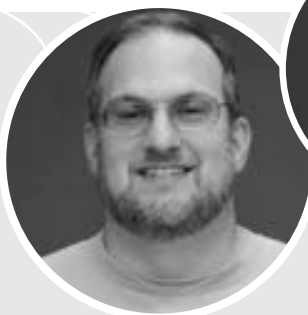
This man REPRESENTS! Always has the backs of ALL of his staff—top man!

Sherry Rios, Atrisco Heritage Academy HS

She is always available and ready to answer questions. She gives bi-weekly reports of any new information she hears at staff meetings and encouraging others to join ATF. She is not only a union rep, but volunteered to be the SPED head teacher. She is willing to support staff through any meetings they may have with administration or getting them to the right people for help. She does a great job of building a community within our school. She will hold monthly luncheons in her room. She invites everybody (principals, secretaries, custodians, security, and teachers) to eat a good lunch and mingle with each other. She makes little gifts for secretaries/bosses for secretary or boss day with money from her own pocket. She will go out of her way and donate cap & gowns for students who can't afford cap and gowns for graduation. She is constantly always thinking of others. Great supporter!

Sonya Romero Smith, Lew Wallace ES

This is her year. She was recognized by KOB-4 News for her willingness to give to students. She was recognized by Ellen DeGeneres and Target for the fostering two students and helping others. She is recognized by me because with her new family, her son's extra-curricular activities, and homework as a teacher, she still finds time to give a great class on Wednesday nights at the ATF offices. She is human. She is humble. She deserves Fed Rep of the Year.



[Top Left to Right] GAIL LOVE, ROBIN GIBSON, PAM IRVIN, DOUG FLYNN, TANYA KUHNEE, LAURIE HARRIS
[Bottom Left to Right] JASON KROSINSKY, ELYNN COWDEN, CHRISTY JEWELL-ROTH, SONYA ROMERO SMITH, LAUREN MCDUGALL

YOU PUT THE UNION IN

Thank You!



2014-2015 Union Activists, ATF Fed Reps and Co-Reps

The ATF Fed Reps are the democratic decision-making body that gives our union direction. Our Fed Reps, Co-Reps and Distributors are essential to a strong, informed membership. We appreciate their dedication and activism.

Cheryl Comerci, Acoma ES
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Pamela Irvin, Alamosa ES
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 Jean Ingram, Albuquerque HS
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 Peter Doane, Albuquerque HS
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 Becky Cherne, Apache ES
 Juan Ortega, Armijo ES
Veronica Forester, Armijo ES
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 Deborah Beer, Cochiti ES
 Jill Logan, Cochiti ES
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 Mary Labor, Comanche ES
 Karen Braddock, Comanche ES
 Sandra Eckert, Comanche ES
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 Theresa Kominaki, Corrales ES
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Vandy Lujan, Edmund G. Ross ES
Eugene Firsich, Edward Gonzales ES
Katy Coleman, Eisenhower MS
 Donna Cravey, Eldorado HS
 Lauren McDougall, Eldorado HS
Stephanie Walstrom, Emerson ES
 Rachel Haskett, Ernie Pyle MS
Allison Hawks, Eugene Field ES
 John Potter, Freedom HS
 Marcella Candelaria, Garfield MS
 Karen Baehr, Georgia O'Keeffe ES
Ann Huggins, Georgia O'Keeffe ES
 Lillie Weathered, Governor Bent ES
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 Kathy Melendez, Grant MS
Kelly Gardner, Grant MS
 Jennifer Pollard, Griegos ES
 John Simms, Harrison MS
 Ida Demos, Harrison MS
 Mollianne Robison, Hawthorne ES
 Kristina Rohman, Hawthorne ES
Steven Schripsema, Hayes MS
Robert Herrera, Helen Cordero ES
John Comstock, Highland HS

Heather McGuire, Highland HS
Robert Coffey, Highland HS
 Shelly Goodman, Hodgkin ES
 Kristofer Hayward, Hoover MS
 Heather Schuller, Hoover MS
 Kendall Taylor, Hubert Humphrey ES
 Katherine Harvey, Inez ES
 Emily Horcasitas, Inez ES
 Robert Kindel, Jackson MS
Lauretta Harris, Jefferson MS
Clayton Beverly, Jefferson MS
 Daniel Kelly, Jefferson MS
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 Kristen Bandy, Jimmy Carter MS
 Patricia Halama, John Adams MS
Joseph Hartsock, John Adams MS
 Jessica Thomas, John Baker ES
 Robert Rivera, Juvenile Detention Center
 Karen Wilkerson, Juvenile Detention Center
Joseph Freeman, Kennedy MS
Sara Attleson, Kennedy MS
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Celeste Hernandez, Lew Wallace ES
Sonya Romero Smith, Lew Wallace ES
 Christie Marrs, Lew Wallace ES
Gustavo Reyes, Longfellow ES
 Carol Cabiedes, Los Padillas ES
 Kent Williamson, Los Ranchos ES
 Jennifer Henson, Lowell ES
 Elizabeth Sehlmeier, MacArthur ES
Zayda Raimundi, Madison MS
 Cristina Gonzalez, Madison MS
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 Jamie Bachmann, Manzano HS
 Lesa McBride, Manzano Mesa ES
 Jennifer Cicchini, Marie Hughes ES
 Barbara Thomson, Mark Twain ES
 Susanna May, Mark Twain ES
 Victoria Gonzales, Mary Ann Binford ES
 Yvonne Barth, Mary Ann Binford ES
 Lavern Wenninger, Mary Ann Binford ES
 Elaine Romero, Matheson Park ES
Allison Stapleton, McCollum ES
Desiree Spielman, McCollum ES
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 Faye Richards, Mission Avenue ES
Judith Gumble, Mitchell ES
 Julie Rolston, Monroe MS
Eric Walstrom, Monte Vista ES
Michelle Perez, Montezuma ES
 Laurie Aragon, Montezuma ES
Wendy Fuller, Montgomery Complex
 Dana Bergsbaken, Mountain View ES
 Holly Rucker, Navajo ES
Kate Pitzen, Navajo ES
 Maria Lawrence, Navajo ES
Sara Winsett, New Futures School
Blake Learmonth, Nex+Gen
 Violeta Djordjevic, Nex+Gen
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 Julie Wray, North Star ES
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 Lisa Ludvik, Onate ES

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 James Chavez, Rio Grande HS
 David Bleicher, Rio Grande HS
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 Rebecca Gardner, Roosevelt MS
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Joni Lloyd, San Antonio ES
 Elizabeth Dukart, Sandia Base ES
Robin Gibson, Sandia Base ES
Donna Teuteberg, Sandia HS
Ricky Adams, SE Diagnostic Center
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 Loyola Garcia, Valle Vista ES
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 Susanna Grant, Valley HS
 David Roy II, Valley HS
Janet Schaefer, Van Buren MS
 Teresa Perry, Ventana Ranch ES
Susan Petrakis, Volcano Vista HS
 Nadine Cordova, Washington MS
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Names in bold type have attended 6 or more Fed Rep Council meetings as of April. Names with an asterisk () have recruited 5 or more members as of April.*

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 Loyola Garcia, Adobe Acres ES
 Leila Pochop, Jimmy Carter MS
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 Elynn Cowden, LBJ MS
 Ginger Koning, Barcelona ES
 Leila Pochop, Jimmy Carter MS

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 Kelly Gardner, Grant MS

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 Venessa Urioste,
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Pat Halama, Counselor (John Adams MS)
 Career Pathway System Coordinator
Thank you to all of the ATF members who have been readers for the Career Pathway System.

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Natalie Olague, Valle Vista ES, facilitator
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– Mehmet Muratildan

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

YOUR UNION APPRECIATES



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention ATF Members

NM Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
2015 Biennial Convention
June 12 & 13
Plumbers & Pipefitters Union Hall
510 San Pedro SE – Albuquerque, NM

AFT TEACH CONFERENCE

(Together Educating America's Children)
July 13 – 15, Washington, D.C.

If you would like to attend the TEACH Conference, contact the ATF office at 262-2657

Fed Rep Elections

Do you want to influence the direction of your union? Do you want to be a teacher leader at your school? If you said yes, to either, or both, become an ATF Fed Rep! Fed Reps are the life-blood of our union. Elected Fed Reps build workplace democracy by organizing their colleagues to assert their contract rights and fight for our profession.

Elections should occur within the last month of the traditional school calendar. Each work site is entitled to elect one Fed Rep for each 20 members. Results should be submitted to the ATF office by May 22, 2015.

Your school's current Fed Rep should have received materials to conduct the election of the Fed Rep(s) for next year. If your school needs help with an election, please email Trenton at trenton@atfunion.org

Principal Survey in Process

In previous negotiations with APS, we agreed to conduct a principal survey. The instrument was not designed to "evaluate" a principal, but rather to give the principal (or assistant principal) feedback on staff perceptions of the school as a workplace. ATF will compile the survey results and turn them over to APS.

You should have already received information on how to participate in the survey. Please remember that no personal identifying information is required to respond. You are encouraged to provide feedback on your administration by taking part in the survey. If you have any questions, please contact the ATF office.



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Cameron Schafer, Rio Grande HS

Cheerfully fighting the good fight and keeping us informed!

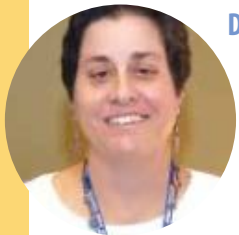
Toni Seidler, Wilson MS

Toni is known throughout the district as a dedicated advocate for her own school's teachers and for ALL teachers. She teaches classes for mentor teachers, invigorates our staff and sustains them with hope in these trying times, collaborates with our parents, administration, and ancillaries, and is a superior model as to how to be a leader, advocate, friend, support and more. She is activism with the voice of reason, and she will never quit fighting for what is right. Please consider my heart-felt nomination for Toni Seidler. She is a gem among teachers, and a jewel for the union, our school, APS and the state's public education system.



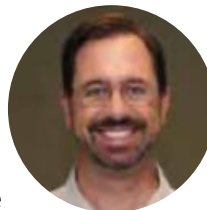
Donna Teuteberg, Sandia HS

She is the social work Fed Rep. She keeps social workers well-informed, advocates for us, has organized continuing education classes for us, and always talks about how important it is for us to support the teachers. She actively encourages social workers to join the union, which is why I joined last year. She is very knowledgeable about the contract for social workers, which is the same as the teacher contract, and is able to advocate for us based on the contract.

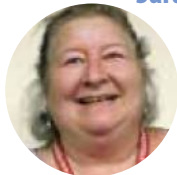


David Wilson, Zia ES

David is known for being outspoken, but I believe he needs to be known for his passion. His passion and love of education is what motivated him to continue to work at Zia part-time as a Bilingual Interventionist after semi-retiring and to continue as Zia's Co-Fed Rep. David stands up for anyone—union member or not—and ensures that every teacher has an ally if they need one. He wears his title of Fed Rep proudly and uses it to advocate for others. David knows the contract language and seeks out answers from others in areas where he is less sure. David is a true leader and is well-respected. David deserves to be honored as Fed Rep of the Year because of his advocacy for teachers, his belief in public education, and for his passion for truth and justice.



Sara Winsett, New Futures HS



Sara is a member of the Teacher's Own the Common Core Team, a dedicated math and science teacher, and, since she works at New Futures, she is an advocate for students who are already struggling to be successful in school. She is active for her school in the Fed Rep Council and is also a voice for special education teachers in the union. Every year, she focuses her passion and activism on the Legislative process in Santa Fe. She redoubled her efforts this year to educate others about the evil and unfair practices of the PED and how they affect the most vulnerable students and their teachers. Sara has volunteered her own time to educate teachers about union issues and has recruited several people from her school to become more active in the cause. She is staunchly aware of the inequality of the current evaluation system and a strong supporter of students with special needs who are hurt by the thoughtless testing process. Sara is a passionate and well-respected teacher who deserves consideration for Fed Rep of the Year.

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