

Turn UMN's Scholars Walk Green with UMN Workers this Friay

Show your AFSCME solidarity with University of Minnesota employees as they demand recognition and respect from the U of M's new president Joan Gabel. This Friday, September 20, members will line up along the "Scholars Walk" as the newly sworn-in president does a walk through meet and greet with public.

President Joan Gabel has met with employee groups throughout the University - everyone except AFSCME members. Her office suggests this is because negotiations with AFSCME are underway. But we know we deserve a seat at the table and Pres. Gabel should take the time to learn about what our members are fighting for: higher wages, better steps and no increases to health insurance costs.

Members in the Metro area: show your solidarity and head to the U's Minneapolis campus at 9:45 am. Meet us where Scholars Walk and Church Street intersect. Don't forget to wear your AFSCME green!



Clerical and technical workers at the University of Minnesota demonstrated outside the McNamara Center in Minneapolis as part of their contract campaign.

Join us at St. Cloud PRIDE this Saturday

St. Cloud family: are you ready for Pride this weekend? The Tenth Annual St. Cloud Pride Weekend kicks off this Friday, September 20!

Pride in the Park at Lake George/ Eastman Park is on Saturday from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, followed by the St. Cloud Pride Drag Show at the River's Edge Convention Center beginning at 8:00 pm.

We'll be there with UnRestrict Minnesota, supporting reproductive care and solidarity with everyone in our community. Stop by the big green and blue AFSCME tent at St. Cloud Pride to learn about our state's current abortion restrictions, and the risk they pose to the fundamental rights of working Minnesotans.

See you on Saturday, St. Cloud!

Member Convention Workshops – Sign Up Now!

Planning is fully underway for the 15th Annual AFSCME Council 5 Member Convention, which will be held October 3-5, 2019 at the DECC in Duluth, MN. You can log into Memberlink NOW to register for the workshops you want to participate in. Log in NOW to find workshop information and descriptions and decide what you want to learn this year! Register ASAP, as space in these workshops is limited.

Registration will be open until September 25 – don't wait, register now! If you need help, please contact the MAC at 651-450-4990.

Seeking Member Stories

Members: if the descriptions below sound like you or someone you know, we want to hear from you!

Student Debt: Are you an AFSCME member who is currently participating in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program? We want to hear from you! As part of our fight against student debt, we're looking for stories from our members who rely on this program. If you've been harmed or would be in serious trouble without the program, please reach out to us at pat.benner@afscmemn.org.

Internal Organizing: Is your local union planning an organizing blitz? Have you been on a mission to sign members up for Direct Dues? We want to highlight some of the ways our local union leaders are getting creative in growing their membership. Email communications@afscmemn.org to tell us what's working for your local!

Radio Control Operators Ratify Contract

AFSCME Local 3142 Unit 25 Radio Control Operators (RCOs) from Roseville and Rochester State Patrol ratified their tentative agreement for the Unit 25 contract for 7/1/19 through 6/30/2021 at voting sites on August 19-20. This TA covers 2.25% increase across the board for 7/1/19 and 2.5% for 7/1/20, improved language for when employees pick up OT on their regularly schedule day off and then could be mandated to work additional OT hours, improved language for sick leave for parent/step-parent, gender inclusive language throughout the contract, increase of comp bank liquidation carryover maximum from 50 to 80 hours, and new paid leave for transitions as a result of non-certification, improved benefits for dental and orthodontia and new vision benefit to begin in 2021.

You're Invited! Labor Film Premiere & Panel Discussion at the Humphrey School Sept. 22

AFSCME Council 5 is proud to cosponsor the premiere of the film, "Summoned: Frances Perkins and the General Welfare" on **Sunday, September 22** at the Ted Mann Concert Hall in Minneapolis. We'd love for you to join us!

Frances Perkins was known for breaking barriers. As Franklin D. Roosevelt's Secretary of Labor, Perkins was the first woman to sit on a Presidential Cabinet. She was

the main architect of the Social Security system, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and even the first overtime and minimum wage laws in the United States. Perkins was a tireless advocate for workers' rights, pushing to establish child labor laws, unemployment and pension benefits, and even helping to define the standard 40-hour workweek.

Check out the trailer of the film at youtu.be/Nw1JVD33iOE – you won't want to miss this event.

Following the 4:00 p.m. screening of "Summoned," University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs Dean Laura Bloomberg and State Auditor Julie Blaha will join filmmaker Mick Caouette at 5:00 p.m. for a panel discussion and Q&A session. Tickets are free, but advance registration is required: register now at events.umn.edu.

Want to help get out the word? Invite your friends and family on Facebook, via Local 3937's Facebook page!

GOTV Efforts Ramping Up

AFSCME members are already hard at work making sure we elect pro-labor candidates this November. Election Day is coming fast. Follow AFSCME Council 5 on social media



Frances Perkins, FDR's labor secretary and one of the most influential women in US history, is the subject of a new documentary screening at the Humphrey School this month.

to keep up to date on our latest endorsements, and for upcoming volunteer opportunities! Watch our events page on Facebook to find out when we're going knocking in your neighborhood.

Get in on the Action

Action Update comes out every two weeks for locals and activists. Download a copy at afscmemn.org. Email communications@afscmemn.org with news and events you'd like shared in our next update.

Mark Your Calendars

| Event | Date | Place/details |
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| "Summoned" Film Screening | September 22, 2019 | members.afscmemn.org |
| Deadline to Register for Convention Workshops | September 25, 2019 | members.afscmemn.org |
| Financial Responsibility Training | September 26, 2019 | Duluth AFSCME Office (211 W. 2nd Street) |
| AFSCME Council 5 Convention 2019 | October 3 - 5, 2019 | DECC (350 Harbor Drive, Duluth) |