

# Getting to know...

**Kimberly Peabody**



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Healthy Campus  
Initiative**

**UUP Member**

*Hello, I am Kimberly L. Peabody, from East Saint Louis, IL (The Land of Lincoln). I have spent my career as a public health professional. I am proud that over my career I have worked on the behalf of populations across the lifespan; all levels of government (local, state and federal), and at non-profit organizations. About 7 1/2 years ago, I moved to Binghamton, NY to join a group of student affairs professionals who really cared about student's overall health and academic success.*

## QUESTION & ANSWER

### **Tell me about your job and why you love what you do?**

*Currently, I am the director of the B-Healthy: Healthy Campus Initiative. We believe that student success starts with the health and wellness of students, faculty and staff. Our job is to empower the campus community to reach their optimal health and wellness. We do that through health education and by creating an environment that supports the community's engagement in healthy behaviors.*

*I believe "the greatest wealth is health" Virgil. So everyday I get to enhance the health and wellness of communities is fulfilling what I believe my purpose is on this earth. Why do I love what I do, I enjoy working with students and my colleagues.*

### **How did you get involved with UUP?**

*I was approached during orientation to join the union. Since joining, I have supported the union workshops and social events. Thanks to UUP's Student Loan workshop, over \$50,000 of my student loan debt has been forgiven.*

### **How do you make a difference?**

*I hope I make a difference by sharing my knowledge and previous experiences with all.*

### **What about your community engagement; any hobbies?**

*I am a member of the leadership committee and incoming chair of the Women's Fund. We are committed to supporting, encouraging and helping women and girls in Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, and Tioga counties. I also serve on the finance and welcome team at Two Rivers Church. I enjoy action movies, long walks (preferably near a beach) and adult coloring books.*