

Winter 2025



Plattsburgh UUP Chapter Newsletter

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Plattsburgh Chapter Elections

<https://uupinfo.org/elections/>

Election term: June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2027

Being active in UUP is the most direct way to have an impact on your work life. Serving as an Officer or a Delegate (or both) is both a learning experience and a way to help your fellow members.

You do not need to be an expert to take on a roll. UUP provides leadership trainings and ongoing workshops.

Elected Chapter Officers

President, Vice President for Academics, Vice President for Professionals, Secretary, Treasurer, Officer for Contingents, and Officer for Retirees.

Academic and Professional Delegates

- Typically, Plattsburgh gets 6 Academic and 4 Professional seats at the Delegate Assembly.
- We need more than those numbers to be elected. If one delegate cannot attend another can be called up.
- The most important role of the delegate is to connect with members at the chapter and bring forward questions and concerns to both the chapter and statewide leadership.
- More info on being a Delegate <https://uupinfo.org/delegates/>

Upcoming Delegate Assemblies:

2025 Fall	Oct 24 - 25, 2025	Albany Hilton	Albany, NY
2026 Spring	Apr 24 - 25, 2026	Crowne Plaza Albany (Desmond)	Albany, NY
2026 Fall	Oct 09 - 10, 2026	Albany Hilton	Albany, NY

Summary: December Chapter Exec Board Meeting

- The number of UUP employees on campus are up from last year:
Sept. 2023 = 606, Sept. 2024 = 612
- A motion was approved to fund 2 Observers for the spring DA, approaching unseated delegates first, then others after. With an agreement to make sure there is an equal distribution of Academics and Professional to participate.
Note that EOL is not available for observers, so time will need to be charged.
- The chapter will draft a Supplemental Allocation request to fund member engagement activities. Treasurer Sandra Rezac will lead a small group for drafting the proposal.
- We will begin drafting new chapter webpages for New Hires. One for academics and one for Professionals. They will include orientation slide/video presentations and links to membership and benefits forms.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Coffee & Breakfast Bites – Spring/Summer 2025

- Each will be held from 8:30-10:00am
 - February 6
 - March 6
 - April 3
 - May 1
 - June 5
 - July 10
 - August 7

Location will be in the Faculty/Staff Lounge unless otherwise indicated

Spring 2025 Chapter Membership Meeting

- Wednesday, February 12th at 12pm
- Alumni Conference rm (ACC)
- Lunch provided

Survey on Plattsburgh UUP Chapter Events

We are in the process of planning more events and social opportunities for our members, and we want to hear from you!

If you have not done so already, [please take a moment to fill out this form and give us your valuable feedback.](#)

Statewide UUP: News, Updates, Events

UUP Student Scholarships

UUP - Steve Street Scholarship Award

- This one time \$500 award is given to an undergraduate student or group of undergraduate students currently enrolled at a SUNY campus who have created any paper or documented any project related to social justice issues or topics. Available to full and part time students, the annual deadline is **May 1**.

[Download Application form here](#)



UUP - College Scholarship Fund Undergraduate Scholarship

- Up to four one-time scholarships of \$3,000 are awarded annually to SUNY undergraduates who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, social justice issues and labor ideals.

Deadline is **March 1**.

[Download Application form here](#)



UUP - William E. Scheuerman Post Baccalaureate Scholarship

- A one-time scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded annually to full-time SUNY graduate students who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, social justice issues and labor ideals.

Deadline **March 1**.

[Download Application form here](#)



UUP Advocacy Day

Why it Matters: UUP efforts over the past 2 years have helped secure increased funding for SUNY benefiting employees and students through new hires, more mental health resources, and growing student support programs. Sharing our stories and those of our students is the most direct way for legislators to understand how essential continued and increased funding is

***Advocacy Day is for
all interested
members!***



**FEBRUARY 25, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

NEW YORK STATE CAPITOL



SCAN
QR CODE
TO REGISTER:



When & Where:

Monday, February 24th from 5:30 pm to 7 pm – UUP Legislative Reception

- At The Albany Room in the Empire State Plaza

Tuesday, February 25th from 9 am to 4 pm – UUP Advocacy Day

- Morning Briefing at the Hilton Albany (40 Lodge Street, Albany NY 12207) followed by legislative appointments at the NYS Capitol and LOB

[Click here to register](#)

Deadline to Register is February 3rd!

UUP 101 Webinars

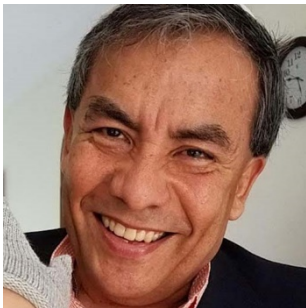
Two more sessions of the UUP 101 webinar have been added for those who have been unable to attend previous workshops:

- Wednesday, January 22 from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
- Tuesday, February 11 from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Click [HERE](#) to register

UUP Service Recognition Awards

UUP has issued Certificates of Recognition and service pins for two Plattsburgh members:



Oscar Flores

Oscar has served as Chapter Treasurer, and he is on the state-wide Black and Latino Faculty/Staff Legislative Committee.



Matthew Salvatore

Matt has served as Chapter Vice President for Professionals.

Drescher Leave Award



Lauren Zito

Lauren Zito, Assistant Professor in Communication Studies, has been awarded A Drescher Leave for the Spring 2025 semester to work on her project:

“The Artist’s Wife”

Post-Production Development of My Time with the Kents In Brigus, NL

“I spent time last summer in Newfoundland to dive more deeply into the little-known world and headspace of Kathleen Kent, the wife of Rockwell Kent, during their brief time at the cottage in Brigus, Newfoundland between 1914 and 1915. I had written a rough script prior to arriving in NL that imagined the interior world of Kathleen from 3 distinct time periods - her time here in Brigus with Rockwell, then some time after, closer to their divorce, and lastly, closer to the end of her life, (she lived to be 100!) I spent time writing, shooting images, and reimagining the script. While there is much written about Rockwell Kent - both by others and from him directly (at length!), there was very little written about his first wife, Kathleen Kent. She also did not keep a journal (at least none exists that is known) and the only thing that remains are some letters she wrote to Rockwell while he was off on his many adventures as well as a few letters to friends.

I started exploring the visual image of Kathleen occupying the space, moving about the space, eternally busy, but perhaps eternally lonely. Occupying this hillside at such a young age with already 3 children, having a partner but ultimately feeling on one’s own.

I would be spending the time gifted to me by the Drescher leave program to do extensive post production development of this project. A few of my post production goals: 1) Assemble and develop the footage shot this past summer at Kent Cottage in Brigus, Newfoundland. 2) Utilize the time to shoot a few of the scenes that require green screen, animation and more technical CGI work. 3) Explore the possibility of local and national film screenings and ultimately, a film screening in Newfoundland Canada in late 2025/2026.”



Campus News

Did You Know? - The Fitness Center is Open to Faculty and Staff



If you would like to join the Fitness Center for the spring session, you can register through your Myplattsburgh account and get a head start before classes resume.

If you would like to give it a try first, we'll be offering a no-obligation two-week trial period starting Monday, Jan. 13th.

Fitness Center Winter Session Hours: M-F 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:00pm-7:00pm

Closed Jan. 20th for holiday observance



For more information, stop by Memorial Hall, visit the website [here](#), or contact Fitness Center Director, Matt Salvatore:

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