



**UUP HSC Chapter**

**AFT Local #2190  
NYSUT Local #40-809**

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Colleagues, a lot has transpired over the past few months as we roll into the new year. As is always the case, January is state budget season. Not as enjoyable as the recently passed holiday season and is much more pertinent to our lives here at Stony Brook. The governor's budget \$233 billion was proposed in late January in this budget the governor proposed \$107 million in new operating aid to SUNY. This falls short of the investment needed to prop up the distressed campuses. There has been an additional \$54 million proposed but as a block grant to SUNY System Administration. UUP is advocating for an additional \$139 Million to fully address deficits at the distressed campuses and to have that allocation go to the specifically distressed campuses.



UUP is also advocating for the state budget to include the restoration of the \$175 million in critical mission funding for the SUNY teaching hospitals. These allocations have been zeroed out over the past decade. UUP is also conversing with legislators regarding appropriating funding for the hospital debt service and fringe benefits to be covered in the state budget as they are for any other SUNY facility. The hospitals took a major financial hit during Covid and the state has not fully recognized the harm. Each of our members must contact their legislators and ask them to restore funding to SUNY and the teaching hospitals. To this end, we are having a legislative

event in Albany on March 4 and 5th. On March 4th there will be a legislative reception and on March 5th we will be visiting legislators in their offices. If you are interested you can sign up [here](#). We need to ensure funding for SUNY now and in the future.

## Save SUNY Downstate

In addition to this fight, more importantly, we are fighting to keep Downstate Medical Center from being closed. There is a concerted effort by SUNY to close the hospital at Downstate. Downstate currently has 2700 UUP-represented employees. who would be displaced were this plan to be implemented not to mention the harm to patients who rely on the facilities at Downstate. I have 2 extremely important asks:

1. Go to <https://uupinfo.org/BrooklynNeedsDownstate/> and send letters to your legislators, the governor, and the SUNY chancellor.
2. While on the page, register to join us for a rally at Downstate on 2/29. UUP will be providing a bus (hopefully buses) to take participants to Downstate for the Noon rally. It is vitally important to us at Stony Brook not to see a sister hospital closed.

Downstate is vitally important to the population it serves, which is primarily the uninsured and underinsured. It is the only state public hospital in the area and Downstate Medical educates many physicians who serve New Yorkers. Without a hospital, the medical school can not survive either. Please join us in beating back this effort by sending the letters and joining us for the rally!

In addition, other campuses are on the line including Potsdam, Fredonia, and Buffalo State. The system is under attack by those charged to lead it.

## IDA application portal open

The 23/24 IDA application portal is open. Applications will be accepted through May 14th. All applications and supporting materials are to be submitted online through the application portal at <http://sbhscuup.org>. The period covered for this round is 7/2/23 - 7/1/24. All projects must be completed in this time frame. The grants awarded are up to a maximum of \$2000 per bargaining unit member and can be applied to up to 2 projects during the above-mentioned award period. Once submitted the applications and materials go through 3 reviews and must be approved at all levels. A copy of the guidelines can be found [here](#) and on the application portal. The guidelines explain the nature of the acceptable activities. As well as the appropriate documentation to be submitted. The application is a fillable PDF. **Please do not print it and hand-fill it.** The values will be automatically calculated within the document once entered.. Once the application is complete save it to your local computer and upload it to the portal along with your CV, project description documents, and receipts if you have them. Please direct questions to [Daniel Braun](#), committee chair.

## Chapter Meeting

On February 28th, we will be holding our annual chapter meeting to present, discuss, and vote on the chapter budget. We will also be discussing the situation at Downstate and throughout SUNY. The IDA, CLEFR, and CLRP-renewals programs. We will be joined by The statewide Vice President



for Professionals, Carolyn Kube. The chapter meeting is open to UUP members only and will be held from Noon-1:00 pm in HSC Level 2 Lecture Hall 2 Please RSVP to the office by email at [stonysbrookhsc@uupmail.org](mailto:stonysbrookhsc@uupmail.org)

## Empire Knowledge Base (EKB)

As part of our contract negotiations and akin to the IDA. We are granted by the Office of Employee Relations (OER) access to the NYS Empire Knowledge Base. This benefit has a variety of tools that can be used for professional development. There are many topics provided that can be beneficial to our members in the workplace. There are online courses, books, as well as workshops and seminars. OER promotes various benefits from time to time like those in the flyer below. I encourage all of the members to take a look and take advantage.



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### EMPIRE KNOWLEDGEBANK (EKB) ONLINE LEARNING

#### Spotlight On: Productivity & Collaboration Tools - Design

Productivity & Collaboration Tools - Design topics available through EKB include:

- ☑ Getting Started with Acrobat Pro DC
- ☑ Website Development Tools
- ☑ InDesign Fundamentals in Adobe InDesign CC 2015
- ☑ Adobe Illustrator Fundamentals
- ☑ Adobe Edge Animate for Dummies (Book)
- ☑ The Dreamweaver Interface in Adobe Dreamweaver

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[Click here to access the EKB guidelines and application](#)  
[EKB License Guidelines](#) and [EKB License Application](#)



- 2/29 [Save Downstate Rally at Downstate \(Buses provided\) Click to Register](#)
- Chapter Meeting 2/28 Noon-1:00 [RSVP](#) here
- 3/4-5 [Advocacy day in Albany Click to Register](#)

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## Consider Helping Members in Need

Perhaps you did not know, NYS has a leave donation program that allows state workers to donate their vacation time to be used as sick time to assist employees in need. These donations can be made across unions and can mean the world to a peer with a long-term medical issue.

Please consider donating extra leave time to members on long-term medical leave. By donating vacation days these members can remain on the payroll and continue to receive much-needed health insurance. The donations are directed specifically to individuals the days cannot be placed into a pool. Links to the necessary forms are below. Complete the form and email or fax to time and attendance. The annual leave days over 40 will be stripped on 1/1/24.

[Ricardo Misciagna - ED](#)

[Sergio DaSilva Vollmer - NICU](#)

[Colleen Scully - Purchasing](#)

[Nicole Borak - 15 S Medical Telemetry](#)

[Joy Klein - MRI](#)

[Cheryl Rooney - OT outpatient](#)

Every day donated is a tremendous help and comfort to those in need

Also, if you know of someone who might need leave donations due to an unforeseen extended illness please pass on the form below for them to complete and return to Human Resources to evaluate for eligibility and processing.

[Leave Donation request application.](#)

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## Important numbers

<b>UUP Benefit Trust Fund</b> PO Box 15143 Albany, NY 12212-9954	<a href="http://www.uupinfo.org">www.uupinfo.org</a>	<b>800-887-3863</b> <b>Fax: 866-559-0516</b>
<b>UUP Member Services</b>	<a href="http://www.uupinfo.org">www.uupinfo.org</a>	<b>800-342-4206</b>
<b>UUP Retiree Services</b>	<a href="http://www.uupinfo.org">www.uupinfo.org</a>	<b>800-342-4206</b>
<b>Delta Dental</b> PO Box 2105 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-2105	<a href="http://www.deltadentalins.com/uup">www.deltadentalins.com/uup</a>	<b>800-471-7093</b>
<b>Davis Vision</b> PO Box 1525 Latham, NY 12210	<a href="http://www.davisvision.com">www.davisvision.com</a>	<b>800-999-5431</b>
<b>Laser Vision Correction</b> (Client Control 7512)	<a href="http://www.davisvision.com">www.davisvision.com</a>	<b>800-584-2866</b>
<b>NYSUT Member Benefits</b>	<a href="http://www.memberbenefits.nysut.org">www.memberbenefits.nysut.org</a>	<b>800-626-8101</b>
<b>AFT+ Member Benefits</b>	<a href="http://www.aft.org">www.aft.org</a>	<b>800-238-1133</b>
<b>The Empire Plan</b> Medical Program Hospital Program Mental Health & Substance Abuse Programs Prescription Drug Program NurseLine	<a href="http://www.cs.ny.gov/employee-benefits">www.cs.ny.gov/employee-benefits</a>	<b>877-769-7447</b> Press 1 Press 2 Press 3 Press 4 Press 5
<b>HMOs</b>	Call the specific HMO for information	
<b>Retirement Systems (Pensions)</b> NYS & Local Retirement System NYS Teachers' Retirement System	<a href="http://www.osc.state.ny.us">www.osc.state.ny.us</a> <a href="http://www.nystrs.org">www.nystrs.org</a>	<b>866-805-0990</b> <b>800-348-7298</b>
<b>Optional Retirement Programs (ORP)</b> TIAA, Fidelity VALIC, VOYA	<a href="http://www.suny.edu/retirement/orp">www.suny.edu/retirement/orp</a>	<b>Contact campus Health Benefits Administrator</b>
<b>NYS Deferred Compensation Plan</b>	<a href="http://www.nysdcp.com">www.nysdcp.com</a>	<b>800-422-8463</b>
<b>NYS Dept. of Civil Service</b>	<a href="http://www.cs.ny.gov">www.cs.ny.gov</a>	<b>800-833-4344</b>
<b>Workers' Compensation</b>	<a href="http://www.foalaw.com">www.foalaw.com</a>	<b>866-362-4887</b>
<b>Flex Spending Account</b> Dependent Care Advantage Account (DCAA) Health Care Spending Account (HCSA) Adoption Advantage Account NYS-Ride	<a href="http://www.flexspend.ny.gov">www.flexspend.ny.gov</a>	<b>800-358-7202</b>



# NEW EMPLOYEES, JOIN US FOR: **NEOs at NOON**

**Learn about your UUP benefits and  
receive expert tips on how to utilize  
and maximize them.**



**NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATIONS  
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**



Visit <https://bit.ly/UUPWelcome> for dates and to register.

## **PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR NEW COLLEAGUES**

Welcome to Stony Brook HSC!

New employees who missed Orientation or want to find out more about your union and the Benefits provided!

Our union, United University Professions (UUP), was formed over 45 years ago to provide a collective voice for SUNY faculty and professional staff, to improve terms and conditions of employment for full-time and part-time workers, to advocate for SUNY funding, and to provide job protections for all. Together we have done that and more.

Please join us for a virtual UUP New Employee Orientation (NEO) to learn more about the benefits of being a UUP member and tips and tricks for maximizing your benefits. UUP NEOs at Noon are hosted Wednesdays at 12 pm. Sign up [HERE](#).

If you have not already, you can fill out your membership application [HERE](#).

Don't hesitate to reach out to our SBHSC Chapter Office at:  
631 444-1505 with any questions.



If you have questions or concerns  
please call the UUP office at  
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email: [bkube@uupmail.org](mailto:bkube@uupmail.org)

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