

UNITY

HEALTHCARE ROUNDTABLE **May 6, 12 PM**

Moderator: Fred Kowal, UUP President

Panelists:

Senator Rachel May- New York State Senate District 53

Dr. Jim Malatras- Chancellor; State University of New York

Dr. Camille Clare- Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Professor; SUNY Downstate

Edline Jacquet- Chief of Staff; Office of NY Senator Zellnor Myrie, Senate District 20



Join us for a **virtual roundtable discussion** focused on **healthcare**.



Register & learn about future roundtables:
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You are invited to attend a virtual speech
by American Federation of Teachers President

RANDI WEINGARTEN

Thursday, May 13, 2021
11 a.m. EDT



Return, Recover and Reimagine
**TOWARD A RENAISSANCE IN
AMERICA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

We have the rare opportunity to rethink public education in America—in the wake of the crises brought about by the pandemic, and with the possibilities created by an unprecedented infusion of federal funding into our schools and communities.

Join AFT President Randi Weingarten on Thursday, May 13, at 11 a.m. EDT, for a major address that will outline our union's vision for public education as we emerge from the pandemic.



**Virtual 2021
Ex Board
Meetings**

Thursday, February 18
11:30 am—12:30 pm

Thursday, March 18
12:00 pm—1:00 pm

Thursday, April 15
12:30 pm—1:30 pm

Thursday, May 13
12:30 pm—1:30 pm



**UUP CONGRESSIONAL TOWN HALL WITH
Rep. Antonio Delgado**



**JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL CONVERSATION
WITH NEW YORK'S 19TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
ANTONIO DELGADO**

**MAY 18, 2021
5 PM**

**REGISTER AND SUBMIT QUESTIONS:
<http://bit.ly/UUPDelgado>**





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Click onto the link below for more information:

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

Or you may contact:

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Virtual Student Debt Clinics - May dates

Over 12 million people in the United States are struggling to make their monthly student loan payments, and millions more see economic and personal opportunities pass as they prioritize paying down their debt. Does this sound like you or someone you know?

Many of these people may qualify for free federal programs that can help reduce their monthly payments and eventually lead to student loan forgiveness, but these lifeline programs are significantly under-enrolled. In an effort to help our members get access to these programs, United University Professions and the American Federation of Teachers are proud to host a Student Debt Clinic which will provide information on how to enroll in Income-

Driven Repayment plans and Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

We will be offering virtual Members Only Student Debt Clinics on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM via webinar.

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM via webinar.

To attend one of the virtual **Members Only Student Debt Clinics**, you must pre-register here: <http://go.aft.org/StudentDebtClinicRSVP>.

From the “student debt clinic” drop down menu, please select the UUP clinic that you are interested in attending – they are labeled “UUP [Virtual Student Debt Clinic] [date] [time].” In the affiliate field, type in the full name of our local (United University Professions), and it will autofill after a few keystrokes.

Registration is first come, first serve, and we must cap attendance for a single clinic at 75 participants in order to ensure that we are able to provide maximum assistance to attendees. Registration will close 48 hours prior to the virtual clinic. Webinar login information will be provided prior to the clinic to all who register. [If you can’t make one of these virtual clinics, don’t worry – we’re planning on offering them every payday. If you want to help host a chapter-specific virtual clinic, please let us know!]

Managing your student loan debt is the first step in taking on the inequities which plague our system of higher education, and we look forward to seeing you at the virtual Student Debt Clinic and working together to find a collective solution to the problems of student debt and college affordability!



*News from the desk of
Dr. Frederick E. Kowal, President*

Dear Colleagues,

As promised, I am sharing the information we received late yesterday, Friday, May 14th from the Office of the State Comptroller regarding our long-delayed negotiated 2020 salary increases, and those raises we are due for this year. The dates we will receive the money we are owed by the State of New York are as follows:

1. Those who are due 2020 raises will receive that increase and retroactive payments in paychecks dated **August 4, 2021**.
2. Raises that we are due for this year will be paid as scheduled: **12-month employees** whose increases are effective in July will see the 2021 increase in paychecks dated **August 18, 2021**.
3. Those who are **10-month/academic year employees** whose increases are effective in September will see the 2021 increase in checks dated **September 15, 2021 or September 29, 2021**.
4. **Adjunct faculty** will see the 2021 increase in their first check after they return to obligation.

Please share this with your chapter membership ASAP. We will also be sending a letter to all UUP bargaining unit members (we'll be urging non-members to join) that includes this information along with updates on our advocacy regarding safe reopening for the fall se-

mester.

Thanks to all of you for your hard work and for dealing so well with the stress of having to respond to members who have been frustrated and angry at the long delay in getting these raises. We're getting through fairly well, all things considered, but fights remain -- as they always do.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend and please take care,

In Solidarity,
Fred

Pre-Retirement Workshop: May 18th and 20th

We still have some open spots for this month's Pre-Retirement Workshop on Tuesday and Thursday May 18 & 20th from 12-1pm. We split the workshop over two days so we could cover the items covered in an hour so it can be done at lunchtime. Part 1 deals with Medicare and trading in sick days to pay for health insurance and Part 2 deals with the available benefits such as Vision and Dental care that staying a member of the union provides. You may take these workshops as many times as you like as the information is rather complex especially with Medicare. Also you can take these in any order as they don't depend on each other, also next month we will be doing them in the evening. These Workshops have been very popular over the past year and we have had over 2,000 sign up for them and I encourage every member to attend, even new members so you understand the great benefits we have negotiated for you over the past 45+ years. Walter Apple does a great job at running these workshops and is able to answer individual members questions. We don't record these workshops because

of privacy concerns and because the information does change and we want to make sure you have the most current data. Just a heads-up There has been talk in the legislature recently of an Early Retirement Incentive but nothing has passed or been signed by the Governor so we will not cover this during the workshop.

To register for the workshop use the below link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbMzKo9yZR7Xu75XiPvCOZgn72lrDJoUUSjzXsmct7YuRJ2A/viewform>

In Solidarity,
Tom

Tom Hoey
State Wide Membership Development Officer
United University Professions



Governor Cuomo Announcement

Governor Cuomo has announced that COVID vaccinations will be required for all SUNY and CUNY students for the fall semester -- once vaccines receive permanent FDA approval. Not many details beyond this, as it came during his press conference. I'll keep you posted as we get further details.

In Solidarity,
Fred

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