

President's Report – April 2025

Spring 2025 Delegate Assembly

President Shirley Clark, Vice President for Professionals Jessie Simpauco, Treasurer Richard Tyler, Officer for Retirees Loraine Tyler, and Delegates Ed Wesnofske, Penina Kamina, Michael McAvoy, and Jerianne Jerminario represented Oneonta at **the Spring 2025 Delegate Assembly** held in **Albany** from **April 3–5, 2025**. The event saw a commendable level of participation from the Oneonta chapter. Notably, this was Vice President Simpauco's inaugural attendance at a Delegate Assembly. With new Professional Delegates appearing on this year's ballot, it is the chapter's intention to encourage broader participation among Professional members at the upcoming Fall Delegate Assembly, thereby ensuring continued and robust representation of Oneonta UUP.

Panel Discussion on Student Engagement

On another note, we unfortunately had to delay the panel discussion on the issue of **Student Classroom Engagement and Attendance**. The session, titled "*Confronting Disengagement and Absence*," will be moved to the Fall 2025 semester and we will announce a date closer to that timeframe.

Oneonta UUP Visibility Week – April 28 to May 1

Under the leadership of our dedicated **Membership Development Officer, Matthew Unangst**, we're proud to announce **Oneonta UUP Visibility Week**, taking place from **April 28 through May 1**. This week-long celebration of union solidarity and campus community will kick off with a warm welcome from **Oneonta UUP Chapter President Shirley Clark** on April 28.

Throughout the week, we have an exciting lineup of events and activities:

- **April 28**
We're especially excited to welcome **Fred Kowal, UUP Statewide President**, who will be joining us to discuss the **Current Political Climate and UUP**.
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM in **Le Café, Morris Hall**
That same day, join us for a screening of the film "*Union*" from **4–6 PM at the Red Dragon Theatre in Hunt Union**.
- **April 29**
Academic Freedom Workshop
Led by **Chris Sielaff, Labor Relations Specialist**
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM at the **Waterfront Café, Hunt Union**

Later that day, we'll be teaming up with the Athletics Department at the **Oneonta Baseball Game** (4:00 PM) for a fun, spirited event featuring **hamburgers and hotdogs**.

Wear your union colors and show your pride—**CSEA** will be joining us for this event, too!

- **April 30**

Art & Labor Discussion

Bring your lunch and gather in the **Art Gallery** for a thoughtful conversation on the intersection of creativity and labor.

- **May 1**

Professional Workshop

Presented by **Carolyn Kube**, UUP Statewide Vice President for Professionals

We'll wrap up the week with a **solidarity rally on the IRC Quad**, in collaboration with **CSEA on May 1st from 3:30-4:30**. Let's show the campus that it's **union workers who keep SUNY Oneonta running strong!**

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to **Matthew Unangst** for his tremendous effort and coordination in organizing this week of events.

This is our moment to stand together, build unity, and demonstrate unwavering support for all Oneonta workers. Let's make this week one to remember!

New Oneonta UUP Chapter Website

I'm excited to invite everyone to check out our brand-new Oneonta UUP Chapter website: <https://uuphost.org/oneonta/>. The site will officially launch on **May 1st**, but we welcome you to explore it now and get familiar with its features.

As you browse, if you notice anything missing or have suggestions for content you'd like to see added, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact Jessie Simpauco at **jessie_simpauco@live.com** so we can make any necessary updates before our upcoming Chapter Meeting.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the tremendous effort that went into creating this fresh, user-friendly website. This was a major undertaking, and it came together so smoothly thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Communications Committee. Special thanks to Committee Chair **Matthew Unangst**, along with members **Jessie Simpauco**, **Ethan Fox**, and **Anthony Nicols**. Their technical skills, creativity, and teamwork were essential to bringing this project to life, and I'm deeply grateful for their contributions.

Finally, a heartfelt thank-you to **John Bugyi**, Associate Director for Marketing, for generously sharing high-resolution springtime images of SUNY Oneonta. His contributions significantly elevated the visual appeal of the site.