



ATA NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS' UPDATE

Dear Members,
Welcome back to school. Your union dues make you a member of an organization that's dedicated to improving your working life. We hope you find community in ATA, whether it's attending a school board meeting, walking in the Solano Stroll, attending a new member event, a social justice workshop, or serving as a union representative or officer. We look forward to seeing you soon. – Kim & Chris

NEW MEMBERS!

We are thrilled to have you onboard! Our first new member gathering will be Friday, September 22nd, at Albany High in room C-103 (High School Annex) at 3:30pm. We'll start with an orientation meeting and then move off site for food and drinks. Come join the fun!

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

We are in active negotiations with the district over contract language with a focus on elementary class size, special education, and salary. The goal of these negotiations is simple: to keep Albany Unified School District an excellent place to teach and learn. Special thanks to our hardworking bargaining team!

UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Thanks to all of you who came out to the school board meeting on August 29th to support our bargain. Let's keep those red shirts on display! The next two board meetings are Tuesday, September 12th and Tuesday, September 26th at 7pm at Albany City Hall (intersection of Buchanan and San Pablo).

SOLANO STROLL

Please join ATA in the Solano Stroll kick-off parade on Sunday, September 10th, at 9:30am on the corner of Solano and Colusa (technically in Berkeley). The walk is straight down Solano ending at Masonic. It's a great way to show our union presence in the community. If interested, please let your site rep know.

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the District regarding class coverage compensation was only for the 22-23 school year. Members were paid their per diem hourly rate. However, the district is not willing to extend the M.O.U. after weighing the costs. Therefore, we are back to the regular hourly rate in the ATA Bargaining Agreement: \$43.67 per hour. So, if you cover a 50 minute class, you are paid \$36.39.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

ATA is looking forward to having more representation outside of our local. If you are interested in any of the Social Justice virtual workshops CTA is offering, please contact Chris or Kim for registration information.

- September 25, 2023, 4:30-6pm: Moving Beyond Awareness to Allyship: How Educators Can Take Action
- October 24, 2023, 4:30-6pm: LGBTQ+ Leadership Advocacy
- November 14, 2023, 4:30-6pm: BIPOC Leadership Advocacy
- February 6, 2024, 4:30-6pm: Transformational Social Emotional Learning
- March 5, 2024, 4:30-6pm: Women's Leadership Advocacy

WHO ARE OUR ATA LEADERS?

- ATA Executive Board 23-24: Kim Gray (Co-President), Chris Knight (Co-President), Patty Bruns (Vice-President), Jen Gripman (Secretary/Membership Chair), Tobias Bodine (Treasurer)
- ATA Officers 23-24: Karen DeHart (Grievance Chair), Linda Kaiser (Organizing Chair), Jared Law (Elections Chair), Emily Surowtiz (Bargaining Chair), Toni Martinez (Social Media Chair), Sean Morris (Website Chair)
- CTA State Council Rep: For the first time ever, Albany has representation at CTA's top policy-making body. Congratulations, Jared Law, on being elected!
- CTA Human Rights Cadre Trainer: Jen Gripman was selected by CTA to be among a group of 50 teachers statewide to conduct social justice training for locals and at conferences across California. Congrats, Jen!