



Local 2209

Hello from Holli

April 26, 2023



TEXTING SYSTEM

We are still working out a few bugs with the new regulations on texting our members. We appreciate your patience with this. Once again, if you USED to receive texts and are no longer receiving them, please email info@uaw2209.org and include your name and telephone number. A reminder, the new number assigned to UAW Local 2209 Text System is **260-673-5118**. Save this number in your phone as a contact to make this transition easier!

GOSSER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to our Local 2209 Gosser Scholarship Winners! What an honor for us to have FIVE scholarship recipients for 2023!

David Sheets— senior at Adams Central High School, Monroe, IN, who ranked 9 out of a class of 70 students. Kimberly Sheets, Avancez VAA Unit Chairperson, is his mother.

Alyssa Burgei-senior at Continental Local High School, Continental, OH, who ranked 1 out of a class of 31 students. Craig Burgei is a 1st shift Skilled Trades worker at General Motors

Sofia Cetrone-senior at Homestead High School, Fort Wayne, IN, who ranked 17 out of a class of 528 students. Vince Cetrone is the District 3 Alternate Committeeman at General Motors.

Samuel Ratkos-senior at Homestead High School, Fort Wayne, IN, who ranked 51 out of a class of 528 students. Phil Ratkos is in the Apprentice Program at General Motors.

McKailyn Lort— senior at Northop High School, Fort Wayne, IN who ranked 2 out of a class of 550 students. Daniel Lort, Jr. works 1st shift, Trim IP line at General Motors

Congratulations also to Kaitlyn Chlebeck for being a runner up for the scholarship. She has been awarded \$1,500 from Region 2B Retired Workers & the Scholarship fund.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION CANDIDATE MAILINGS

Just a few reminders during the Triennial Election: ALL candidates are allowed to send flyers in the mail, at THEIR expense. The mailers are sent using the Local's address because they cannot release member addresses, they must come from the hall. Each candidate has been provided the option for mailings, as well as other ways to campaign. Just because the mailer comes from the hall, it DOES NOT mean the candidate is endorsed by the current administration. If you choose to be removed from these and all union hall mailings, please email signup@uaw2209.org with your request.

2023 WORKER S' MEMORIAL DAY

More than 50 years ago on April 28, Workers Memorial Day, the Occupational Safety and Health Act went into effect, promising every worker the right to a safe job—a fundamental right. The law was won because of the tireless efforts of the labor movement, which organized for safer working conditions and demanded action from the government to protect working people. Since then, unions and our allies have fought hard to make that promise a reality—winning protections that have made jobs safer and saved lives. But our work is not done. Each year, thousands of workers are killed and millions more suffer injury and illness because of dangerous working conditions that are preventable.

Through the labor movement, working people have won safety and health protections from the shop floor to the halls of Congress. Unions are fighting for safe jobs for everyone, regardless of race, gender, employment relationship or background. Winning strong standards from governments and employers raises the standard of practice. Educating working people on their rights keeps our most vulnerable from being silenced. The labor movement is a community that comes together to ensure everyone goes home at the end of a work shift, alive and without the chronic illnesses caused by work exposures that continue to plague many workers.

In recognition of this day, flags will be flown at half-staff, and we will observe a one-minute moment of silence on Friday, April 28 during each shift as follows:

3rd shift 230am-2:31am

1st shift 10:30-10:31am

2nd shift 6:30-6:31pm

**WORKERS'
MEMORIAL
DAY**
APRIL 28



2023 FORT WAYNE TOUCH A TRUCK

Touch-a-Truck is a free family event sponsored by the Early Childhood Education Program in partnership with the Office of Student Life, and INAEYC. Rain or Shine, children are invited to explore many types of vehicles up close! Horns may be loud, so please bring/use ear protection.

This event is held outside in the east parking lot of the Coliseum Campus.



In Solidarity,

Johari Murphy