

# YSU-ACE UNION

Association of Classified Employees  
1 Tressel Way, Youngstown, Ohio 44555



## Upcoming Events

### Welcome Week campus give-away

Wednesday, August 28

### Charter Bus to YSU v Pitt Game

Saturday, September 21

## Take Your Break with ACE

The Member Engagement Committee sponsored a nice morning break for members on May 1 and 2, providing donuts, coffee, and a chance to win a \$25 Giant Eagle gift card. There were four locations to make it convenient for members during their break: Meshel Hall bridge, Lariccia Lounge in Jones Hall, Beeghly College lobby, and the IT Help Desk lounge in Kilcawley Center.

If you have an idea for an event, let us know!



## Bus trip to YSU vs. Pitt football game, September 21

The next Member Engagement activity will be a charter bus for members and a guest from Youngstown to the Acrisure Stadium in Pittsburgh to watch the Penguins take on the Pitt Panthers. Be on the lookout for more information about this event!

## Election Results

The ACE Election committee sent electronic ballots to members' YSU email. They received 110 out of 163 (67%) ballots. Voting ended on June 18 at 5pm.

Terms begin September 1.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: **Jill Mogg\***

Treasurer: **Tatiana O'Dell\***

Executive Committee: **Kay Helscel**

**Rob Chance**

**Eric Barr**

OEA/NEOEA Delegates: **Joe Audia\***

**Jalon Tirado\***

**Barry Jenkins\***

*Asterisk (\*) denotes position elected by acclamation.*



## Executive Committee Corner

We remind everyone that we are here to represent you and we are only as strong as your voices. Please contact any of us.

**President:** Melanie Leonard, Student Employment Specialist  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres:** Nancy O'Hara, Academic Ops Specialist 1  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres:** Jill Mogg, Academic Ops Specialist 2  
**Secretary:** Cassie Nespor, Curator  
**Treasurer:** Kim Jenkins, Business Ops Specialist 2

### Executive Committee:

Joe Audia, Technology Support Technician 2  
Lisa Devore, Academic Operations Specialist, 2  
Kay Helscel, Records Management Officer  
Kevin Hood, Automotive Mechanic 3  
Steve Katros, Academic Ops Specialist 3  
Sherry Massaro, Academic Ops Specialist 3

The last meeting of the **Executive Committee** was on July 11 at 11:30am in Cushwa Hall Room 1412. At the meeting we voted to keep dues the same, planned upcoming events, and heard reports on membership, finances, and LOUs. As a reminder, our dues cover our membership in OEA, which includes benefits and discounts. A recent grant from OEA allowed us to host several events for members last year. The Membership Engagement Committee is planning to apply for a larger grant this year.

Our next meeting will be on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in Cushwa Room 1412.

## Healthcare premiums, Raises, Bonuses

The new employee health care costs took effect July 1. You will see those higher costs in your paycheck on July 26. The next 2% raise negotiated in our contract takes effect August 11, so you will see that reflected in your paycheck on September 6. After that, we will receive our Year 2 bonus of \$500 bonus for full-time employees (or prorated for part-time employees).

## President's Corner

HAPPY SUMMER! I hope all of our members are taking some much-needed vacation time to get some rest and relaxation. Campus is quiet now, but before you know it, August will be here along with the start of the Fall semester.

September 1 starts our new membership year. Newly elected officers and executive board members will take their seats to start their two-year terms. We welcome our new Treasurer, Tatiana O'Dell, and our new executive board members, Rob Chance and Eric Barr. (List of officers and executive board members as of September 1 is on our website.)



## Thank you, ACE retirees!

**Maureen Adams-** AOS 2, Math & Statistics

**Niki Cole-** AOS 2, Teacher Education & Leadership

**Jeanette Modarelli-** Registration & Records

## Welcome Week Give-away

ACE will be handing out sweets by the Howard Jones statue to welcome students, staff, and faculty to campus on **Wednesday, August 28** from **11am to 1pm**. If you'd like to help on your lunch break, please contact Kay Helscel.

## Website & Facebook page

Don't forget to check our updated OEA website – <https://ysuace.ohea.us> - for event information, newsletters, current officers and Executive Committee members, and Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Follow the ACE Facebook account **@YSUACE** too!



## Welcome New Members!

**Michele Bova-** Academic Ops in Teacher Education

**Steve Cashbaugh-** Grounds

**Willie Harris-** Printing Services

**Jaheem Hughes-** IT Customer Services

**Michael Ianazone-** Business Ops in Registration and Records

**Jennifer Jackson-** Business Ops in Admissions

**Vincent Krasinski-** IT Customer Services

**Theresa Leonard-** Academic Ops in HHS Dean's Office

**Alyse Monroe-** Business Ops in STEM Dean's Office

**Joshua Neiheisel-** IT Customer Services

We welcome back our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Jill Mogg, and Executive Board member, Kay Helscel. And we thank those members who will attend NEOEA and OEA representative assemblies as our delegates in the Fall and Spring: Joe Audia, Jalon Tirado, and Barry Jenkins.

A big thank you to those members who have served the union diligently over the last two years and longer: Kim Jenkins, Sherry Massaro, and Steve Katros. Your wisdom and guidance have served the union well.

Lastly, thank you to all members who ran for executive committee in our recent election. It is imperative that we have new members in these leadership roles as you will be the face of our union in years to come.

Our new ACE Membership Engagement Committee (a combination of our Social Committee and Membership Action Team) is working very hard to plan different events to bring us together such as the upcoming bus trip to the YSU v. Pitt game in Pittsburgh on September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any ideas for social events, contact Rob Chance, Eric Barr, or Kay Helscel.

This newsletter includes a list of members who have retired along with the names of our new members. Make it a point to stop and say hello to our "newbies" to welcome them to campus and to our union. Our union is only as strong as its membership is active. I urge you to get involved. We have a number of committees and are always looking for persons to serve on them. Come to our social events, attend chapter meetings, and be an active participant.

And remember, if you ever have any questions about anything, please reach out to an officer or board member. That's why we are here- to answer your questions and help you navigate issues. Looking forward to seeing you all in person soon!

Melanie Leonard, ACE President

## Meet some of our new members

**Michele Bova:** I am taking over for Niki Cole who retired as the AOS 2 in the Department of Teacher Education & Leadership Studies in Beeghly Hall. I am excited for this opportunity and the chance to work at YSU. I grew up in Youngstown and currently reside in Boardman with my husband Frank and my two children, Maria and Geno.

**Vince Krasinski:** I am a Technology Support Technician at the IT Service Desk. I am from New Castle, PA and like to collect physical music media like vinyl LPs, cassette tapes, and CDs. I transferred to YSU from a different institution when I was still a student and recently graduated from YSU in May this year. Even though I just started my full-time position about two months ago, I was previously a student worker at the Service Desk for two years already. I am continuing to enjoy my role here just as I had when I was a student worker. Here's to the future!

**Theresa Leonard:** I'm from Youngstown and I'm the AOS 2 in Military Science. I graduated from YSU in 2018 with a BFA in Theater, but for the past six years I've been working in Boardman as a Bridal Consultant. I'm looking forward to being back at the University in a professional capacity and am excited to see what opportunities arise!

