



YSU-ACE UNION

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

ACE tailgate at Penguin football game September 16

On Saturday, September 16, we had a beautiful day for a tailgate and football game. We had a great turn out and the Penguins won against Robert Morris 48 – 28. Go Penguins!



ACE supports YEA

In September, the Executive Committee voted to donate \$1,000 to the Youngstown Education Association to support their strike expenses. Their strike lasted 3 weeks at the beginning of the school year. Pictured here is YEA President Eric Teusch with our donation.

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

Holiday Lunch

Thursday, December 7

11:30am-1:30pm

DeBartolo Stadium Club

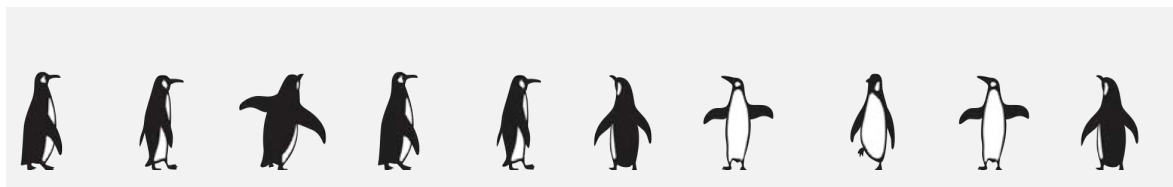
Penguin Pantry donations

The Penguin Pantry on-campus service for students is in need of warm winter clothing.

We will be accepting donations of coats, sweaters, gloves, scarves, warm pants, and boots at our upcoming Chapter Meeting (Tuesday 11/14).

The Executive Committee will purchase items to supplement members' donations. We will deliver all the items to the pantry by the end of November.

Thank you for your support!



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
1st Vice Pres: Nancy O'Hara, Academic Ops Specialist 1
2nd 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 November 9. The next meeting will be on December 14 in Cushwa Hall Room 3227. At our recent meeting, we finalized plans for the Chapter Meeting, ordered more union t-shirts, and heard reports on membership, finances, and social events.

The Communications committee will be updating our OEA website- <https://ysuace.ohea.us>. Check it for upcoming events, newsletters, current officers and Executive Committee members, and Executive Committee meeting minutes.

President's Corner

As I sit here thinking about what to say to our union members as the new union president, I am taken back to my first introduction to the union back in 2008. Although I had already worked for 30 years of my life, this was my first union job. When learning that I was hired to work at YSU, a friend told me to "keep your head down because I know you and you can't help but become involved." Well, keeping my head down lasted less than two years. I became involved with union leadership in 2010 when I became secretary, and I've held that position for the past 13 years. During that time, I also became a member of the grievance committee and eventually grievance chair. I've been on three negotiating teams, and now was elected to be the union president.

If the last 13 years have taught me anything, it is that the union needs good members to sit in positions of leadership. Our officers and executive committee meet monthly to conduct the business of the union. This group of



Thank you, ACE retirees!

Jerry Brandenstein- IT Customer Service

Jayne Caputo- Registrar's Office

Lonnie Gentry- Health Professions

Connie Kolarik- Electrician

Bohdan Lyubuska- Facilities

Rich Richie- Account Examiner

Sylvia Rupert- STEM Office

NEOEA & OEA Assemblies

Joe Audia will be our union's representative at two meetings. The regional NEOEA assembly is on Saturday, Nov 11 at Warren G. Harding High School in Warren from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. The OEA Assembly is on Saturday, Dec 2. This is one-day event at the Ohio Fairgrounds in Columbus from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We look forward to Joe's report!



leaders are elected to serve two-year terms. Our committees help to keep the members engaged and our union moving forward.

We all lead very busy lives. Most of us find ourselves doing the jobs of two or three persons. Our personal lives leave little time for us to do anything extra. And yet, it is important to our union's health that we do have members who are willing to do more than just attend a chapter meeting twice a year.

A good way to become involved is to participate on a committee. Some committees, like the audit committee, will meet several times, review the books for the last year, and be done with their work. Other committees, such as the social committee, will be more involved as they come up with new ideas for us to gather throughout the year and socialize. (Our tailgate was fun and we're looking forward to our Christmas lunch on Dec. 7th.)

Please consider becoming an active union member by joining one of our committees. Information will be provided at the chapter meeting or you can always ask one of our executive committee members. Remember, our union is only as strong as our union members. Working together, we can be strong.

Melanie L. Leonard

YSU-ACE President

Meet some of our new members

Tatiana O'Dell: I'm a fairly new Ohioan resident, coming up on my second year living in Boardman. I was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri- home of the CHIEFS! I love the overcast weather and snowy winters that Ohio offers. I've had a chance to visit NYC and Niagara Falls since moving. I've been happily married for 17 years. I'm a mom of two teen boys, two dogs, and a new kitten. I'm really excited for the opportunity to join the Alumni Engagement team at YSU!



Welcome New Members!

Karlee Clark- Customer Service Assistant

Nicholas DeLucia- IT Application Services

Daniel Duskey- Academic Ops, CCCA

Debbie Gulu- Clerk, Parking Services

John Hazen- IT Customer Services

Ryan Helt- Facilities Maintenance

Scott Hogan- Facilities Maintenance

Janette Koewacich- Academic Ops, BCLASSE

Ryan Leach- IT Customer Services

Jonathan Lopez- Janitorial Services

Daya Mercado- Business Ops, Health Professions

Seth Morrow- IT Application Services

Tatiana O'Dell- Data Admin, Alumni

Andrea Ruehle- Accountant, Bursar

Camellia Senvisky- Monitor, Residence Life

Sherry Vitullo- Academic Ops, STEM

