

*International Brotherhood of*  
**BOILERMAKERS • IRON SHIP BUILDERS**

SUBORDINATE LODGE NO. 13

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**\*\*\*READ CAREFULLY - IMPORTANT NOTICES\*\*\***

Due to Covid-19 restrictions for indoor gatherings in the state of Pennsylvania we are unable to hold a physical meeting at the union hall. Therefore, we will be holding updates monthly via zoom. The February update via zoom will be on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact the union hall if you would like to attend the update meeting via zoom. When calling you will need to provide your name and an email address so a link can be emailed to you to log onto zoom on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Fraternally yours, Robert J. Cryder, III, President – Local Lodge No. 13

**FROM THE DESK OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER**

**\*\*\*Monthly Dues Increase\*\*\*** Monthly dues increased to \$51.70 per month effective January 1, 2021. Remember to put your registration number on your check. Local 13 will no longer be able to cover members who allow their dues to go into arrears!!! A \$500.00 reinstatement fee will be imposed. It is your obligation to the union to pay your dues on time.

**\*\*\*Pay Monthly Dues Online\*\*\*** Members have the option of paying membership dues online. Visit the local's website at [www.boilermakers13.org](http://www.boilermakers13.org), select "Member Resources" then "Online Dues". A convenience fee is added to each transaction. **Please note, the login procedure for the due's payment portal has changed. Username is now your last name and your password is your registration number.** If you have any issues with the portal, please notify the hall immediately.

**\*\*\*Dues Receipts\*\*\*** Monthly dues receipts are being emailed to members with a valid email address on file. If you do not have an email address on file, a paper receipt will be mailed as normal. Please monitor your email inbox to make sure you are receiving dues receipts and contact the hall immediately if you believe there is a problem.

**\*\*\*Email Addresses needed\*\*\*** as we transition more to electronic communication, it is important that we have an accurate email address on file for each member. **If you have not already provided one, please contact the hall with a current email address..** Please note, member email addresses are used for internal lodge communications only and will not be shared with any outside party.

**\*\*\*Workload Update\*\*\* - We will be emailing all active members the upcoming workload after each monthly update.**

**\*\*\*Nuclear Outage\*\*\* There will be a 30-day outage at Susquehanna starting March 22, 2021 with BHI as the contractor and a 25-day outage at Limerick starting on April 25, 2021 with Allied Power as the contractor. Both will involve maintenance activities during the refueling of the reactors. Pre-employment weld testing for Susquehanna will be conducted at Susquehanna and will start during the week of January 19, 2021. Please contact Brad Mickatavage or the union hall if you are interested in these upcoming nuclear outages, and to schedule a time for a welding test for Susquehanna.**

**\*\*\*All Local #13 upcoming events are being postponed due to Covid-19\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Scholarship Dinner Dance Postponed\*\*\*** Due to the recent circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 virus, we have made the decision to postpone our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance that was to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021. We have decided to still go forward with the DVD to honor all the scholarship recipients as the proceeds from the DVD has helped us award scholarships to the students. Ad forms will be mailed to all members in the future.

**\*\*\*Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Scholarship\*\*\*** Scholarships are available from the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO for graduating high school seniors and post-secondary students, affiliated union members and their families. See enclosed application for more details. **Entries must be emailed to [president@paafcio.org](mailto:president@paafcio.org) Deadline to submit your entry via email is February 28, 2021.**

**\*\*\*International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Scholarship \*\*\*** Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and dependents of Boilermaker members. They are based on academic achievement, career goals, extracurricular activities, outside school activities and the applicant's essay. **Scholarship candidates should visit the secure Boilermaker Scholarship website at [scholarships.boilermakers.org](http://scholarships.boilermakers.org) to submit their application and supporting documents. Applications may be submitted between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications will not be accepted after the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.**

**\*\*\*Scholarship Memorial Cards\*\*\*** are available from the office. These cards can be obtained by sending a check payable to the Local #13 Scholarship Program for \$10.00 either with the name and address where the card is to be sent, or have the card forwarded to your home to have available for services. A memorial page will appear in the **2021 Scholarship Program** in honor of those we would like to remember.

**\*\*\* Dispatch Time\*\*\* Please be advised that you can be called for work anytime, not just after 2:00 pm so stay by your phones!** Also, remember to call in your layoff on the day you are laid off. Although it is the duty of the job steward to call in layoffs, it is ultimately **the member's responsibility** to contact the union hall. The best way to inform the union hall of your layoff is to call the union hall after 4:00 p.m. and leave a message on the recorder that you were laid off. Leave the date you were laid off and the name of the job you were laid off from.

**\*\*\*Unemployment Issues\*\*\*** If you are having issues with unemployment please contact the union hall for assistance.

**\*\*\*New phone system at the union hall\*\*\*** We have a new automated phone system at the union hall. You can now call the union hall and get directly in touch with the Dispatch office (option 4), Secretary/Receptionist (option 0), Bookkeeper/dues questions (option 6), Business Manager (option 7) or the Training Coordinator (option 5).

**\*\*\*Injured Workers Advocacy Program\*\*\***The Injured Workers Advocacy Program (IWAP) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that advocates and provides FREE services and resources to workers suffering from work related injuries. The Injured Workers Advocacy Program (IWAP) is NOT a hospital nor a medical center nor a doctor's office nor a medical provider of any type nor does the injured workers advocacy program have a financial or ownership interest in any hospital or medical entity/provider. Additionally, (IWAP) does not provide funding or finances to any medical entity. **(IWAP) Organized Medical Provider Network** – The Injured Workers Advocacy Program (IWAP) has organized a network volunteer advocates, medical professionals and facilities, specializing in the advocacy and treatment of injured workers for the purpose of helping workers suffering from work related injuries secure necessary treatment and injury benefits. **ANTI-Addiction/Anti-OPIOID Campaign** – (IWAP) also advocates to medical professionals for anti-opioid safe treatment methods in order to stop the cycle of addiction incurred by injured workers suffering from both acute and chronic injuries. For more information please see their website at <https://injuredworkersnetwork.com/>

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*** A member outreach committee has been established to help provide non-clinical support for any member who is experiencing personal challenges associated with substance abuse or addiction. The following committee members are available for contact:

Colin Geraci	267-515-1252
Ernie Olavage	215-768-5812
Jim Pearson	610-517-0630
Dale Schaffner, Jr.	570-415-8066
Steve Wolfe	717-821-9049

Also, if you or someone you know needs help, please call the Boilermakers Substance Abuse Crisis Line at 877-244-3572.

**\*\*\*TWIC Enrollment Requirements\*\*\*** Effective July 1, 2015 the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) adopted new enrollment requirements for U.S. born TWIC applicants. TSA is making this change to align TWIC proof-of-citizenship requirements with those of other TSA Programs. Before applying for a TWIC card, be sure to visit [WWW.TSA.GOV/FOR-INDUSTRY/TWIC](http://WWW.TSA.GOV/FOR-INDUSTRY/TWIC) to review the updated list of acceptable documentation.

**\*\*\* Please check the expiration date of your TWIC Card to make sure it has not expired\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*For active members only\*\*\*** Once you renew your TWIC card please send a copy of your TWIC card along with a copy of your paid receipt to the union hall and you will be reimbursed for the cost of renewing your TWIC card.

**\*\*\*Zumba Classes have been cancelled until further notice\*\*\***

**\*\*\*AT&T Cell Phone Subscribers\*\*\*** Take advantage of the AFL-CIO Union Member 15% discount with AT&T on wireless service for union members. For more information see [att.com/wireless/union](http://att.com/wireless/union).

**Fraternally yours, John D. Bland, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer**

**\*\*\*Notices from the Training Coordinator\*\*\***

**\*\*\*M.O.S.T. Annual Drug Test Reminder\*\*\*** - You must have a current M.O.S.T. drug test within a year to be eligible for work.

**\*\*\*Process Safety Management Reminder \*\*\*** Please pay close attention the date of your last PSM class. This training needs to updated yearly to gain access into the refineries.

**The Process Safety Management Class will be held at the union hall at 8:00 am on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>. We will not be holding any PSM Classes in the month of March.** You must call the hall to be scheduled for this class. There will be no walk-ins. We are limited to 15 people per class. We will have as many classes as necessary to get everyone updated. You must be at the union hall by 8:00 am. The doors will be locked at 8:05 am. If you are not on time you will not be able to take the class. Masks will be required to enter the union hall. Bring your own pen or pencil.

**\*\*\*Common Arc Reminder\*\*\*** - Please remember to keep any eye on your common arc expiration date. Contact Matt Fink at the union hall if your common arc is ready to expire.

**\*\*\*MOST 5 Hour Reminder\*\*\*** - Please pay attention to the date of your last 5 Hour M.O.S.T. Refresher. This training needs to be updated once within 5 years to satisfy the referral rules.

**\*\*\*Online Training\*\*\*** - Effective January 1, 2017, all Boilermakers except new apprentices are required to utilize the MOST online training programs for the OSHA 5, 10 and 30-hour courses. Any member who requires training will need to submit a request through the hall, which will then be forwarded to MOST. At this time MOST is not accepting individual, direct training requests. A valid email address will be required for all training requests.

**The following members passed away:**

**Elmer T. Rowe passed away December 22, 2020.** Cards can be sent to:  
Carol Trosko, 1210 Hunter Highway, Tunkhannock, PA 18657

**Peter P. Mulligan passed away December 31, 2020.** Cards can be sent to:  
Peter T. Mulligan, 601 Manor Road, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

**William J. Mitchell passed away January 9, 2021.** Cards can be sent to:  
Barbara Mitchell, 157 Clarks Crossroad, Hanover Township, PA 18706

**James D. Purin passed away January 15, 2021.** Cards can be sent to:  
Christine Kosticky, 704 Broad Street, Tuscarora, PA 17982

**Theodore J. "Teddy" Fink passed away January 16, 2021.** Cards can be sent to:  
Bonnie Fink, 346 Wheatley Avenue, Beverly, NJ 08010

**Leroy J. Stinsman passed away January 25, 2021.** Cards can be sent to:  
Patricia Heiland, 1784 Bunting Lane, Sanibel, FL 33957-4226

**Please remember in your prayers our sick member(s)**

John Barbera	4332 Bermuda Street	Philadelphia, PA 19124	johnbarberajr1@gmail.com
Emanuel Castellano	P.O. Box 14882	Reading, PA 19612	castellano379@gmail.com
Michael J. Frey	2015 N. Konkle Road,	Montoursville, PA 17754	mjfrey88@yahoo.com
James Lehman	135 Abbey Drive	Mt. Wolf, PA 17347-9517	
Frank Malcolm	264 S. Pennsville Auburn Rd.	Carneys Point, NJ 08069	
John Phillips	34 Walnut Street	Norton, PA 19070	

**\*\*\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\*\*\*\*** any sick member requesting that their name and address be included on the sick list will need to sign an Authorization Form. Please contact the union hall if you would like an authorization form mailed to you. **Note:** These members are not all collecting Sick & Distressed benefits. They are listed so you may keep in touch and let them know you are thinking of them. If you are collecting Sick & Distress benefits and are ready to go back to work, please notify the union hall. Failing to do so in a timely manner could jeopardize your last benefit check.

## 2020 Contest Winners

### CATEGORY I

#### GRADUATING SENIORS

1st Place

**MATTHEW NIEDBALA**  
Steamfitters Local UA 449

2nd Place

**SARAH HECK**  
Insulators Local #2

3rd Place

**KIMBERLY WILSONCROFT**  
UFCW 1776KS

*"Almost 150 years after the first major American union was formed, unions are still an effective method of improving the lives of our workers. Union workers still get better benefits, higher wages, and work under better conditions than non-union workers."*

- MATTHEW NIEDBALA

### CATEGORY II

#### POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

1st Place

**FAITH GONGAWARE**  
PSEA

2nd Place

**JOSEPHINE PARSONS**  
SEIU 668

3rd Place

**JACQUELINE SCOBONIA**  
AFSCME 462

*"This dedication to continual improvement is the key to success. The exponential growth of information and the ever-changing world requires agility and adaptation in the workforce, regardless of someone's chosen path. Basic skills and knowledge aside, whoever is ready to put forth the effort is the one who is ready for success."*

- FAITH GONGAWARE

## 2020 Scholarship Sponsors

USW Local 14693      Steamfitters Local 420  
AFSCME Local 3101      IBEW Local 81  
JNESO DC 1, IUOE      IBEW Local 712  
Allegheny Labor Council      NE PA Trades Council

## Education Committee Members

Jerry Jordan <i>Chairman</i> AFT	Ron Oliver Eric CLC
Gregory Vogt <i>Vice Chair</i> IBEW	Ann Marie Ruggiero JNESO, IUOE District 1
Tara Wilson <i>Secretary</i> AFSCME	Catherine Scott AFSCME
Dennis Andrews USW	Byron Shane ATU
Craig Bialek CWA	Arthur Steinberg AFT
Sylvia Hovington UFCW	Nina Visgitis-Esposito AFT
Rich Howell IAM	Ronald Webb IBEW
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SECRETARY-TREASURER

# PENNSYLVANIA AFL-CIO

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST



## WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST?

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Scholarship Essay Contest is a chance for students to learn more about the importance of Organized Labor in America. For over a decade, we have awarded thousands of dollars to students furthering their education.

Scholarships are available exclusively to Pennsylvania AFL-CIO affiliated union members and their families.

Scholarships are offered to students in two categories: graduating high school seniors (Class of 2021), and all post-secondary students.

### HOW TO APPLY

- Essays must be a minimum of 1,500 words on the topic in your respective category. Essays less than 1,500 words will be disqualified.
- Essays must be typed and neatly prepared.
- Titles must be kept as they are on the brochure.
- Entries must be formatted as a PDF file and emailed to [president@paafcio.org](mailto:president@paafcio.org).
- Your application form must be included in essay PDF file, or attached to your email as a separate PDF.
- Entries must be emailed by February 28, 2021.
- A PDF version of this brochure is available online at [paafcio.org](http://paafcio.org).

## 2021 ESSAY QUESTIONS

### CATEGORY I

#### GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

##### *COVID-19 and Unions: A Historical Perspective*

One of the primary purposes of unions throughout history has been to defend workers' rights, health, and safety. How has the presence of unions manifested throughout the pandemic? Health benefits, hazard pay, sick pay/leave, PPE, etc.

### CATEGORY II

#### ALL POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

##### *Government and Unions: Effects from COVID-19*

The Labor Movement has been responsible and contributed to creating many government agencies and worker-friendly legislation, such as OSHA, FMLA, and overtime provisions. How were these and other protections tested and vital to the well-being of the country throughout the pandemic?

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

FIRST PLACE	\$2,000
SECOND PLACE	\$1,000
THIRD PLACE	\$500

I agree to provide proof of school acceptance or enrollment, should I become a scholarship recipient.

SIGNATURE OF CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OR LOCAL UNION

*John D. Blund*

PLEASE STATE THE NAME & ADDRESS OF THE SCHOOL AND/OR PROGRAM YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND

UNION AFFILIATION & LOCAL

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (if known)

NAME

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND INCLUDE IT WITH YOUR ENTRY