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President

Last month, I attended a showing of Robert Reich's movie "Inequality For All," hosted by Know Your City and the Oregon Working Families-Party. The movie talks about how Americans have lost an incredible amount of spending power as the country pulled

Is the economy rigged against the working class? Compelling evidence shows that it is

money out of education, cut taxes for the rich, eliminated programs helping people get on their feet, rigged the rules to benefit corporations, and twisted labor laws so that it now protects employers from their employees.

The movie features interviews with numerous people who are barely scraping by, and a multimillionaire who has a very candid conversation about how the game is rigged to benefit people like him and how that unfair advantage for some is hurting America.

It's pretty compelling. If you are interested in seeing it, I have a few extra copies laying around and I'd be happy to send you one, provided you agree to share

it with co-workers after you are done.

We have got to spread the word!

Working people understand that the economy isn't working for them, but watching the movie helps explain that it isn't an accident. It's a very real choice made by politicians who are practically on the payroll of big business. If you want a copy, send me an email with your name and address to dclay@ufcw555.org.

After the movie, Raahi Reddy from the Labor Education and Resource Center at the University of Oregon, Joe Witt from the Portland Restaurant Association, Taylor McInnis from the Oregon Center for

Public Policy, Alyssa Pagan from Portland State University, and I answered questions about income inequality in the Northwest. Like you, the stories I hear on a regular basis are stunning.

Recently, a retail worker told me rent for her Portland area apartment had been raised \$600 a month over the past year-and-a-half. Up and down the West Coast a staggering number of hard working, dedicated employees are sharing a single family home with multiple families or living in their cars.

Both the movie and the panelists made it perfectly clear it is a national problem and not an accident.

Your Union has been working with community partners to

change the rules that workers have to play by. So far we helped pass an Earned Sick Pay Law covering most Oregonians. We helped pass a significant minimum wage increase. And we have organized hundreds of workers who are now covered by a union contract that provides them affordable quality health coverage and a pension plan. Each of these things puts money in working people's pockets. That is what our economy needs.

For the past several months, we have been helping gather signatures to put a measure on the November ballot in Washington. That ballot measure will give all Washingtonians, including our members, a huge minimum wage hike and first day sick pay. UFCW Local 21 (Puget Sound) is leading the way and Local 367 (Tacoma) is also strongly supporting this progressive and intelligent measure. I'm really excited about putting money in the pockets of working people.

I'm really excited, too, about the changes coming in Oregon and Washington over the next few years. It is very apparent that people are finally paying attention to, and understanding, the war on workers that started in the late '70s. I was recently told that if we had indexed minimum wage to the cost of living in 1978, minimum wage would be over \$20 an hour today.

I'm really proud that when I retire in 20 years that I won't have to tell my members that they could have been making more, but their Union didn't fight the fight to raise everyone's wages. We did, and we won.

Hope Foundation Awards \$21,000 in Scholarships

Following a successful scholarship drive, the Northwest Hope Foundation awarded \$21,000 to 16 students last month.

Recipients of \$2,000 each were **Moriah Shay, Jessica Stinson, Kristin Nozawa, Emily Kirchofer, and Sierra Vunkherr.**

Recipients of \$1,000 each included **Monica Hahn, Sunshine Liu, Logan Neptune, Cody Kiesling, Mame Ahmed, Kayla Connelly, Alexandra Adriano, Molly Beamer, Rachel Shay, Taylor Vogel and Jessica Hendrix.**

Each applicant was required to submit a confidential questionnaire, official high school or college transcripts, three letters

of recommendation, a personal essay, and they had to meet eligibility requirements. A Scholarship Committee then met to review all of the applications. This process was very time-consuming, as each applicant was given personal attention by each

of the committee members. After all the applications were reviewed and scored, they were forwarded to the Northwest Hope Foundation Board of Directors for final approval. The Northwest Hope Foundation met, reviewed the applications

and the selections of the Scholarship Committee, and approved the results.

All of the applicants were outstanding in their scholastic and community work and everyone should be congratulated on their commitment to education. The Northwest Hope Foundation, along with UFCW Local 555, is proud of every applicant.

The Northwest Hope Foundation Board of Directors is comprised of Jeff Anderson, Kevin Billman, Shawna Huffman, Cindy Klein, and Michael Gutwig, editor of the Northwest Labor Press.

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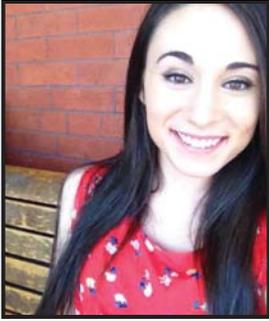
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OUR MISSION:

Providing leadership, representation and education to better the lives of all working people

\$2,000 Scholarship Winners



MORIAH SHAY is an Oregon State University student where she studies Business Management to become a project manager. She had this to say about the NW Hope Scholarship: "I want to thank the NW Hope Foundation Committee so very much for helping to fund my education and my future. Words cannot express how much this scholarship means to me, as it shows immense support for those who are going to give back in the future."



JESSICA STINSON is a Multnomah University student where she is studying to become a teacher. She currently works for Safeway. "Thank you so much for awarding me the NW Hope Foundation Scholarship. I am grateful for your generous support of my education. This scholarship will go a long way in helping me pay my tuition, which is a huge relief to me. Thank you so much for believing in my dream of becoming a teacher and for supporting my studies in elementary education."



EMILY KIRCHHOFER is a Portland State University student studying to become a teacher. She currently works for Fred Meyer. "I would not be where I am today if I hadn't had the brilliant and dedicated educators that took the time to teach my peers and I while growing up. I have the upmost respect for teachers and I know that by becoming one, I would be able to give back to the community that helped make me who I am today."



SIERRA YUNKHERR is a Southwestern Oregon Community College student studying to become a registered nurse. "This scholarship will help me advance towards my RN degree which will enable me to serve my small, rural community."

NOT PICTURED

Kristin Nozawa is a Marylhurst University student studying psychology. She currently works for Kaiser Permanente. She said in her application: "This scholarship will enable me to serve my community by providing much needed services to clients who may be underprivileged or who may come from any underserved population."



\$1,000 Scholarship Winners



KAYLA CONNELLY is currently a high school student who is planning to attend the University of Portland in the fall where she will study nursing. "I plan to major in Nursing and once I graduate I will be able to give back to the community in several ways such as reaching out to local schools to promote healthy lifestyles."



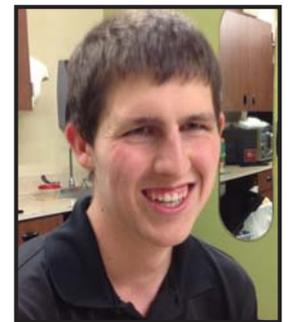
RACHEL SHAY currently a high school student who will be attending Oregon State University in the fall where she will be studying business. She currently works for Fred Meyer. "This scholarship will enable me to serve my community by allowing me to go into business and create family wage jobs for my employees."



MOLLY BEAMER is currently a high school student who is planning on attending Oregon State University in the fall. She will be studying psychology and social services. "I wanted to mention that it is important to me that the NW Hope Foundation helps to raise money for leukemia research. I lost an aunt to leukemia. This puts added meaning to receive this scholarship. I will be studying in the psychology field at Oregon State University in the fall with the desire to become a Child Life Specialist who works with children who have cancer and act as an information liaison and support person for them and their families."



ALEXANDRA ADRIANO is currently a high school student who is planning to attend Purdue University in the fall. She is going to major in business. "This scholarship will enable me to fully focus on my studies. As a result, I will be prepared to apply my knowledge and leadership skills toward achieving social equality, improving employment conditions, and developing fair working practices."



Logan Neptune is an Umpqua Community College student studying aviation with hopes of becoming a commercial pilot. He currently works for Albertsons. "This scholarship will help by decreasing the amount of debt I may obtain. This will enable me to work less and have more free time that I'll be able to put back into my community in the form of volunteering."



TAYLOR VOGEL is currently a high school student. She plans to attend University of Portland in the fall. She will be studying medicine in the hopes of becoming either a doctor or a medical researcher. "I would love to work with schools to teach about medicine and the healthcare field because this was a key part of how I became interested in becoming a physician."



JESSICA HENDRIX is a student at Portland State University studying to become a pharmacist. She currently works for Fred Meyer. "After finishing school I plan to work in a local pharmacy. Through my interactions with patients and volunteering in vaccine clinics, I will be able to give back to my local community."

NOT PICTURED

Monica Hahn is Oregon Health & Science University student who is student health-care administration. She currently works for Kaiser Permanente. "I hope to use my Masters in Business to one day assist with the changing health care market and contribute to the ongoing health care reform to provide high-quality health care to all individuals in need."

Sunshine Liu is currently a high school student who will be attending Stanford University in the fall. She will be studying biochemistry/pre-pharmacy. She currently works for Safeway. "With the money from the scholarship, I won't have to work as much and I would be able to dedicate more of my time to volunteering."

Cody Kiesling is currently a high school student who plans to attend University of Oregon in the fall. He will be studying music education. "This scholarship will help me by giving me the opportunity to become a music teacher and teach children music."

Mame Ahmed is currently a high school student who plans to attend Portland State University in the fall where he will study engineering. He currently works at Safeway. "This scholarship will help pay for my college which, in turn will provide me with my degree in engineering. This will give back to my community by being part of the workforce in Portland."



UFCW LOCAL 555 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



New Member Meetings: Orientation to the Union

UFCW Local 555 understands that for many people belonging to a union is a new experience. For this reason, we hold New Member Meetings every month to introduce you to your union. Attending this meeting will give you some much-needed information about what it means to say "Union Yes!" and the benefits you receive for being a member.

During the meeting you will receive a copy of your contract, along with other important information regarding medical and pension benefits. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and get information about the Northwest Community Credit Union.

For those who qualify, you will receive a one-time credit of up to \$50 off your initiation fee for attending the meeting. Contact your Union Representative for more information on the next meeting in your area or call 1-800-452- UFCW. You may also check the online calendar at www.ufcw555.org.

UFCW Local 555 July 2016 Quarterly Meeting Notices

Meeting Place	Date /Time	Meeting Place	Date / Time
Albany Central Electrical Training Center 33309 Hwy 99E	Wednesday, July 20 Quarterly: 9 am & 7 pm New Member: 10 am & 6 pm	Newport Hallmark Inn 744 SW Elizabeth St	Thursday, July 21 Quarterly: 9 am New Member: 10 am
Astoria/Seaside Labor Temple 926 Duane St	Wednesday, July 20 Quarterly: 6 pm New Member: 5 pm	Pendleton Red Lion 304 SE Nye Rd	Tuesday, July 12 Quarterly: 6 pm New Member: 5:30 pm
Bend Red Lion 1415 NE 3rd	Tuesday, July 12 Quarterly: 9 am & 7 pm New Member: 10 am & 6 pm	Portland - Clackamas Denny's 15815 SE 82nd Drive	Wednesday, July 27 Quarterly: 9 am & 7 pm New Member: 10 am & 6 pm
Coos Bay Labor Temple 3427 Ash St (North Bend)	Thur., July 14 New Member: 6 pm Quarterly: 7 pm	Fri., July 15 New Member: 10 am Quarterly: 9 am	Portland - Eastside Teamsters Hall - Joe Edgar Hall 1850 NE 162nd
Eugene/Springfield Teamsters Hall 711 Shelley St (Springfield)	Tuesday, July 19 Quarterly: 9 am & 7 pm New Member: 10 am & 6 pm	Portland - Hillsboro National Guard Armory 848 NE 28th	Wednesday, July 27 Quarterly: 9 am & 7 pm New Member: 10 am & 6 pm
Florence Best Western Pier Point Inn 85625 Hwy 101	Thursday, July 21 Quarterly: 7 pm New Member: 6 pm	Portland - North	Canceled this Month
Grants Pass LaQuinta Inn & Suites 243 NE Morgan Lane	Tue., July 12 New Member: 6 pm Quarterly: 7 pm	Wed., July 13 Quarterly: 9 am New Member: 10 am	Portland - Southeast AFL-CIO Building 3645 SE 32nd Ave
Hood River The Ranch Drive In 1950 12th St	Monday, July 11 New Member and Quarterly: 6:00 pm	Portland - Tigard UFCW Local 555 7095 SW Sandburg	Wednesday, July 27 Quarterly: 9 am & 7 pm New Member: 10 am & 6 pm
Klamath Falls Woodworker's Hall 3836 Altamont Dr	Thurs., July 14 New Member: 5:30pm Quarterly: 6 pm	Fri., July 15 New Member: 10 am Quarterly: 9 am	Roseburg Labor Temple 742 SE Roberts
Lakeview Lake County Community Center 11 N. G St	Wed., July 13 New Member: 5:30pm Quarterly: 6 pm	Thurs., July 14 New Member: 10 am Quarterly: 9 am	Salem Salem Office 1655 Capitol St NE Suite 1
Lincoln City Lincoln City Community Center 2150 NE Oar Pl	Wednesday, July 20 Quarterly: 7 pm New Member: 6 pm	St. Helens Best Western Oak Meadows Inn 585 S Columbia River Hwy	Thursday, July 14 Quarterly: 6 pm New Member: 5 pm
Longview Columbia River Merc Bldg 1339 Commerce, Suite 311A	Thursday, July 21 Quarterly: 9 am & 6 pm New Member: 10 am & 5 pm	The Dalles	See Hood River
Madras Black Bear Diner 237 SW 4th St	Monday, July 11 New Member: 5:30pm Quarterly: 6 pm	Tillamook Ashley Inns 1722 Makinster Rd	Thursday, July 21 Quarterly: 6 pm New Member: 5 pm
Medford Labor Temple 4480 Rogue Valley Hwy #3	Mon., July 11 New Member: 6 pm Quarterly: 7 pm	Tues., July 12 Quarterly: 9 am New Member: 10 am	Vancouver Teamster's Union Hall 2212 NE Andresen Road
Newberg Coffee Cottage 808 Hancock St	Thursday, July 28 Quarterly: 9 am & 6 pm New Member: 10 am & 5 pm		

You can keep up-to-date on events by logging onto www.ufcw555.org and checking the calendar.



Rachel Deverell, UFCW Local 555 Member

Rachel Deverell has been a member of Local 555 since 2006. She is a very strong supporter of the Union. She is a Shop Steward and she enjoys talking to her co-workers about the Union. Rachel was very actively involved in getting her department and the whole store "buttoned up," and to get her store signed up on the petition. Rachel went to many of the departments at the Clackamas Fred Meyer store and talked to the members about getting raises in the new contract instead of bonuses. The issue was very important and Rachel stepped up to the plate and got her co-workers to get involved. Rachel also polices the various contracts at the store and she advises members of their rights through the Union contract.



Alissa Snell, Noelle Taylor, UFCW Local 555 Members

Alissa Snell and Noelle Taylor are two proud Union members who enjoy working together. They both were transferred to Albertsons #0564 from Safeway #1269 when it closed a few months ago.



UFCW 555 has a great team of Stewards representing Foster Farms members. Pictured from left to right are Josh Davis, Ahren Belden, James Goytia, Union Rep. Lynda Hart, Jennifer Preston, Nate Bush, and Ed Williams. Ross Briones, also a Steward, is not pictured. Thank you all for stepping up and for all you do to take care of our Foster Farms members!

UFCW 555 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Julie Curley, UFCW Local 555 Member

"I am thankful the Union is there to fight for us."



Karen Miller, Future UFCW Local 555 Member

"I am so thankful the Union has come in to my store to organize. I am thankful for the great healthcare, pension, and the support that a Union will bring. I know it will help me and my co-workers."



Carisa Chavez, UFCW Local 555 Member

"The main reason why I like the Union is because I appreciate my benefits and paid days off. I also appreciate my health insurance coverage."



Pictured here are potential future UFCW members signing up at Albertsons in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Brenda Medina, an Organizer with UFCW, is helping explain the benefits of Union membership.