

# OATA Newsletter Nov./Dec. 2021

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## WELCOME New OATA Members!

- ❖ Kristen Crawford - 6th Grade ELA Long Term Sub
- ❖ Hilary Ruckdaschel - Elementary Special Ed.
- ❖ Summer Forness - School Psychologist
- ❖ Amy Koziej - Speech Pathologist

## The Negotiating Team will meet in January

- ★ Elementary Reps. - Mary Kalinowski, Robin Bonanno, Mike Lamar, and Ryan Stehlar
- ★ Middle High Reps. - Wendy Bergman, Adam Reeb, Dave Carpino, Lisa Mullen, and Patti Buczek

If you have items in the contract you would like reviewed, please reach out to a team member!

NYSUT is once again offering Student Debt Webinars to our members.

Below are the clinics that are currently open for registration:

Tuesday, January 11th, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 20th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) to register for these clinics.

**NYSET will also be offering workshops on how to get more involved with your Union in early March in Niagara Falls! Please email Wendy if you are interested in attending.**



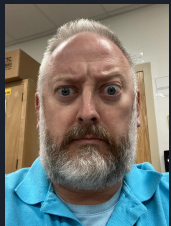
**Ashley Rebmann**

Elementary Building Rep.



**Corinne Coffta**

Elementary Building Rep.  
Teachers' Center Rep.



**Yale Leupold**

Middle High Building Rep.



**Trena White**

Middle High Building Rep.



**Joe Jankowski**

Retirement Rep.



**Decorating the OATA tree at  
Triangle Park!**




*Robin Bonanno will be temporarily serving as an Elementary Building Rep. (in place of Ashley while on maternity leave) January - June. Feel free to reach out to Robin with any concerns beginning in January.*

### Contacting your Building Reps:

Please call or email your Building Rep. of choice to set up a time to meet together. It is not conducive to spring a concern on a Rep. when passing by, or when that Rep is involved in another task. A meeting will be scheduled in a timely manner to address your concern.

**\*\*\* Just a REMINDER... be mindful when you are communicating at school. All school devices including computers, Chromebooks, AND Cisco phones are subject to monitoring and/or recording.\*\*\***



The Buffalo Sabres are having a Teacher Appreciation Night for the game on December 29th! They are offering a ticket package that includes a discounted ticket and a Sabres mug. All NYSUT members are eligible to participate. Teacher Appreciation Night is Wednesday, December 29 at 7 p.m. The Buffalo Sabres are looking forward to hosting teachers and school administrators as we honor them for the work they do in developing the future leaders of our community and country. This year, we will celebrate these individuals when the Sabres face-off against the New Jersey Devils. The first 200 purchasers will receive a Sabres branded, Teacher Appreciation Mug! [Click here!](#)

**SPECIAL BUFFALO BILLS TICKET OFFER FOR NYSUT MEMBERS!**

Discounted tickets available for games at Highmark Stadium against the Carolina Panthers 12/19, Atlanta Falcons 1/2/22, New York Jets 1/9/22.

[BUY NOW](#)

Enter Promo Code: 21NYSUT

We wish all of our OATA members a happy and healthy holiday season!

★★ Do you have news/information that you would like to share with the entire membership? Contact Andrea Karas [akarAS@oahornets.org](mailto:akarAS@oahornets.org) for newsletter submissions! ★★

**Check out all your union membership has to offer!**

## Legal Service Plan

Plan benefits include:

- Crucial estate planning documents (a Simple Will, Health Care Proxy, Living Will & Durable Power of Attorney)
- Free telephone consultations
- Guaranteed maximum fees for specific legal matters

## Financial Counseling Program

Plan benefits include:

- Unbiased objective advice
- Free telephone and virtual consultations
- Assistance with retirement planning, 403(b) savings, college savings, tax planning and more

# NYSUT Member Benefits

**Every Dollar Counts!**

These are just two of the dozens of endorsed programs & services available to union members and their families.

Whether it's insurance products, financial or legal services, or discounts, shopping or travel, NYSUT Member Benefits offers numerous programs that can help you save time and money while protecting those you care about most. Many of these programs can be purchased through payroll or pension deduction for greater convenience and savings opportunities.

Member Benefits also provides the advocacy role that is so important should an issue or concern arise. We encourage you to take the time to explore the Member Benefits website to find out how we can help you make every dollar count!



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