

OATA Newsletter **May/June 2021**

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- Check out our **OATA website** regularly for updates at <http://oakfieldalabamata.weebly.com/>
- For **APPR** Info, check out the OATA website!
- **Email** us at: oakfieldalabamata@gmail.com
- If you have questions/concerns about our contract, please reach out to a Building Rep. We are here to support all of our members!

Updates

- We have formed sub-committees based on survey concerns. Initial meetings have occurred to interpret topic specific data and brainstorm next steps.
- The Executive Committee will be working with administration over the summer to address survey concerns/sub-committee plans for both buildings.
- The Summer Leadership Conference is scheduled in-person September 24-26 in Erie, PA.
- Looking ahead, please consider joining a team for the Making Strides of Buffalo Breast Cancer Walk on October 16th.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners, Regan Brugett, Ty Kornow, Elizabeth Ward, and Peyton Yasses

Although we faced challenges this year like no other, we all made it through! It is important that we remain united as a membership moving forward, and that we work together as a team to maintain a positive working environment for all of our members.

Not sure where to start with your summer to-do list?

Whether it's assisting NYSUT members with everyday essentials, important choices about insurance needs, or making prudent decisions about financial and legal concerns, NYSUT Member Benefits can help.



Scan the QR code below to learn more about the following endorsed programs and services.

Saving you money: MB Discounts & Deals

With the **Member Benefits Discounts & Deals** program, NYSUT members can save up to 50% at more than 700,000 merchants nationwide (including thousands throughout New York State). Save on groceries and food delivery; restaurant dine-in or takeout; gasoline, oil changes and vehicle maintenance; clothing and shoes; and much more. You can even request that your favorite merchant join the network.

Saving you money: Every \$\$\$ counts

Whether your summer plans include home renovations, replacing or upgrading appliances, getting a new car, stocking up for the return to school, or even just hanging out and enjoying some time off, Member Benefits has a variety of endorsed programs -- **Purchasing Power**, **Buyer's Edge Inc.**, **Office Depot/OfficeMax**, **Bose**, **Powell's Books** -- that might be able to minimize the impact on your wallet and maximize your enjoyment of the all-too-fleeting summer months.



Protecting your family: Insuring yourself and your family

Member Benefits endorses a number of competitive insurance programs that are available to NYSUT members. These include **auto/home/renters, life, disability, long term care, dental, vision**, and even **pet insurance**. Some of these programs are also available to or cover spouses/domestic partners of members, dependent children, dependent parents, and grandparents. Most offer payroll & pension deduction as payment options.

Planning for the future: Have a plan for wherever life takes you

It's never too early or too late to make a plan. Just starting a career or looking at retirement? Beginning to pay off loans or building a nest egg? Looking to buy a new home or refinance the one you're in? Welcoming a new child or adopting? Now would be a good time to look into the ways to put a plan in place or make adjustments to your existing one. Explore the **Member Benefits Financial Learning Center** for assistance; while you're there, check out our **Legal Service Plan** and **Financial Counseling Program**.

NYSUT Member Benefits offers dozens of programs and services that are available to NYSUT members and their families, including the following options:



DINING & SHOPPING DISCOUNTS



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CAR & TRUCK RENTALS



LIFE INSURANCE



AUTO & HOME



LONG-TERM CARE & DISABILITY

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org, call 800-626-8101 or scan the QR code above.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.