

# ASEA IN ACTION



## City & Borough of Sitka Chapter

## 2016 AFSCME 42nd International Convention

More than 4,000 delegates, alternates and guests assembled in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 18-22, 2016 for AFSCME's 42nd International Convention.

**What happened in Vegas:**

<http://2016.afscme.org/>



ASEA Delegation: Dawn Bundick, Val Kenny, Cassandra Lynch, Brandon Nakasato, Courtney Wendel, Cynthia Washington, Chris Pace,



John Bennett, Rich Sewell, Chuck Stewart, John Roxburgh and Michael Williams.

### SPEAKERS:

**Monday, July 18th\*:** The Convention was called to order and a rousing



Keynote Address was given by AFSCME President Lee Saunders unifying the room with his message that AFSCME members "Never Quit." <http://2016.afscme.org/video/highlights-from-pres-lee-saunders-keynote-address>

**Tuesday, July 19th\*:** Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made a spirited case for public service workers to support her candidacy for President of the United States highlighting her decades-long support for working families. <http://www.afscme.org/blog/hillary-clintons-promise-to-afscme>

**Wednesday, July 20th\*:** Rev. Dr. William Barber II brought down the house with his call to action and challenge to public workers and their labor unions to be part of the moral revival of our nation. <http://2016.afscme.org/video/rev-dr-william-barber-full-speech>

### RALLY AT TRUMP HOTEL – AFSCME WORKPLACE ACTION PLAN

More than 2,000 AFSCME delegates braved the +105° heat and took to the streets to stand in solidarity with Culinary Workers demanding a fair contract at the Trump International Hotel Las Vegas.

On Thursday, President Saunders announced that Donald Trump's Las Vegas hotel had agreed to pay two workers a total of \$11,200 to avoid going to trial over a labor complaint filed in March by the NLRB.



## AFSCME - New Benefit

The AFSCME Free College Benefit - Image what you can achieve with the AFSCME Free College Benefit.

It's AFSCME's mission to give you every advantage to get ahead. That's why we've partnered with Eastern Gateway Community College. **Through the AFSCME Free College benefit, you and your family members can now earn an associate degree completely online - for FREE.**

### Who qualifies for AFSCME's Free College benefit:

- AFSCME Members
- Retired AFSCME Members
- Family of AFSCME Members\*

The Free College Benefits combines Pell Grants & employer reimbursements with AFSCME's "last dollar scholarship." Together, these funds cover your full tuition amount for participating degree programs. More specifically, the last dollar scholarship covers all remaining costs after federal or state grants and employer reimbursements are applied. Don't worry: Even if it's determined that you are eligible for federal, state or employer financial aid, AFSCME's last dollar scholarship has you covered. It will still be applied to your remaining balance for tuition and fees.

How Online Learning Works: Online learning is designed to accommodate your individual needs. Our online learning site lets you set your individual goals and schedule how quickly you want to complete your degree.

- You can **BALANCE**: go back to school while you continue to work
- Its **FLEXIBILITY**: Study and complete assignments on your schedule
- Its **ACCESSIBILITY**: Log in anytime, anywhere there's an Internet connection
- The **CREDIBILITY**: Graduate from a respected, accredited academic institution
- The **ENRICHMENT**: Interact with classmates and professors from diverse backgrounds
- The **ASSURANCE**: All credits are transferable
- The **BEST BENEFIT OF ALL: It's FREE**. Thanks to AFSCME's Free College benefit, you and your family members can advance your education with no out-of-pocket cost.
- The **BOTTOM LINE**: Going back to school is more convenient than ever before. Log in during your lunch break. Listen to a lecture after you put the kids to bed. Complete an assignment when you get home from work. No matter your schedule, online learning can support it.

This is a unique opportunity — available only to AFSCME members, your families and retirees. **You can find more information about the benefit and available degree programs here.** <http://afscmelocal52.org/AFSCME-Free-College-Benefit>

We hope you'll take a look at this exciting new program and take advantage today to help grow your career.

\*Family of AFSCME members are defined as children (or stepchildren), grandchildren (or step-grandchildren), spouses, domestic partners and financial dependents.

## Important Dates

- Sept. 5, 2016 Labor Day Parade in Fairbanks
- Sept. 7 - 8, 2016 State Executive Board Meeting in Fairbanks