

President Dawn Bundick

May & June Message to ASEA Members

Upcoming Events

Health Trust Open Enrollment deadline - 6/3 at 5pm

AFSCME CONVENTION - 7/11 in Philadelphia

June Holidays & notable (FUN) mentions

 **Pride Month** 

 **African American Music Appreciation Month** 

 **Caribbean American Heritage Month** 

June 3 - National Donut Day

June 10, 1963 - Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act

June 14 - Flag Day

June 18 - Juneteenth

June 19 - Father's Day

June 23 - National Pink Day

June 24, 1880 - Birth of Agnes Nestor

May & June Celebrations

Happy birthday to all that celebrate in May and June! For May babies, your birthstone is an emerald and your flowers include lily of the valley and common hawthorn. For June babies, you have THREE birthstones: alexandrite, moonstone, and pearl. Your flowers are rose and honeysuckle.

A very happy anniversary to the many couples that celebrate in May & June. Wishing you all happy and enjoyable celebrations.

May, in review

In May we celebrated our Mothers and I applaud all mothers and mother figures for doing the most important job there is! I hope you were celebrated and also took time for yourself.

We also celebrated (or will soon celebrate) graduates! Congratulations to all our K-12 graduates, and our college, technical, and professional school graduates.

Did you know our Union offers free college benefits for members and family members? Save money and take advantage! Learn more at freecollege.afscme.org

GGU CNC Ratifies Contract!

Our Union has ratified our Contract for GGU members and the legislature has signed the budget authorizing to fund it. Thank you to our Contract Negotiating Committee (CNC) Team and all the members that were engaged throughout this process. Your work and engagement led us to one of the best contracts in ASEA history! Some highlights include:

- Wage increases over the next three years
- substantial increases for standby pay
- increases in hazard pay
- an increase in the employer health benefits,
- no furloughs
- and much more!

Read more about our wins on our website from the CNC: afscmelocal52.org/cnc



Your May Chapter

How's your New Year's Book "2022" going? In Chapter 5 - MAY, there was lots to capture and write about. Now, we are in Chapter 6 - JUNE. The month of "June" is the continuation of our Summer ramping up. What are you going to do this summer? I hope you are able to enjoy the beautiful outdoors! Many people are tending to their gardens, or going on hikes, bike rides, camping (or glamping) walking, and just traveling around our great state! If you must leave during the summer, make sure to check out all of the benefits under the "TRAVEL & FUN" section of our AFSCME Advantage webpage: www.afscme.org/member-resources/afscme-advantage

More from May...

We had our State Eboard meeting and completed our business in one day!

Our Union was graced with AFSCME Health & Safety Advocate, Angela Carter who came up to provide over one hundred members training opportunities in CPR/First AID/AED, important OSHA information, proper sanitization, and other valuable courses.

Facing difficult news

Union members, we celebrate accolades and happy occasions and unfortunately, there have been sad tragedies in our country once again. My heart goes out to all of the families in both shootings these past few weeks. Senseless violence on people who are of a different color/race/culture, etc. is still unfathomable and unacceptable. As a person of color, I was in disbelief and angered once again. Now the killing of our children in schools and frankly one another is disgusting. As a mother, I wept when I saw this tragedy as those children are now gone. My heart and condolences go out to all the families in both of these tragedies. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need to talk to someone. ASEA members have access to therapy through our health trust as well as counseling services as State of Alaska employees.

Honoring Those that Serve

Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who had died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Please don't forget to thank our active duty personnel for their service and honor a Veteran for their past service. We honor those gone before us and who have protected us for the freedoms we enjoy in our country.



In closing...

Lastly my Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings. Continue writing your 2022 New Years' book. Reset and Reconnect while Honoring what you do in your upcoming Chapters. I want to wish you all Healing, Peace, Love, Good Health, and Blessings to you and your family. Collectively, we will continue to make a difference while Honoring each other. Thank you for all you do for our State.

As always, I will continue to HONOR AND SERVE YOU WITH STYLE AND GRACE!

In Friendship and Solidarity,

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