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State And National AFL-CIO Officers Mark First Anniversary Of January 6th Insurrection With Calls To Defend Right To Vote

By Rick Galiano Labor Council President

On January 8th of this year the national AFL-CIO's General Board called on Donald Trump to resign or be removed from office as a result of the events that occurred at the Capitol Building two days earlier. Ŏn January 11th, the Beaver Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board called upon its delegates, affiliated unions and their members and all elected officials representing the citizens of Beaver and Lawrence Counties to support the General Board's call.

One year later, Pennsylvania AFL-CIO President Rick Bloomingdale and Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder marked the January 6th insurrection by a statement appearing in the January 7th issue of the Workers' Week in PA: "On January 6, this country was betrayed by a mob of political extremists and rogue lawmakers who aided an insurrection to overturn a free and fair election. But they failed and our democracy prevailed. In 2020, Americans

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turned out to vote and make their voices heard in record numbers. In this democracy, voters decide our elections. However, right-wing extremism has continued its attempt to take away our right to vote, laying the groundwork to sabotage future elections. Now is the time for us to come together and act to protect our democracy. Congress must vote to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John

Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act."

National AFL-CIO President Liz Schuler marked the January 6th insurrection by issuing a statement via AFL-CIO email update that read in part:

"On January 6, an angry mob attacked the U.S. Capitol and our democracy. They wanted to go back to the days of segregation, voter suppression and violence against communities of color. Sign the pledge saying you will protect voting rights and fight extremism. [Editor's Note: Go to <u>peoplepower@aflcio.org</u> to sign the pledge.]

Working people are not willing to cede American democracy to insurrectionists who try to overturn the will of the people.

We will not sit back as the enemies of democ-

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racy **pass voter suppression bills in 19 states** since the 2020 election, targeting Black voters and other communities of color.

And we will not be quiet as we watch corporations break the law to bust democratically elected unions, where workers voted for stronger protections and racial equity in the workplace.

So in 2022, we're pledging to advance democracy everywhere: in the workplace and at the ballot box."

The key to advancing democracy in 2022 is sidelining the filibuster rule in the U.S. Senate. The AFL-CIO and many of its affiliates are conducting a campaign to urge all Senators to limit the filibuster rule as to voting rights bills, including the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

An email statement issued by IATSE on January 13th, for example, states:

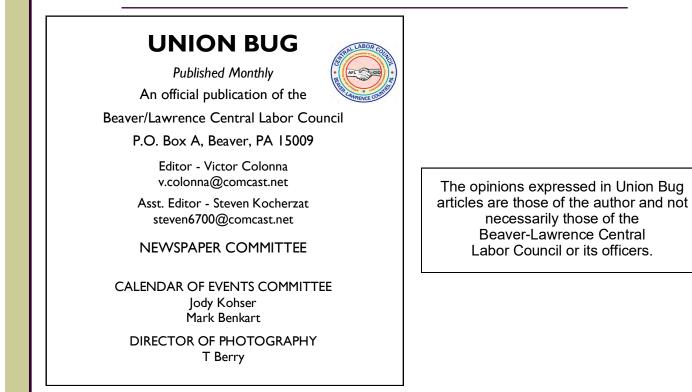
"It shouldn't be this hard to pass laws that

help people. It should take a simple 50-vote majority, but an outdated procedure in the U.S. Senate called the filibuster is stopping us.

Next week, on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, the Senate has the opportunity to secure the right to vote by passing the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

The choice is clear: **Sideline the filibuster**, not the hopes, aspirations and representation of America's people."

Our Labor Council has for many years been in the forefront of the fight to defend and expand voting rights. As Labor Council President, I urge our Labor Council to continue fighting to protect this right. Please call Senators Casey and Toomey and urge them to limit the filibuster. The improvements in wages and working conditions that our Labor Movement has won for workers cannot be maintained when the freedom to vote is restricted.



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UNION BUG

President's Report

By Rick Galiano Labor Council President

* The Executive Board election scheduled for the December Labor Council Membership meeting was postponed due to the absence of a quorum. The election will be held at our January membership meeting. Our Labor Council bylaws require that the postponed election be held at the first succeeding regular meeting.

* The 2022 Labor Council calendars are now available. Calendars will be distributed at the January Labor Council meeting.

* I am wishing everyone a happy New Year under the current trying circumstances.



Labor Council President Rick Galiano and Secretary-Treasurer Mel Ice listen as Joe Spanik, former Beaver County Labor Council Executive Board member and retired LIUNA Local 833 member, addresses the December Labor Council meeting. Spanik reported on the next Building Trades Apprenticeship Readiness Program. The Program is designed to prepare interested young people and transitioning adults to enter and succeed in registered Building Trades apprenticeship programs. The next Iocal Apprenticeship Readiness Program begins on January 24th. Please see the flyer and application attached to the end of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional information.



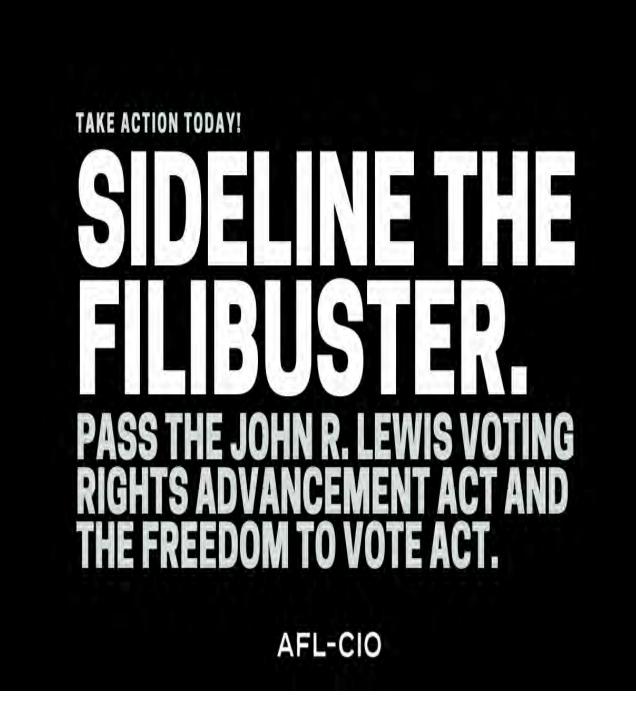
Terri Mitko, Beaver County Democratic Party Chairperson, addressing the December Labor Council meeting. Her remarks focused on the May 2022 primary election.

2022 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions	February 15.
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions	March 8
First day to circulate and file nomination papers	March 9
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions	.March 23
Last day to REGISTER before the primary	.May 2
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot	.May 10
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (8:00 P.M.)	.May 17
GENERAL PRIMARY	May 17

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BEAVER/LAWRENCE Calendar of Events CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL ABOR 01/17 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and Membership meetings. Executive Board – 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM. IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport. 01/17 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday. See attached flyer for information on commemoration hosted by the Midland Women's Civic Club and presented by Lincoln Learning Solutions. Pittsburgh Steeler Najee Harris will be a special guest. The event will be streamed live as a virtual event. 01/24-03/17 Building Trades Apprenticeship Readiness Program (designed to prepare interested young people and transitioning adults to enter and succeed in registered We're on the Web: Building Trades apprenticeship programs). See flyer and na.aflcio.org/349 registration form attached to the end of this issue of the UNION BUG. 02/21 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and Membership meetings. Executive Board – 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM. IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport. 02/28 Pennsylvania AFL-CIO 2022 Scholarship Essay Deadline. See flyer and application form attached to the end of this issue of the UNION BUG. Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at jkohser@verizon.net, by 6:00 p.m. on January 10th to be considered for publication in the January 2022 Issue of the UNION BUG.



Scholarship Awards

\$2,000

\$1,000

\$500

2022 Scholarship Essay Contest

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Scholarship Essay Contest is a chance for students to learn more about thte importance of Organized Labor in America. Over the years, we have awarded tens of thousands of dollars to students furthering their education.

Scholarships are available exclusively to Pennsylvania AFL-CIO affiliated union members and their families.

Scholarships are offered to students in two categories: graduating high school seniors (Class of 2022), and all post-secondary students.

Deadline is February 28, 2022

Thank You to Our 2021 Sponsors!

AFGE Local 1916 Allegheny County CLC ATU Local 85 Bucks County CLC Community & Social Agency Local 1739 CWA Local 13000

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

IBEW Local 126 IBEW Local 1319 IBEW Local 201 IBEW Local 81 Indiana-Armstrong CLC IUOE Local 66

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2022 Scholarship Essay Contest

The late AFL-CIO President and Pennsylvania native Richard Trumka left an indelible impact on the Labor movement as we know it today. The 2022 Scholarship Essay Contest theme is based on his life and work in honor of his memory.

How To Apply

Essays must be a minimum of 1,500 words on the topic in your respective category; essays less than 1500 words will be disqualified.

Titles must be kept the same as their respective category.

Your application form must be included in your essay PDF file, or as a separate PDF attachment.

Entries must be emailed to dmadsen@paaflcio. org by February 28, 2022.

The PDF version of this flier is on paaflcio.org.

If you have questions please call 717-231-2842, or email dmadsen@paaficio.org.



Category I Graduating High School Seniors

From his Pennsylvania roots to his work serving the United Mine Workers of America, through his leadership guiding the national AFL-CIO and beyond, President Trumka dedicated his life to making sure that working people around the globe had the best future possible. Please provide a brief biographical overview on President Trumka's life and choose a highlight of his career that inspires you, including why.

Category 2

Post-Secondary Students

At 33 years old, President Trumka was elected President of the United Mineworkers of America (UMWA), where his leadership stood out during the Pittston strike of 1989. Please provide a brief overview and analysis of Richard Trumka's leadership during his tenure with the UMWA, including its historic context/significance in relation to the labor movement.

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and include its information with your entry.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

UNION AFFILIATION & LOCAL

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (if known)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SCHOOL AND OR PROGRAM YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND

I agree to provide proof of school acceptance or enrollment, should I become a scholarship recipient.

SIGNATURE OF CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OR LOCAL UNION

Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration

Hosted by the Midland Women's Civic Club Presented by Lincoln Learning Solutions

For Immediate Release: January 4, 2022 <u>Contact:</u> Mrs. Stephanie Pennington <u>sgpenny03@gmail.com</u> – (724) 312-2936

Steeler Najee Harris Joins Midland's MLK Scholarship Fund Raiser

(Midland, Pennsylvania) - The 2022 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day commemoration, hosted by the Midland Women's Civic Club, will celebrate perseverance and Dr. King's quote; "the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy". For the second consecutive year, and due to the pandemic, it will be streamed live as a virtual event via Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center's Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/LincolnParkArts) and YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYEzxy0Vg4DuH_pp6l7xKnA/videos?view=0&sort=da) platforms on Monday, January 17th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Those reflecting on the theme of perseverance will include Jen Mura Miller, Executive Director of The Center, a non-profit organization addressing the needs of children and families in Midland; Valerie McKelvey, the founder of Professional Outfitters and Variety Shoppe under the Agency of the Franklin Center of Beaver County and sole proprietor of We're At Your Service in New Brighton; Aisya Washington, a Midland-native and former scholarship winner who now works as a fashion stylist in New York City; and special guest Najee Harris, the Pittsburgh Steeler rookie running back out of the University of Alabama.

The signature underwriter of the event is Lincoln Learning Solutions. Key sponsors include the Midland Borough School District, the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School, Baden Academy Charter School, Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School, Midland Innovation + Technology Charter School, and Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center which is producing the event. Proceeds directly benefit students bound for college through the MWCC's Greater Midland Scholarship Foundation.

The Midland Women's Civic Club invites the general public to make MLK Day a "day on" of fellowship and enlightenment to benefit local students through scholarships from the safety and comfort of their homes, offices, and any COVID-safe environment.

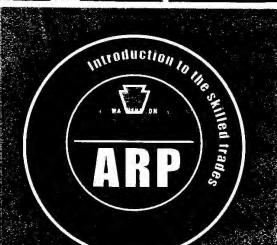
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Learn how YOU can forge a career in the Building Trades!

Where:

Beaver County Career & Technology Center 145 Poplar Avenue, Monaca, PA 15061

Classes start in January 24th-March 17th Monday-Thursday 5:30 PM-9:30 PM

*Classes are limited. Enroll today!

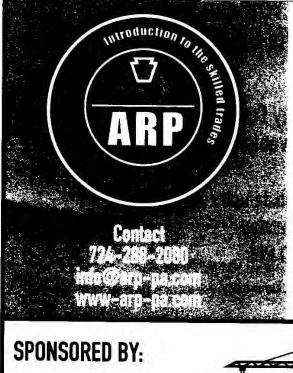
Cost: FREE Program Requirements:

- Valid Drivers License
- Reliable transportation or access to personal transportation
- High School Diploma or GED
- Ability to pass a drug test
- Able to perform physical work
- At least 18 years of age



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