What Participants Say About Summer School

As a former student and instructor, I encourage every union woman to participate and to experience first hand the education, solidarity, and lasting sisterhood the summer school provides.

Laurel Brennan, Secretary-Treasurer, New Jersey State AFL-CIO.

I was a new participant in the summer school and I didn't know what to expect. I am leaving with tools that I can rely on to help me be more confident in my interactions with other officers, membership, and management. A solid foundation of knowledge is essential to being an effective leader.

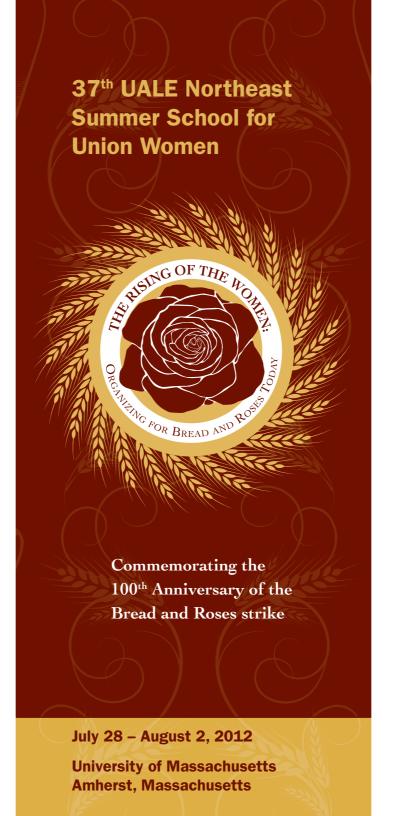
Student, 2010 session, Penn State University

I loved the confidence building. I saw women who did not want to speak up find their voice. The wealth of knowledge that my sisters had was unbelievable. I learned so much just by interacting with my other union sisters.

Student, 2011 session, Rutgers University

This year, the school is coordinated by Anneta Argyres, Dale Melcher, Kim Wilson, and Susan Winning of the UMass Labor Extension Program, and Kathy Casavant, Director of Governance, Organizational and Leadership Development for the AFL-CIO.

See our website for updated information: umasslep.org/summer-school-union-women



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What Is the Summer School?

The 37th UALE Northeast Summer School for Union Women, Saturday, July 28 – Thursday, August 2, 2012, is a five-day residential program, sponsored by the United Association for Labor Education (UALE). The school brings together rank-and-file members, staff, and officers of unions and workers rights organizations to strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the U.S. labor movement, and to develop skills that will prepare them to be more active members and leaders. UALE advocates education as an essential tool to develop new activists and leaders who will grow and transform the labor movement.

The Program

All students attend classes designed to teach and improve leadership skills. In addition, each student chooses three skills workshops—one four-day workshop and two two-day workshops. There are evening activities and opportunities to network. Summer school instructors are union officers, staff, and labor educators from universities and unions. All workshops will be held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Campus Center. Workshops may include:

- Collective Bargaining
- Labor Law
- Radio Waves
- Basic Grievance Handling
- Advanced Grievance Handling and Arbitration
- Public Speaking
- Internal and External Organizing
- Safety and Health
- Mobilizing for Political and Legislative Activity

This year's school will be hosted by the labor programs at the University of Massachusetts and held on the university's Amherst campus. UMass Amherst is accessible by car, train, or bus. Travel information will be included in your registration packet and is also available at www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/Directions_to_Campus/.

Please Note: Because of limited resources, we regret that childcare will not be available.

Registration

Register early, as space is limited. To register, please return the attached form with the full registration fee, no later than July 12, 2012. Registrations received after July 12, 2012, will be charged a \$35 late fee. You will receive confirmation of registration by email. An information packet and course selection material will be sent to the email address listed on your registration form unless you indicate that you require a print mailing. NOTE: Check your SPAM box if you do not receive an email!

Fees

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The \$565 residential fee includes tuition, housing, meals, and parking for the five days of summer school. Residents will be housed on campus in air-conditioned apartments. Each apartment consists of four single bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, and living room. All rooms are non-smoking. The \$325 commuters fee includes tuition, two meals/day, and parking.

Scholarships

A limited number of partial scholarships are available and will be awarded based on individual need. We ask that you approach your union or central labor body to cover your registration costs before you apply for a scholarship. For scholarship applications, please contact Dale Melcher at 413-545-6166 or via email at DMELCHER@LRRC.UMASS.EDU.

Cancellation and Refunds

All cancellations must be received in writing by letter, email, or fax. Full refunds minus a \$35 cancellation fee are available until July 12, 2012. Cancellations made after July 12, 2012 will incur an additional \$100 charge. Registered participants who fail to cancel in writing prior to the start of the summer school and do not attend the program (i.e. no-shows) will not receive a refund except in extreme circumstances addressed on a case-by-case basis.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly

Name (First, MI, Last)
Union and Local or Organization
Street Address (where material should be mailed)
City
State Zip
Phone number
Email
 ☐ I need all materials sent by postal mail ☐ Special Accommodations (Please describe your needs)
Registration fee
☐ Residential (\$565) ☐ Commuter (\$325)
Payment ☐ Enclosed is a check payable to University Conference Services ☐ Please bill my union or organization. Union contact person and address:

Send Form and Registration Fee to:

Union Women's Summer School University Conference Services – CS13-3 918 Campus Center University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA 01003

Registration questions:

UMass Conference Services, 413-577-8102 or reg@mail.aux.umass.edu

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