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## [October 2024 HELU Chair's Message](#)

On October 28th, HELU will take the next step to realize the platform for higher ed laid out in the [Statement of Unity](#). We're convening a [national Higher Ed Votes event](#) to inspire and re-energize you and your co-workers in the home stretch of the presidential election. Monday's Zoom event will be a space where we can all see, hear, and feel the vital importance of what we're fighting for: full funding, expanded access, sustainable working conditions, and federal policy leadership to reclaim higher education as a public good.... [Read more](#).

[Read more from Mia McIver](#)

## [Higher Ed Votes!](#)

**Monday, October 28 at 8pm ET/7pm CT/6pm MT/5pm PT**

Join HELU and international unions AFT, AAUP, CWA, and UAW for a discussion about how we can fight together for our shared vision of higher education's future: fully funded, free to students, democratically governed, where all workers are respected and paid a living wage.... [Read more](#).

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U.S. Rep, WA District 7



**Shawn Fain**  
President, UAW



**Randi Weingarten**  
President, AFT



**Claude Cummings**  
President, CWA



**Mia McIver**  
Chair, HELU



**Margaret Cook**  
VP, CWA Public, Healthcare, & Education Workers



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Congressional Candidate  
AZ-06



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## More Upcoming Events

[October 29 – Lend and Rule: Fighting the Shadow Financialization of Public Higher Education \(Online\)](#)

**8pm ET/7pm CT/6pm MT/5pm PT**

Public higher education's future is being held hostage by financial institutions and actors. How did it get this way? How do we organize? [Join](#)

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*Shadow Financialization of Public Higher Education*. This event is co-sponsored by HELU, Labor Notes, and the Debt Collective.

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## [October 30 – Report Release: Union Members Address Rightwing Threat on Campus \(Online\)](#)

**8pm ET/7pm CT/6pm MT/5pm PT**

[Please join us on Oct 30 for the release](#) of the report “Union Members Address Growing Rightwing Threat on Campus: Attacks on Curriculum, Diversity and Funding Undermine Role of Education” from CWA. Along with a presentation on the findings, the event will invite higher education workers to strategize about next steps for organizing to fight the right and take our institutions back for the public good.

[Register for October 30](#)

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## [Organizing Strategies and Victories in Non-Collective Bargaining Contexts: A Two-Part Series](#)

Many campus workers today are demoralized, dispirited, and disempowered. And many are channeling personal disillusionment into political consciousness and transforming individual grievance into collective organizing. But how do you do that when you don't have a union?

[Join HELU for two linked Zoom events:](#)

- **Tues. Nov. 12, 7pm ET/6pm CT/5pm MT/4pm PT**  
Organizing Strategies and Victories in Non-Collective Bargaining Contexts
- **Tues. Nov. 19, 7pm ET/6pm CT/5pm MT/4pm PT**  
How to Win Collective Bargaining Rights: Lessons from Campaigns in

Register for November 12 & 19

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## Solidarity Asks

- [Bennington College United: Fair and Equitable First Contract at Bennington College by Thanksgiving](#)
- [Call to support grad workers at UMN](#)
- [Community Sign-on Letter for United Academics of the University of Oregon](#)
- [Confront the CUNY Board of Trustees: Real Raises Now!](#)
- [Donate to the CGE-OSU Strike Fund](#)
- [Stop the Layoffs. Support Students and Workers at Portland State](#)
- [Tell CSU Admin: Workers Deserve More!](#)
- [Tell SUNY Chancellor: Grad Workers Deserve a Fair Contract!](#)

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## More from the HELU Blog:

### [Roadshow Report: October 2024](#)

In October, HELU launched its Higher Ed for All roadshow in two battleground states: Pennsylvania and Michigan... [Read more.](#)



### [The HELU Statement of Unity from Unions in Higher Ed](#)

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## Strategy

On Sept. 16, HELU held a press conference in Philadelphia to celebrate the release of a Statement of Unity. The statement lays out progressive higher ed policy for the next presidential administration. The statement is signed by 12 national unions and labor organizations... [Read more.](#)

## Higher ed labor in the news

- "[7-Month Boston University Grad Worker Strike Ends, but Fight May Not Be Over](#)" *Inside Higher Ed*
- "[CUNY faculty arrested during contract rally](#)" *The Chief Leader*
- "[Grad Students Are Unionizing in Droves. Can Postdocs Lead the Next Wave?](#)" *The Nation*
- "[Op-Ed: Equal Work, Unequal Rights — the University must extend union protections to all graduate workers](#)" *The Minnesota Daily*
- "[University Medical Center nurses announce one-day strike](#)" *WWNO New Orleans*

## Want to support our work? Make a contribution.

We invite you to support HELU's work by making a direct [financial contribution](#). While HELU's main source of income is solidarity pledges from member organizations, these funds from individuals help us to grow capacity as we work to align the higher ed labor movement.

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