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CSU-AAUP Political Endorsements

Interested in being more active?

CSU-AAUP announces
registration for the:

31st Annual CT Lobbying Conference

Thurs. October 18

8:30 – 4:00 PM

**The Lyceum
(227 Lawrence St.,
Hartford)**

This is an excellent opportunity to improve your communication skills, develop effective messaging and learn about how our Capitol and our state government operate.

A limited number of spots are available and FREE to CSU-AAUP members.

Review the agenda [here](#) and if you are interested, please contact your chapter president (contact info [here](#)).

CSU-AAUP encourages our members to vote on Tuesday, November 6. Over the summer, the CSU-AAUP Political Committee mailed questionnaires to all candidates for the Connecticut General Assembly. The responses helped guide the Committee's endorsements.

Please visit our website [here](#) to learn which candidates the CSU-AAUP Political Committee has endorsed and view the candidates' responses to our questionnaire.

We Need Your Help!

As a public institution, the CSU campuses are significantly impacted by legislation enacted by the General Assembly. A recent example was the bill passed in the last legislative session prohibiting remedial classes at the college level. Thankfully, prior to passage, the language of the bill was revised several times thanks to CSU-AAUP members who took the time to go to the State Capitol and testify at committee hearings. We can strengthen our collective voice by getting involved as individuals now.

Candidates remember people who volunteer on their campaigns. So pick a candidate for the Connecticut General Assembly who you support (see our list of political endorsements [here](#)) and take a couple hours between now and the election and volunteer on their campaign. This work is easy and does not require any experience.

Candidates need people to:

- Make calls to voters
- Go door to door with the candidate in your neighborhood introducing them
- Put their literature in doors in a few neighborhoods
- Stuff envelopes

Further, candidates are good listeners and they will be going door-to-door in your neighborhood, campaigning at local establishments, and participating in debates. When you encounter candidates, this is another good opportunity speak about the importance of public higher education and specifically CSU and its students and faculty. It will just take a minute but it will have a positive impact on our work in the General Assembly.

The next few months provide a very important time period during which we can advocate for issues critical to CSU and Public Higher Education. Please help us help you and take a few hours to volunteer on a campaign or take a few minutes to speak about higher education to a candidate for political office.

These activities will truly make a difference.

Have a question? Get the answer! Call (860) 832-3790 or email us at benonell@ccsu.edu