

THIS WEEK'S POLL: Are state workers overpaid?



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Malloy/Wyman Ticket Endorsed by CSU-AAUP and Other Higher Ed Unions

A coalition of the public higher education labor organizations, including CSU-AAUP, has endorsed the candidacies of Dan Malloy for Governor and Nancy Wyman for Lieutenant Governor.

In a joint statement, the signers said “Throughout their campaign Mayor Malloy and Comptroller Wyman have been consistent in describing the severity of the problems facing Connecticut, but have equally and forcefully articulated a vision of Connecticut where government works for the benefit of the people, not as a hostile element of the community, where workers deserve respect in return for the many sacrifices they’ve made in concessions over the years, and where the services they offer are vital to the economic climate of Connecticut. Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman recognize that Connecticut’s public higher education institutions, which have provided its citizens affordable education and represent excellence in research, are the key to the Nutmeg’s state future economic prosperity.”

Read the endorsement in its entirety [here](#).

CSU-AAUP Logo Redesign Contest for CSU Students

CSU-AAUP announces a contest to redesign our logo. The prize for the winning design will be \$500. Only Connecticut State University students are eligible to enter submissions. All logos should be submitted to [Ellen Benson](#) in jpeg or gif formats by Tuesday, November 23. A maximum of three submissions per student is allowed. Please include a name and contact information with submissions. For more information please see the [contest announcement](#).

Survey for Contingent Academic Workers

The Coalition on the Academic Workforce (CAW), of which National AAUP is a member, invites all members of the contingent academic workforce to participate in a survey to gather data about course assignments, salaries, benefits, and general working conditions. All members not on the tenure-track are invited to participate. Please fill out the questionnaire by November 30 at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VNNNRVS>.

CT Lobbying Conference

The Connecticut Lobbying Conference is an excellent training opportunity all CSU-AAUP members. It is designed to provide entry-level skills for first time lobbyists and continuing education for experienced advocates. Political action is always important, but during this period of economic uncertainty, it will be even more critical for CSU-AAUP members to be in contact with their legislators.

The Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 12 from 8:30-5:00 at the Lyceum Resources and Conference Center in Hartford. If you are interested in attending, please let your local AAUP office know by Friday, October 8.

CSU-AAUP Members Featured in the Media

[Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: Influences on How We See Ourselves](#) (Connecticut Plus)

[WestConn professor is tough on Constitution](#) (Danbury News Times)

[Eastern's Arroyo Named Connecticut State University Professor](#) (Hartford Courant)

[WestConn educator recognized for anti-death-penalty work](#) (Danbury News Times)

CSU Fact to Share

“The Connecticut State University System...recently announced that despite the worst economic downturn in decades, nearly 60 percent of recent graduates of the four-school network report they have obtained either a new, higher-level or higher-paying job. Also, some 90 percent of graduates report being employed, either full time or part time, after graduation. In addition, the number of graduates pursuing a graduate degree has increased from 53 percent among students from the class of 2007 to 60 percent for the class of 2008 and 71 percent for 2009 alumni.” ([Danbury News Times](#)).

Have a question? Get the answer!

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