

Membership
Update



April 16, 2015

From the President...

Providence Princess

Our 11th annual Providence Princess Prom Dress giveaway was held this past Saturday, April 11th from 9-2 at the PTU office. Once again it was a huge success! We outfitted 209 ladies with gowns, shoes and accessories! Girls were lined up at 7:45 waiting to get in. PTU members, office staff, friends and Ex. Board members were all on hand to help every girl receive the Royal treatment while choosing a gown. The ladies left feeling like a true Princess.

This event could not have been possible if it were not for the PTU members who contributed to a dress down day or donated a dress. I want to thank the PTU Membership for their continued support of such a worthy and rewarding event!

Check out our Providence Princess Facebook page and stay tuned for photos of the ladies in their gowns at their upcoming proms.

Best,

Deb Pilkington
Providence Princess Coordinator





From the President...

PTU Constitution & By-Laws

The results of last Wednesday's vote on the amendments to the PTU Constitution and By-laws are as follows:

Constitution:

Approve	60
Reject	1

By-Laws:

Approve	52
Reject	9

The updated Constitution and By-laws will be distributed to the membership as soon as it is proofread and printed.

I would like to thank everyone who attended yesterday's membership meeting and who participated in this process.

CBH Update

Postings for Hiring Fair II will go live on PATS on May 4, 2015. The application deadline is May 10, 2015.

Hiring Fair II will be held on the following dates at Central High School:

Thursday, May 28, 2015 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 30, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PTU staff will be present at all hiring fairs. If you encounter an issue as a candidate or a hiring committee member, please notify a PTU staff member. In addition, building delegates have been provided with a copy of the CBH Appeal procedures. Please note that appeals must be filed in a timely manner. Appeal forms may be downloaded from the PTU website.

From the President...

Mediation Update

On Friday, April 10, 2015 the PTU negotiating committee met with the district's team to resume discussions for a successor contract. I am pleased to announce that last week's session was extremely productive. We are scheduled to meet again the week after April recess to finalize a few remaining areas.

Once the Tentative Agreement is finalized, a series of informational meetings will be scheduled prior to the ratification meeting.

As always, I will keep you apprised as to the status of negotiations.

Retirement Workshop

The PTU is holding a retiree medical benefits workshop on:

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PTU Conference Room

Members who are interested in attending, may register by contacting Sharon at the PTU office at (401) 421-4014 or general@proteun.org.

Please register by
Monday, June 8, 2015.



PCTA — SkillsUSA Competition

Congratulations to the PCTA teachers and students for their achievements in this year's SkillsUSA competition. SkillsUSA is a national organization that partners with students, teachers and industry representatives working together to develop CTE student employability skills.

This year was PCTA's best overall medal count since the school opened in 2009. Altogether, PCTA brought home 38 medals — 14 of which were gold! Students will now move onto the national competition this June in Louisville, KY. The teachers who directly coached the gold medalists were:

Tim Gardiner	Plumbing
Robert Gianfrancesco	Action Skills & Industrial Motors and Controls
Rahssan Gomes	Community Service/Community Action
Rick Goyette	Masonry & Welding
William Harris	Sheet Metal & HVAC
Barbara Rios	Job Skill Demonstration
Johandry Rodriguez	Restaurant Service
David Santos	Action Skills & Industrial Motors and Controls
Jessica Tate	Restaurant Service



These teachers should be commended as well as all of the other CTE and academic PCTA teachers who participated in this event.

From the President...

Reminders....



◆ **Open Office Hours**

Open office hours is an opportunity for President Calabro to hear directly from you. If you have any concerns or suggestions, call the Union office to schedule an appointment. *Open office hours* are between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

May 27
June 17

◆ **Town Hall Meetings**

In addition to our regularly scheduled membership meetings, members are encouraged to attend *town meetings* from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the following dates. *Town meetings* are an opportunity to have in formal conversations regarding the issues that concern our profession:

May 20
June 10

◆ **Certification Renewal**

Teachers are reminded to begin the certification renewal process for any certificate that is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2015. Upon receipt of your renewed certificate, a copy should be forwarded to the Office of Human Resources.

◆ **Membership Meeting**

The next membership meeting will be held on May 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the PTU office.

Dress Down Day for Ani

Building Delegates have been asked to coordinate a dress down day to support the family of Ani Emdjian.

Ani was a third grade student at Vartan Gregorian Elementary School who passed away from a tragic accident on March 26.

Please see your building delegate for details. Thank you for your support.

