



VSTA Newsletter: April 2025



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Top Shelf Golf VSTA Event



Thanks once again to Deb Schneider for organizing another fun event for union members at Top Shelf Golf in Holtsville on Monday, March 31, 2025.



Contract Corner: April Tips Leaves/FMLA, Workplace Violence

On Thursday, April 10, 2025, Executive Council members attended an informational NYSUT training led by Jessie Leiken covering Leaves/FMLA and Workplace Violence at the William L. Buck School. For the full presentation please click [here](#).



Educational Consultation Committee (ECC) Shared at Unit Meetings

High School Topics

- **Budget**
- **Air conditioning**

District 13

- **New teacher training**
- **Supt. conference days**
- **District substitute teachers**
- **Air conditioning**

District 24

- **Budget (presentation/classroom/library/staff)**
- **Air Conditioning**
- **Vision 2030 classroom**
- **Last day/end of year party**

District 30

- **Meeting in May**



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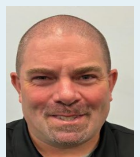
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Elections

VSTA Elections will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025. Voting will take place using the Election Buddy electronic platform. All VSTA Members will have the opportunity to vote for the open VSTA Treasurer position. In addition, Valley Stream Central High School VSTA Members (ONLY) will have the opportunity to vote for 6 VSTA Delegates for the 2025-2026 school year. The candidates are listed below.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Jennifer Scallan (M) Jessica Zwicker (C)

Central H.S.: (7)* Unit Leader: Alisha Varian
Delegates: Joseph Mando, Elizabeth Kott, Jen Buongurio, Francesco Visone, William Miller, Lisa Rutigliano, Cristina Canle

Memorial J.H.S.: (6)

Co-unit Leaders – Holly Lopez/Anne Larkin Delegates – Stephanie Peace, Malysa Thorngren, Kelly Leftwich, Erin Primm

North H.S. (9)

Co-unit Leaders – Al Daddino, Joe Powers
Delegates – Christy Mansfield, Kevin Gilchrist, Philp Sanfilippo, Debra Schneider, Joseph Moniaci, Imma Goldman, Cristina Paul

South H.S. (8)

Co-unit Leaders – Melissa Torregrosa, Anthony Geremina
Delegates – Vincent Baio, Paul Brower, Kerry Butler, Daniel Creegan, Kyle Hayden, Alison Rudin

District #13

J.A. Dever (4) Unit Leader – Debora O'Connor
Delegates – Parita Domadia, Michael Whelan, Alyssa Ventura

Willow Road (3)

Unit Leader – Nanci Brochhagen
Delegates – Donna Geidel, Alyssa Rivera

Howell Road (4) Unit Leader – Vanessa Kelly
Delegates- Debra Campbell-Dibona, Lisa Mulqueen, Nancy Sferrazza

Wheeler Ave (4) Unit Leader – Ewa Jedynak
Delegates – Valerie Cassano, Kristine LaCroix

District #24

W.L. Buck (3)

Unit Leader – Joseph Schumpf
Delegates- Chris Chruma, Katarina Sloboda

Brooklyn Ave (2) Unit Leader – Kathleen Carter
Delegate – Brooke Martins

R.W. Carbonaro (3)

Unit Leader – Marie Healy
Delegates – Kathleen Murray, Cathy Haufler

District #30

Shaw Ave (5)

Unit Leader – Deanna Cerrone
Delegates – Jeanine Lichter, Regina Rudy, Lauren Rosenthal, Susan Perrone

Clearstream Ave (2)

Unit Leader – Leslie Freiberg
Delegate- Stephanie Cooke

Forest Road (2)

Unit Leader – Anthony Auciello
Delegate – Christopher Nazario

H.S. Teaching Assistants (3)

Unit Leader – Karen Wallace (S)

Delegates – Janice Petruccelli (C), Patricia Spadola (M)

EOP's (4) Unit Leader –
Delegates- Katie Telfer (30)

RN's (1) Unit Leader – Marie Walsh (24)

#13 Aides (5)

Unit Leader – Carol Lucente (13)
Delegates –

H.S. Security Aides (1)

Unit Leader – Daniel DiGiovanni (S)

#13 TA's (1) Unit Leader –Deanna Gisonda (Willow) (Shaw) -

Long Islanders against Charter Schools

The VSTA Political Action Committee has taken action to support the Long Islanders Against Charter Schools. Charter schools receive money directly from school districts for students enrolled. The amount per student is often greater than the cost per student in their home district. There is also no oversight on Charter School spending or budgets. Charter schools are a threat to other local school districts. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

Union Affiliations



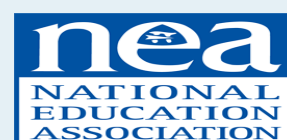
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NYSUT members have access to programs and services from NYSUT Member Benefits that can help them save money, protect their family, and assist with planning for the future.

With our **Legal Service Plan**, you will receive crucial estate planning documents (Simple Will, Health Care Proxy, Living Will & Power of Attorney); free attorney consultations; and guaranteed maximum fees for personal legal matters. Plan participants receive guaranteed hourly rates along with discounted prices for referral attorneys.

Our **Financial Counseling Program** offers access to certified financial planners that provide fee-based financial counseling services. Participants can get help with retirement planning, 403(b) & 457(b) plan advice, debt management, savings, budgeting, and more.

Check out **Synchrony Bank** for some of today's most competitive interest rates on certificates of deposit, money market, and savings accounts. An optional automated savings program (which makes transfers from your checking account at another bank to your money market or savings account at Synchrony Bank) is an easy way to build your balances in higher-earning accounts.

Our online **Financial Learning Center - powered by Kiplinger's Personal Finance** – offers numerous articles designed to assist NYSUT members with achieving their personal financial goals and better understand the nuances of insurance, savings, investing, and more. This free resource is updated on a monthly basis.

Do you have student loan or general debt concerns? Our **Cambridge Credit Counseling program** is available at no cost to assist NYSUT members with better understanding general debt consolidation and student loan repayment options. Members can take part in a free consultation with a certified Cambridge counselor or sign up for a no-cost student loan debt webinar provided by Cambridge.

Take back your financial independence and protect your family for whatever the future may bring.

Learn more by scanning the QR code, visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org, or calling 800-626-8101.



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