

EDUCATION SECTOR

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NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECTOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first of what will be quarterly newsletters designed for you, our members and staff in our education sector. Our goal is to keep you informed on events and activities members of the education sector are participating in both at work and in their communities and to keep you connected to your fellow staff and leadership. Whether you're a new or long time member, our hope is to strengthen our membership by providing interesting and relevant information.

Do you have an idea or story from your workplace to share? Maybe you've heard of an upcoming event you'd like to promote. Send us your ideas so we can help support each other as SGEU members.

There are so many interesting experiences and opportunities to learn about and our newsletter is just one way we can share that information. Another way to stay informed about SGEU and its work on your behalf is through our website filled with helpful information and resources. So stay tuned in and logged on to sgeu.org. I would like to thank sister Brigitte Monteith, as well as communications officer, Kathryn Engel and assistant, Tracie Lloyd for their work producing this newsletter. Please contact Brigitte to submit your information.

SGEU is here to support you our members,



Sincerely,

Shawna North
Education sector vice president

NAME OUR EDUCATION SECTOR NEWSLETTER

We need your help...please help us name our newsletter!

Please email your naming submissions to brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca no later than May 31, 2015.

If we choose the name you submitted, you will receive a \$50 Co-op Gift Card!

I look forward to your submissions. If you have any questions, please let me know.
Brigitte Monteith, Education sector newsletter coordinator

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SECTOR NEWS

- The Gabriel Dumont Institute is in the process of bringing all of its service providers in Prince Albert under one roof. Until recently, training and employment, which provides funding and employment services, was housed in a different building from SUNTEP Prince Albert and Dumont Technical Institute. Having all services in one building should promote more effective collaboration and more efficient providing of services for students and clients. It will also help our members within these offices, to better get to know each other and to build a stronger sense of solidarity within the institute. No positions were eliminated as a result of the move.
- Fiscal restraint is happening across the sector....We are asking employees to report to the bargaining committee with any additional workload additions or non-bargaining unit members doing our work because positions haven't been filled.

MEMBERS IN MOTION

- Lynette Gerski (Cumberland College) and Brigitte Monteith (Great Plains College) completed all course requirements with the Foundation of Administrative Justice for the Tribunal and Administrative Certificates.

↳ For information on Foundation of Administrative Justice, check out their website: FOAJ.ca
- Bonnie Bond and Brigitte Monteith completed the Labour-Management Relations Certificate at Edwards School of Business.



[Click here](#) to read the full story on this innovative new program designed to reflect a new era in labour relations.

- ☑ *Shawna North, Education Sector VP, completed the Management Labour Relations Certificate the previous year, the first year it was offered.*

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

The Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union encourages its members and their dependents to learn throughout their lives. [SGEU Scholarship and Bursary Directory](#) list more than \$60,000 in scholarships and bursaries for post-secondary education, including labour studies. In addition, the Education Sector offers the following to their members:

[Education Sector Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Anand Vaid Memorial Bursary Application Form](#)

[Tracey Kurtenbach Memorial Bursary Application Form](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

One of our members, Jen Pilsner, senior marketing and communications consultant at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regina Campus is the daughter of Saskatchewan artist, Paul Constable.

SGEU president Bob Bymoen presented two pieces of art by Constable as a [gift to the people of Saskatchewan](#) to mark SGEU's 100 years of protecting the rights of provincial government employees.



SGEU PORTAPLAN INSURANCE

During the period of May 1st to July 31st each year, new members and spouses and children of eligible members, are eligible to apply for one unit of \$20,000 Term Life without any statement of health. To find more information click here: [SGEU Portaplan Insurance](#)

Please send all [Application Forms](#) attention to:

Shane Osberg
Director, Disability Management Services SGEU
1440 Broadway Ave
Regina Sask S4P 1E2
306 775 7204

Education sector members - we want your stories of interest for our newsletter...

Information can be news of bargaining updates (only information that can be public knowledge), new courses, changes in programming, successes, challenges, things other members might want to try in their facility, relevant photos, SGEU scholarships, etc. If a location has an initiative or event happening we could put that in as well as union information that all members would find useful.

Don't worry about editing and if you are not sure if the material you have is relevant, no worries, the communications department will take care of that for you.

Please forward stories of union interest, pictures, etc. to Brigitte Monteith, Education sector newsletter coordinator at brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca.