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## OAPSE Backs Brown for Return to Supreme Court

### Retaining Justice Will Keep Friend to Workers on State's Highest Judicial Body

While all eyes will be on the presidential and U.S. Senate races this fall, *"it's important to remember that we have other critical elections that will impact OAPSE members and our families for decades,"* said Executive Director Joe Rugola.

Chief among the "down ballot" races, those listed well below the presidential and senate races, is the one featuring Ohio Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown. She is running to finish the final two years of Justice Maureen O'Connor's term. O'Connor moved into the Chief Justice chair after the death of Thomas Moyer. O'Connor's seat was filled by McGee Brown when she was appointed to the court in January, 2011 by Governor Ted Strickland after serving as his running mate. Although they lost their election bid, that race served to introduce Yvette to the voters of Ohio.

*"Here in Central Ohio, Yvette McGee Brown has a strong reputation as a lawyer, judge and advocate for vulnerable children. But in 2010, she traveled the state with Ted and showed all Ohioans what a thoughtful, bright, energetic and committed person and candidate she is. The members of the OAPSE Executive Board met with her several times and are very pleased to be backing Yvette in the election this year,"* Rugola said.

McGee Brown is the only Democrat on the state's top court, but has built a productive working relationship with the other six justices, she said. But she has stressed that her life experiences have given her a perspective that differs from the other justices.

*"It's important to have diversity among all our judges. Not just diversity in terms of race or gender or political party but diversity in terms of life experi-*

*ence,"* Brown has said.

Born to a single mother, McGee Brown was raised by her mom and grandmother and encouraged to work hard for everything she wanted. She is a graduate of Mifflin High School, which is part of the Columbus City Schools, where 3,200 workers are represented by OAPSE. McGee Brown graduated from Ohio University and earned a full ride to law school at The Ohio State University. She worked in the Ohio Attorney General's office and was elected to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. She left that post to found the Center for Child and Family Advocacy, which helps children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

*"Yvette and her husband, who has been a teacher for 35 years, believe in a strong public education. They believe in a strong middle class. They believe that people who are struggling to get by as they work hard to take care of their families deserve some help and deserve a fair shake from their government. Basically, they believe what OAPSE members believe – that every Ohioan is entitled to a decent living and a secure retirement. That's why we support Yvette and urge her reelection,"* Rugola said.

He encouraged OAPSE members and their families to remember to vote and to be sure and mark their ballots for Obama, (Sherrod) Brown and (Yvette McGee) Brown. □



Ohio Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown, with OAPSE Executive Director Joe Rugola, has the strong support of OAPSE in her race to return to the court for another term.

# Vote This Year To Stop the Assault on Workers

## Attacks Didn't Stop With the Defeat of Senate Bill 5

As you prepare to vote – either very soon by absentee ballot or in November on Election Day – it is important to consider the impact of your choices and what a difference you can make by supporting candidates who support you and your family. We found that out the hard way after the 2010 elections left us with politicians who would have been all too happy to see every OAPSE member out of a job or stripped of their union and their collective bargaining rights.

Difficult as it is to believe, nearly a year has passed since Ohioans delivered a crushing blow to John Kasich and his Wall Street friends who were attacking our members' jobs, wages and benefits. Senate Bill 5 was just one part of a comprehensive assault on working families that continues to this day all over the country. That attack was conceived and is funded by giant corporations and the extreme politicians who take their money.

Pension benefits for current and future retirees are being cut, health care reform is targeted for destruction, and union contracts are being trashed. The privatization of school and other public sector jobs is accelerating and Kasich's funding cuts to education, totaling more than \$1.3 billion, have cost hundreds of OAPSE members their jobs.

All of this has been done in the name of making the super-rich in America

even richer and giving them the money to outright buy our elections. All we need to do is look at the secret and dirty millions of dollars flooding into Ohio to attack Sherrod Brown. More than \$15 million in Super PAC money has been spent against Sherrod to date, and we can expect at least another \$15 million before Election Day.

Now, another election is in front of us, and the choices are the same as those we made last fall. Will Ohio and America continue to shower tax breaks and special advantages on the already obscenely rich? Will we stand for the attacks on Social Security and Medicare that are at the core of the Romney-Ryan budget plan? Or will we Ohioans at long last regain our senses and provide job security, honest wages and decent retirement benefits for those who do the work that adds actual value to our country.

This fall, before you decide how to vote, take a look at the candidates who have stood with us, not just on Senate Bill 5, but on all of the issues that determine what kind of life our members will have – secure retirement, good health care and a fair wage for honest work.

People like Senator Sherrod Brown, who has been a tireless voice for school employees and all OAPSE members for his entire life. People like Ohio Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown,

who came from a working class family and never forgot her roots and her values. People like President Obama, who inherited a historic economic crisis that no one could have fixed in just a few years. And the many others who share our core belief that John Kasich and his Wall Street friends have grabbed enough from working families in recent years.

Check out the other endorsements in this issue of the *OAPSE News*, log on to [www.oapse.org](http://www.oapse.org) and click on the MyOAPSE button on the page, and look in the mail for the information our national union, AFSCME, will be sending this fall to get our recommendations for your vote for pro-OAPSE, pro-family candidates.

November, 2011 showed both the power of our vote and the dangers we face if our vote puts the wrong people in office. Let us all vote for candidates who understand the life of a food service worker, a Developmentally Disabled bus driver, a Head Start staff member, and a library employee. Let us all vote for a secure job, a fair wage, and a decent retirement. □



Executive Director  
Joe Rugola

## Choices are Clear in 2012 Elections

As you think about your choices in this year's elections, I'm asking you to remember that your vote will determine the direction of our state and our country.



OAPSE State President  
JoAnn Johnntony

I've never missed voting in an election, and I'm not missing this one, because I know how great the stakes are for me, my coworkers, my family and my community.

I know you are sick and tired of the negative ads. I am, too. But don't let your frustration with the political process keep you from your responsibility of casting your ballot. And when you do, re-

member that there are candidates who will really stand with you and candidates who can't stand you and would be happy to replace you with a low-wage worker who gets no retirement and no benefits.

Take Sherrod Brown, for example, as someone whose support for us can never be questioned. As a state representative, our Ohio secretary of state, and our U.S. senator, there has never been a time when Sherrod has not supported OAPSE and all public employees. In 1983, he helped give us the collective bargaining law that moved us from second-class citizens to respected workers providing services the public needs and wants. And he's been on our side ever since. He never wavers and never strays from his principles and his values. He is honest, earnest and hard-working. Through his steadfast support for the economic stimulus plan and

the auto bailout, I have seen firsthand how he cares about workers and our families. The stimulus and the bailout of the American automobile manufacturers has made a huge difference in the Mahoning Valley, where I am from. We have been on a downward economic spiral for decades as a result of steel and auto plant closings. Of course, the decline in jobs has meant the loss of many small businesses and a huge decline in tax dollars to support our schools, libraries, county boards of developmental disabilities, community colleges, and every other public service.

Without the auto bailout and our public investment in companies like General Motors, more than 850,000 Ohio workers in the automobile industry could have lost their jobs. And some experts estimate that one in 10 workers in the U.S. would have been at risk of hitting

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the unemployment line if the “Big Three” auto makers had been allowed to “go bankrupt” as Mitt Romney wanted.

Now, in Lordstown alone, more than 5,000 workers are busy producing the Chevy Cruze, and more jobs will be added there soon. In addition, GM will spend more than \$220 million to improve the production line. That means more private sector workers on the job. And that’s good for us because workers pay taxes that support our public jobs. And workers with good jobs spend money with small businesses and help build strong communities. Sherrod knows that, and that’s why we can always count on him to be on our side.

The bottom line is that we need people like Sherrod in office – people who understand our issues and concerns and help to make our lives better. Believe me, his opponent, Josh Mandel, is not on our side. He supported Senate Bill 5 and would have voted against the economic stimulus plan. And that’s just the tip of the iceberg with him. He actually called Sherrod “un-American” for voting to save the auto industry. That’s just com-

pletely out of touch with reality.

We also need to re-elect President Obama and give him a chance to finish the job he started. His initiative, the American Jobs Act, included \$1 billion for Ohio’s schools, and the Education Jobs Fund meant an investment of \$361 million to keep school employees on the job. He wants to end tax breaks for millionaires and huge corporations and make sure middle class families get the help we need to make it in these difficult economic times.

President Obama thinks like union members think – that we’re all in this together. That we are stronger when we work together. I urge you to support our president and give him another four years so our country can continue on the path toward a stronger economy and an even better America.

Please take a look at the endorsements included in this issue of the *OAPSE News*. OAPSE’s endorsement committee recommends these candidates because they have the records and positions that EARNED our endorsements. As we know from the Senate Bill 5 fight, it matters who serves in our legislature. We have to take every election seriously. We have to take our votes seriously.



United States Senior Senator from Ohio  
Sherrod Brown

So I’ll look for you at our phone banks and our labor walks between now and Election Day. And I’ll look forward to celebrating the many victories for working people that we achieve in November and beyond. □

## PEOPLE Committee Kicks Off Leadership Campaign

Senate Bill 5 is a great example of why every OAPSE member should contribute to PEOPLE, the union’s political action committee and our way of raising money to use in political elections and fights like the one we had last year.

*“We need to raise money to fight anti-worker, unfriendly legislation like Senate Bill 5. Millions of our PEOPLE dollars were used to win that huge battle,”* said Barb Ward, chair of the OAPSE/AFSCME State PEOPLE Committee. *“But we also use PEOPLE money to win local levy campaigns and elect friendly public officials, including school board members. That’s especially important now, since the Governor cut our education funding in Ohio by more than \$1.3 billion.”*

Ward said PEOPLE dollars also help OAPSE fight privatization at the local level and statewide, and are used to fight for pension security and the fight to protect our defined benefit plans.

At a meeting held in late August the State PEOPLE Committee outlined its goals for the coming year. *“The role of leadership in each of our locals is critical.*



*If what we must do to prepare for what seems to be a non-stop battle to protect our public jobs isn’t conveyed to our members by their leadership, the members may not understand. PEOPLE gives us what we need to help defend ourselves.*

*“Current OAPSE members who contribute to PEOPLE are the folks who should be thanked. They have fought for all of us thus far. As leaders, we must become engaged in the efforts to protect all OAPSE members’ jobs,”* she explained. *“Our goal for this year is to sign up all OAPSE local officers and the PEOPLE captain in every OAPSE local. Our committee will be leading the efforts at district meetings and will work with local officers to increase membership participation within all locals.”*

Ultimately, Ward said, the goal is to meet the International union’s goal of having at least 10 percent of all OAPSE members contributing to PEOPLE at the MVP level, which is \$100 per year. □

## Conference Resolutions Deadline for 2013

The deadline to submit resolutions for OAPSE/AFSCME’s 73rd Annual Delegate Conference will be February 1, 2013. Resolutions to the Constitutional Conference can be submitted only by a Local, a District or the State Executive Board.

All resolutions must be certified by the Secretary of the respective subordinate body as outlined in Section 8.06 of the OAPSE/AFSCME State Constitution.

The Annual Delegate Conference will be held on May 9-11, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus. □

## REMEMBER

You can vote at home  
starting October 2nd!

Request your absentee ballot NOW!

## This year, it's Yes on Issue 2!!!



In 2011, Ohio voters were encouraged to vote NO on Issue 2 to beat back Senate Bill 5, the legislation that would have gutted collective bargaining for public workers and put our jobs, pay and benefits at risk. This year, we are urging a YES vote on Issue 2, the statewide ballot measure designed to fix a broken system of drawing legislative lines in Ohio. Voting experts and the media agree that the system is flawed, noting that Issue 2 is an attempt to take the map-drawing power away from the politicians and political parties and instead give it to a balanced, independent commission that would draw more-competitive and geographically logical maps.

*"We don't have to look any farther than Northeast Ohio to see why we need to pass Issue 2,"* said Davida Russell,

OAPSE state vice president.

According to Voters First, the OAPSE-backed coalition urging a Yes on Issue 2 vote, some serious shenanigans occurred while Republicans were drawing the new state and congressional legislative lines this year. The Republicans met behind closed doors, in a hotel room nicknamed "the bunker," intentionally hiding the process from the public. The group sent a preliminary map to the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, John Boehner, who represents Ohio's 8th Congressional District, near Cincinnati. A member of Speaker Boehner's staff, responded through e-mail to those in charge of drawing the new districts, requesting a last minute change to District 16 by adding a large business, Timken, which regularly donates to Republicans, including Boehner

and Rep. Jim Renacci, the Republican incumbent in the 16th District. Then, **within 13 minutes of the first e-mail**, the map drawers responded that Timken would now be in Renacci's district, no problem, no questions asked.

*"Where is the fairness there? Were they even thinking about Ohio voters when they made that decision? Or were their actions based solely on what was best for Republican candidates? This shows how badly we need an unbiased system to draw our legislative boundaries,"* Russell said. A YES vote on Issue 2 will mean common sense reform that is a step in the right direction toward fixing a broken system. Passage of Issue 2 will make how legislative lines are drawn more accountable, transparent and balanced. *"We need to pass Issue 2 so that neither party can unfairly dominate state politics or rig the system to their own advantage. We need to put a stop to this so we have fair representation at the Statehouse and in Congress,"* Russell said.

In order to stress the YES on Issue 2 message, the campaign will hold "Scrub Off Saturdays" from now through the election. You will have the opportunity to visit a drive through and have your NO on Issue 2 bumper sticker from last year scrubbed off and replaced with a YES on Issue 2 bumper sticker.

Check the OAPSE web site at [www.oapse.org](http://www.oapse.org) and the We Are Ohio web site at [www.weareohio.com](http://www.weareohio.com) for dates, locations and times. □

## Pension Changes Signed by Governor

State lawmakers have made changes to Ohio's five public pension systems that alter retirement ages for those not close to retirement. Most of the systems, excluding the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) changed cost-of-living adjustments for all retirees and the Final Average Salary (FAS) calculation. Most OAPSE members participate in SERS. However, a few thousand OAPSE members participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The changes were made with wide bipartisan support in separate legislation dealing with each system. Governor Kasich was expected to sign the bills into law before the end of September.

*"OAPSE members on the (SERS) board have worked very hard to protect retirement benefits for current and future retirees,"* said State Secretary Sandy Wheeler. *"In fact, for years, our elected representatives to SERS have been calling for changes to make the system stronger and make sure we can all retire with dignity*

### School Employees Retirement System Board-Approved Plan Summary

	SERS Members Hired before 5/14/2008	SERS Members Hired on or after 5/14/2008 S.B. 148 - 127th G.A. (Sen. Faber)	Senate Passed S.B. 341: Effective for Those With Fewer Than 25 Years of Service on or after 8/1/2017
Retire with no reduction	Age 65 with 5 years, or Any age with 30 years	Age 65 with 10 years, or Age 55 with 30 years	Age 67 with 10 years, or Age 57 with 30 years
Early retirement	Age 60 with 5 years, or Age 55 with 25 years	Age 62 with 10 years, or Age 60 with 25 years	Age 62 with 10 years, or Age 60 with 25 years

*and security. It's too bad our board members weren't listened to 20 years ago."*

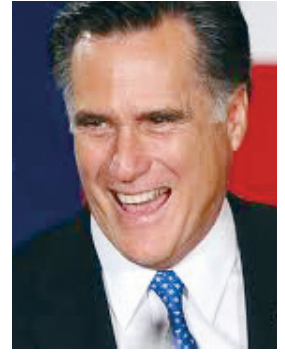
Director of Political Action and Legislative Affairs Randy Weston said once the board approved changes, "We closely monitored the actions of lawmakers to make sure they didn't go beyond the recommendations and seriously harm our members and retirees.

We will continue to watch closely and keep OAPSE members updated on any changes to their pension benefits."

The chart above outlines changes to SERS benefits. Reductions will be made for early retirement. All changes to both SERS and OPERS can be found on their websites at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) and [www.opers.org](http://www.opers.org). □



# JUST THE FACTS



## On protecting the middle class . . .

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** has a plan to protect the middle class by ending tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans while protecting investments in public education and Medicare. He has cut taxes for all working families, has cut taxes for small businesses 18 times, asked Congress to pass the Buffet Rule to make millionaires pay their fair share and proposed expanding the Child Tax Credit for hardworking families with children. (Wall Street Journal, 6/30/11)

## On education . . .

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** supports the American Jobs Act, which contains \$30 billion in funding for public education, including \$1 billion for Ohio. With his Education Jobs Fund, Ohio received \$361 million for public schools, saving more than 1,100 jobs. The president's student loan reform and tax credits have made college more affordable for millions of middle class families. (Whitehouse.gov)

## On Health Care and Medicare . . .

Under **PRESIDENT OBAMA'S** health care plan, millions more Americans have health insurance. And insurance companies cannot deny coverage for those with pre-existing conditions, which means between 50 and 129 million Americans have access to health care. Under the president's plan, more than 47 million Medicare beneficiaries now have access to free health services—including an annual wellness visit, mammograms, and other health screenings—to help detect and treat medical conditions early. And nearly 3.6 million seniors who fell into the Medicare "doughnut hole" last year saved an average of \$604 on prescription drugs. The doughnut hole will disappear completely by 2023 under the president's plan. (ABCNews.com, Whitehouse.gov)

## On protecting the middle class . . .

**MITT ROMNEY** plans to cut the taxes of the wealthiest Americans which will lead to tax hikes for 5.5 million middle class families in Ohio. Under Romney, 95 percent of Americans would see their taxes go up. He would give tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas. (Tax Policy Center, 9/8/12)

## On education . . .

**MITT ROMNEY** supports for-profit education and urges students to "get as much education as they can afford." He wants to rein in the education unions and would gut the U.S. Department of Education. He would make college more expensive by ending tax credits, and he wants college students to just "borrow money from their parents" to further their education. (Campaign speech, 6/27/12, Fox News, 1/24/08, Wall Street Journal, 4/15/12, Speech at Otterbein University)

## On Health Care and Medicare . . .

**MITT ROMNEY** would scrap all health care reform. He has said that people with pre-existing conditions who didn't already have health insurance shouldn't get any special treatment. The Romney/Ryan Medicare plan would turn Medicare into a voucher system and would cost seniors up to \$6,400 per year. Seniors turning 65 in 2023 would see their health care costs increase by \$59,500 during retirement. The plan would mean as much as \$16 to \$26 billion in new profits for insurance companies. (ABCNews.com, Whitehouse.gov)

**Consider These Issues When You Vote on November 6th!**



# Saunders, Reyes Elected to Lead AFSCME

## OAPSE Support Key to Victory for New Leadership Team



OAPSE's executive board proudly and strongly backed Lee Saunders for AFSCME International president and Laura Reyes for secretary-treasurer. And in Los Angeles at the AFSCME Convention, Executive Director Joe Rugola cast all OAPSE votes for that leadership team.

Saunders and Reyes won overwhelming victories at the convention, which featured debates between the candidates and vigorous discussion among delegates about who would best serve the union as its top officers. Saunders won by more than 100,000 votes, while Reyes' victory margin was almost 60,000 votes. Rugola was unanimously selected by OAPSE delegates to another term as an International Vice President of the national union.

Rugola noted that Saunders is from Ohio and got his start with AFSCME as a state employee in 1975. *"We have been good friends for 25 years. There is no question that Lee will make an outstanding president of our union. We need his vision, energy, commitment and passion during the tough times ahead for our members,"* Rugola said. *"And he has an outstanding partner in Laura. I look forward to working with them to move the union forward."*

In his first address as president of AFSCME, Lee Saunders got right down to important business for AFSCME members. *"We must work our hearts out to re-elect President Obama,"* he said, to meet the tough challenges facing labor and working families. He pledged a new day and a new way of thinking about politics for our union as *"we hold all politicians accountable for their*

*treatment of public workers. Our union does not work for any political party."*

*"We work for justice and fairness in the workplace. If someone takes us on, it does not matter whether they are a Democrat or a Republican, conservative or liberal. We are taking you on and we will take you out."*



The stakes are too high to do anything else, Saunders said, adding *"This is a defining moment, not only for our nation but also for our union. What we do will determine whether collective bargaining survives, whether members' lives get better, whether retirement security is restored, whether public services are strengthened and whether the American dream is renewed."*

Sec.-Treas. Laura Reyes, former president of UDW Homecare Providers Union/AFSCME Local 3930, focused on building a stronger union and organizing new members, including those in non-traditional jobs.

*"We will dig deep into every state, every city, every school, every library,*

*every county to organize new workers from every sector,"* Reyes said. *"Our reason for organizing is not just to collect more dues, or boast higher numbers. Our reason for organizing is our reason for being: to give every worker a fair shot in a world where the decks are stacked against us."*

Reyes also stressed the importance of fighting for fair contracts, which will have everything on the table, including *"pay, pensions, non-discrimination language, health care, workplace safety – you name it. We will be fighting for strong, meaningful language that protects our members and advances their economic situation. We will give up nothing for working families. AFSCME is on a single path toward fairness for all,"* Reyes said. *"We must bring as many as possible along for the journey. That won't always be easy. But I know, with Pres. Lee Saunders as our brother and our leader, we will keep moving forward together."*

Saunders stressed that *"both Laura and I are committed to our members and cherish this union. We know that Wall Street and its allies are engaged in an all-out assault against our members and the services we provide. They know that AFSCME stands in the way of their efforts to destroy the middle class. We are united in our commitment to stand up for the men and women who care for America's children, nurse the sick, plow our streets, collect the household trash and protect our communities. Our members are a cross-section of America, not some elite group like our opponents try to claim. And we are ready for the battle ahead."* □

## New Chair of State Scholarship Committee Named

A long-time member of the State Scholarship Committee, Stephanie Wiley was named to the top post by OAPSE State President JoAnn Johnthony. She will serve as the Chair of the State Scholarship Committee and will also serve as the president of the OAPSE/AFSCME Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Wiley, a bus driver for Columbus City Schools and member of Local 336, replaces Mary Beth Thompson, who retired in June.

Joining the committee to represent

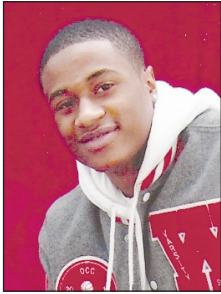
the North Central District is Bill Hurlow. He is a member of Local 370 at Galion City Schools, where he has worked since 1974. Hurlow represents the North Central District on the OAPSE/AFSCME State Executive Board.

Wiley said the committee will again award a minimum of 10 \$2,500 scholarships to give financial assistance to deserving students. Eligibility requirements will be posted on the OAPSE website at [www.oapse.org](http://www.oapse.org). Applications will be available on the Members Only

section of the website on December 1, 2012. Completed applications, including all supporting documentation, will be accepted from January 1 to March 1, 2013. The scholarship committee will select recipients by April 1.

If you need additional information or want a scholarship application mailed to you, please contact Pam Duncan at the OAPSE State Office at 1(800)786-2773 or send a request with your name and local number to Pam's attention at OAPSE/AFSCME Memorial Scholarship Committee, 6805 Oak Creek Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43229-1591. □

# Scholarships of \$2,500 Each Awarded to Thirteen Seniors



**Marvin O' Daniel**

Marvin is the son of Marvin O'Daniel, Columbus City Schools Bus Drivers, Local 336. He plans to attend Malone University and will major in Sports Medicine and Sports Management.



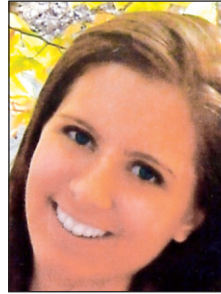
**Miranda Fabian**

Miranda was awarded the Nancy Sanders Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Laura Fabian, Louisville City Schools, Local 456. She will attend Otterbein University where she plans to major in Nursing.



**Jessica Machovina**

Jessica was awarded the Bill Higgins Tribute Scholarship. She is the daughter of Laura Machovina, St. Clairsville Richland City Schools, Local 549. She will attend The Ohio State University to major in Aviation.



**Abigail Beale**

Abigail is the daughter of Brenda Beale, Mount Vernon City Schools, Local 470. She will be attending Ohio University where she plans to major in Law.



**Benjamin Gozur**

Benjamin received the Nick JohnTony Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Marsha Gozur, Campbell City Schools, Local 141. He plans to attend Youngstown State University where he will major in Aeronautical Engineering.



**Casey Brown**

Casey was awarded the Pete Christopher Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Waneta Brown, Hudson City Schools, Local 372. She will attend Northwood University to major in Fashion Marketing and Management.



**Jericha Martin**

Jericha is the daughter of Stephanie Martin, Fremont City Schools, Local 321. She will be attending Tiffin University where she plans to major in Criminal Justice.



**Joshua Haller**

Joshua has been awarded the Gerald W. McEntee Tribute Scholarship. He is the son of James Haller, Lima City Schools Custodians, Local 137. He will attend The Ohio State University to major in Nursing.



**Sami Ally**

Sami received the Hoberta Roach Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Jo Ally, Marietta City Schools, Local 001. She will be attending Marietta College and plans to major in Art.



**Alexander Poetker**

Alex was awarded the Lianne Vernell Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Robin Poetker, City of Jackson, Local 410. He will attend Ohio University to major in Industrial and Systems Engineering.



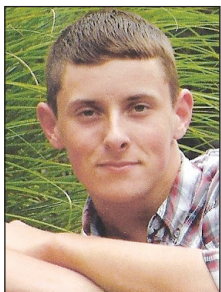
**Stephen McGhee**

Stephen is the son of Kathleen McGhee, Princeton City Schools, Local 174. He plans to attend Miami University of Oxford where he will be majoring in Business.



**Kevins Lykins**

Kevin is the son of Evan Lykins, Sycamore Community Schools, Local 243. He plans to attend Northern Kentucky University and will be pursuing a major in Physics.



**Elias Davidson**

Elias is the son of Rachel Davidson, Tri County North Local Schools, Local 356. He will be attending The Ohio State University Agriculture Technical Institute and plans to become a veterinarian.

## OAPSE Member's Daughter Wins AFSCME Scholarship

Alicia Donahue, daughter of Barbara Donahue, who is a member of Local 504 at Wolf Creek Local Schools, is a recipient of the 2012 AFSCME Family Scholarship. Alicia is one of 10 national winners and will receive \$2,000 this year. The scholarship is renewable for four years.

The Waterford High School senior's essay detailed her family's long tradition of public service and union membership. Both parents and two grandparents worked as public employees, and her mother is in her 15th year of service as a handicapped aide at Wolf Creek.

Alicia's family is especially grateful for the support of her parents' union brothers and sisters during her father's illness and death from brain cancer last year. "These union members know what it is like for working class people to struggle through such a ter-

rible ordeal. All of them stuck with my family, not only during the six months during which my father battled cancer, but after he passed away," Alicia wrote.

She noted that her family's strong belief in unions extended to the fight to stop Senate Bill 5 by defeating Issue 2 last year.

Alicia will be the first in her family to attend college and plans to pursue a career that will allow her to help the disabled. □





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## State Officers Election Deadlines

**T**he OAPSE State Nominating Committee announces that Declaration of Candidacy forms or nominations are now being accepted for the following State Offices: State President, State Vice President, or State Secretary. Section 13.05 of the OAPSE State Constitution provides: "Any active member in good standing having been an active member for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years at the time of declaring candidacy shall be eligible to run for the position of State Officer." Any interested members who are qualified to run for State Office may obtain a Declaration of Candidacy form from the OAPSE State Office, 6805 Oak Creek Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43229, or (800)786-2773. Any member in good standing may nominate any eligible member for a particular State Office.

Declaration of Candidacy forms or nominations for any State Office must be submitted to the OAPSE State Nominating Committee at the OAPSE State Office, 6805 Oak Creek Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43229, no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2013. A candidate may not send

a Declaration of Candidacy form to run or be nominated for more than one State Office. The Nominating Committee will meet on or about January 22, 2013, to establish a slate of candidates and a ballot which shall be used for the election of State Officers.

The next scheduled issue of the OAPSE News will include a picture and a short statement of 50 words or less from each candidate seeking office, if provided by the candidate, and a short biography of each candidate. On or about March 1, 2013, secret ballots will be mailed to members in good standing at their last known home address. To assure secrecy, a double envelope system shall be used. The voted ballot shall be placed inside a blank envelope. The necessary voter identification shall appear only on the outer return envelope. The members in good standing who return ballots shall be required to place on the outer return envelope their name, address and Local number.

The OAPSE State Executive Board will establish the date by which voted ballots must be postmarked and received (election date). That infor-

mation will be included in the official ballot envelope and in the next issue of the OAPSE News.

Candidates are permitted to have an observer present at the preparation and mailing of the ballots, their receipt by the State Nominating Committee which will be doing the counting of the ballots, and at the opening and counting of the ballots. Payment of election observers is the responsibility of the candidate.

The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for a particular office shall be declared the winner. A majority of the votes cast for any office shall not be required to elect. In the event of a tie for the greatest number of votes for a particular office, the candidate having the greatest continuous period of membership at the time of the election shall be declared the winner. If the tie is not broken in that manner, a flip of a coin shall determine the winner.

If there is only one candidate for an office, that individual may be declared elected without the need to incur the expense of a secret ballot mail election. The results of the election shall be announced before or at the Annual Delegate Conference so that the elected officers can be installed at the Annual Delegate Conference." □

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Remember these "worker-friendly" candidates when you cast your ballot!



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## OAPSE/AFSCME 2012 Recommended Candidates

### U.S. SENATE

**Sherrod Brown**

### OHIO SUPREME COURT

**Yvette McGee Brown** (Term ends 12/31/14)

**Michael Skindell** (Term begins 01/01/13)

**William O'Neill** (Term begins 01/02/13)

### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY DISTRICT

1 <sup>st</sup> - No Recommendation	7 <sup>th</sup> - Joyce Healy-Abrams	13 <sup>th</sup> - Tim Ryan
2 <sup>nd</sup> - No Recommendation	8 <sup>th</sup> - No Recommendation	14 <sup>th</sup> - No Recommendation
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Joyce Beatty	9 <sup>th</sup> - Marcy Kaptur	15 <sup>th</sup> - Pat Lang
4 <sup>th</sup> - Jim Slone	10 <sup>th</sup> - Sharen Swartz Neuhardt	16 <sup>th</sup> - Betty Sutton
5 <sup>th</sup> - Angela Zimmann	11 <sup>th</sup> - Marcia Fudge	
6 <sup>th</sup> - Charlie Wilson	12 <sup>th</sup> - James B. Reese	

### STATE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

<b>District 1</b>	(Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Crawford, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Morrow, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, Williams and Wyandot Counties: as well as parts of Darke and Fulton Counties) . . . . .	Ann Jacobs
<b>District 5</b>	(Ashland, Medina, Richland and Wayne Counties and parts of Cuyahoga, Holmes, Lake, Stark and Summit Counties) . . . . .	Richard Javorek
<b>District 6</b>	(Delaware and Knox Counties and part of Franklin County) . . . . .	Michael Collins
<b>District 7</b>	(Ashtabula, Geauga, Portage and Trumbull Counties; as well as parts of Lake, Stark and Summit Counties) . . . . .	James Collum
<b>District 9</b>	(Coshocton, Fairfield, Guemsey, Hocking, Meigs, Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, and Tuscarawas Counties; as well as parts of Franklin, Holmes and Pickaway Counties) . . . . .	Stephanie Dodd
<b>District 10</b>	(Adams, Brown, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Greene, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Pike, Ross and Scioto; as well as parts of Pickaway and Vinton Counties) . . . . .	Todd Brook
<b>District 11</b>	(Parts of Cuyahoga County, including Cleveland) . . . . .	Mary Rose Oakar

## OHIO SENATE BY DISTRICT

2 <sup>nd</sup> - Randy Gardner	14 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> - Tanyce Addison
4 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> - Jim Hughes	28 <sup>th</sup> - Thomas C. Sawyer
6 <sup>th</sup> - Rick McKiddy	18 <sup>th</sup> - Jim Mueller	30 <sup>th</sup> - Lou Gentile
8 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	20 <sup>th</sup> - Teresa Scarmack	32 <sup>nd</sup> - Capri S. Cafaro
10 <sup>th</sup> - Jeff Robertson	22 <sup>nd</sup> - James Riley	
12 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	24 <sup>th</sup> - Tom Patton	



## OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY DISTRICT

1 <sup>st</sup> - John Maglio	34 <sup>th</sup> - Vernon Sykes	67 <sup>th</sup> - David Hogan
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ellen Haring	35 <sup>th</sup> - Zack Milkovich	68 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Kelly Wicks	36 <sup>th</sup> - Paul Colavecchio	69 <sup>th</sup> - Judith Cross
4 <sup>th</sup> - Robert "Bo" Huenke	37 <sup>th</sup> - Tom Schmida	70 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> - Nick Barborek	38 <sup>th</sup> - Michael Kaplan	71 <sup>st</sup> - Brady Jones
6 <sup>th</sup> - Anthony Fossaceca	39 <sup>th</sup> - Fred Strahorn	72 <sup>nd</sup> - David Dilly
7 <sup>th</sup> - Matt Patten	40 <sup>th</sup> - Carl Fisher	73 <sup>rd</sup> - Bill Conner
8 <sup>th</sup> - Armond D. Budish	41 <sup>st</sup> - Caroline Gentry	74 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>
9 <sup>th</sup> - Barbara Boyd	42 <sup>nd</sup> - Aaron Buczkowski	75 <sup>th</sup> - Kathleen Clyde
10 <sup>th</sup> - Bill Patmon	43 <sup>rd</sup> - Roland Winburn	76 <sup>th</sup> - Tom Warren
11 <sup>th</sup> - Sandra Williams	44 <sup>th</sup> - Michael Ashford	77 <sup>th</sup> - Kelly Bryant
12 <sup>th</sup> - John Barnes, Jr.	45 <sup>th</sup> - Teresa Fedor	78 <sup>th</sup> - Jeremy VanMeter
13 <sup>th</sup> - Nickie Antonio	46 <sup>th</sup> - Matt Szollosi	79 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>
14 <sup>th</sup> - Mike Foley	47 <sup>th</sup> - Jeff Bunck	80 <sup>th</sup> - Dave Fisher
15 <sup>th</sup> - Nicholas Celebrezze	48 <sup>th</sup> - Amanda Trump	81 <sup>st</sup> - John Vanover
16 <sup>th</sup> - Andrew Meyer	49 <sup>th</sup> - Stephen Slesnick	82 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	50 <sup>th</sup> - Sue Ryan	83 <sup>rd</sup> - John Kostyo
18 <sup>th</sup> - Michael Stinziano	51 <sup>st</sup> - Mark Hardig	84 <sup>th</sup> - Ronald Hammons
19 <sup>th</sup> - Ryan Jolley	52 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	85 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> - Heather Bishoff	53 <sup>rd</sup> - Suzi Rubin	86 <sup>th</sup> - Cheryl Johncox
21 <sup>st</sup> - Donna O'Connor	54 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	87 <sup>th</sup> - Jeff Lehart
22 <sup>nd</sup> - John Carney	55 <sup>th</sup> - Matt Lundy	88 <sup>th</sup> - Bill Young
23 <sup>rd</sup> - Traci Johnson	56 <sup>th</sup> - Dan Ramos	89 <sup>th</sup> - Chris Redfern
24 <sup>th</sup> - Maureen Reedy	57 <sup>th</sup> - Matthew Lark	90 <sup>th</sup> - John Haas
25 <sup>th</sup> - Kevin Boyce	58 <sup>th</sup> - Robert Hagan	91 <sup>st</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> - Tracy Heard	59 <sup>th</sup> - Ronald Gerberry	92 <sup>nd</sup> - Robert Armstrong
27 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	60 <sup>th</sup> - John Rogers	93 <sup>rd</sup> - Josh Bailey
28 <sup>th</sup> - Connie Pillich	61 <sup>st</sup> - Susan McGuinness	94 <sup>th</sup> - Debbie Phillips
29 <sup>th</sup> - Hubert Brown	62 <sup>nd</sup> - Mike Kassalen	95 <sup>th</sup> - Charlie Daniels
30 <sup>th</sup> - Steven Newsome	63 <sup>rd</sup> - Sean O'Brien	96 <sup>th</sup> - Jack Cera
31 <sup>st</sup> - Denise Driehaus	64 <sup>th</sup> - Tom Letson	97 <sup>th</sup> - Frank Fleischer
32 <sup>nd</sup> - Dale Mallory	65 <sup>th</sup> - Steve Myers	98 <sup>th</sup> - Josh O'Farrell
33 <sup>rd</sup> - Alicia Reece	66 <sup>th</sup> - Ken McNeely	99 <sup>th</sup> - John Patterson

## OHIO COURT OF APPEALS BY DISTRICT

1 <sup>st</sup> - Martha Good ( <i>Term begins 2/9/13</i> )	8 <sup>th</sup> - Frank Celebrezze ( <i>Term begins 1/1/13</i> )
- Bruce Whitman ( <i>Term begins 2/11/13</i> )	- Tim McCormack ( <i>Term begins 1/2/13</i> )
2 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	- Eileen T. Gallagher ( <i>Term begins 1/3/13</i> )
3 <sup>rd</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	- Mary Boyle ( <i>Term begins 2/9/13</i> )
4 <sup>th</sup> - Marie Hoover ( <i>Term begins 2/9/13</i> )	9 <sup>th</sup> - Clair E. Dickinson ( <i>Term begins 2/9/13</i> )
5 <sup>th</sup> - John Wise ( <i>Term begins 2/9/13</i> )	10 <sup>th</sup> - Gary Tyack ( <i>Term begins 2/9/13</i> )
- Scott Gwin ( <i>Term begins 2/10/13</i> )	- Peggy Bryant ( <i>Term begins 2/10/13</i> )
- Patricia Delaney ( <i>Term begins 2/11/13</i> )	11 <sup>th</sup> - Mary Jane Trapp ( <i>Term begins 2/9/13</i> )
6 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> - <i>No Recommendation</i>
7 <sup>th</sup> - Mary DeGenaro ( <i>Term begins 2/9/13</i> )	