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President's Message, Rich Shands

WTA Members,

Education is about relationships. After being a part of union leadership for many years it is hard to look at it in any other way. It all comes down to the trust that you build. The job is to represent the whole as best as you can. It is easier when you are dealing with the caliber of teachers that Wallkill has. As a union leader, this is a great starting point. What I have found is you can't go into this with your own agenda unless it involves the whole. It has been a challenging year to say the least. I think we can all walk away saying we did our best. No one can take that away from us. I am so proud to be a part of the Wallkill Community. We did a great job in this ridiculously hard year. Thank you for all that you do.

Rich Shands

President – Wallkill Teachers' Association

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NJHS Trivia Night

Submitted by: Colleen Keesler

1st Trivia Night: Raised \$800 for the American Cancer Society

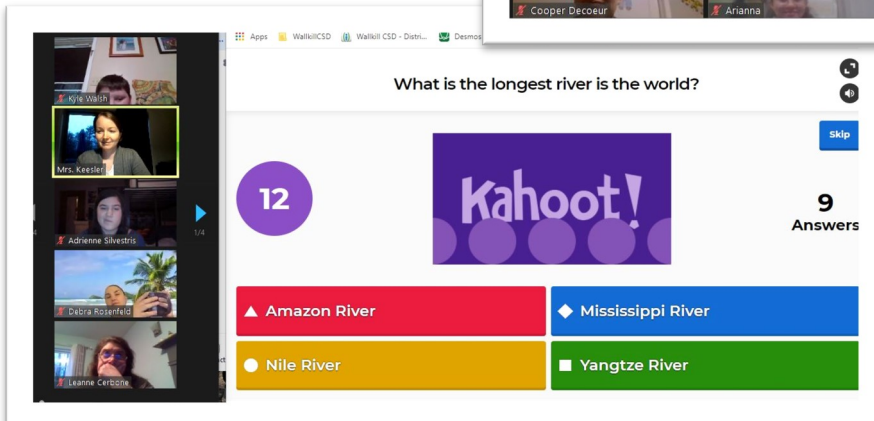
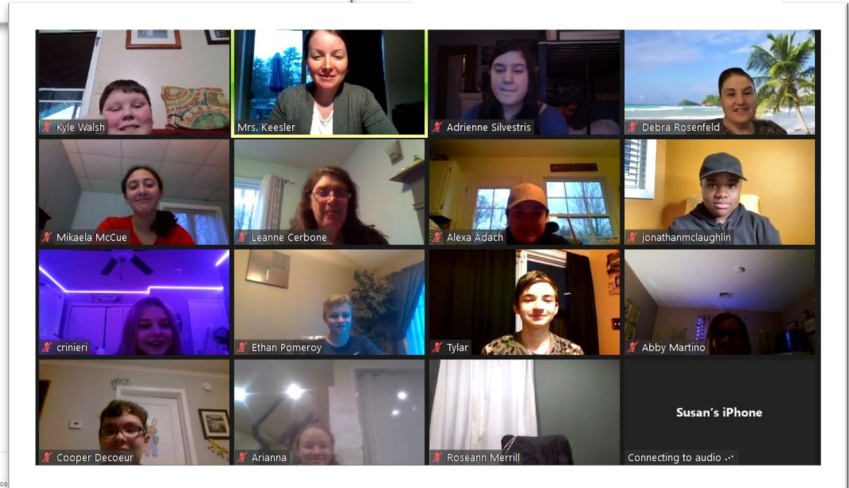
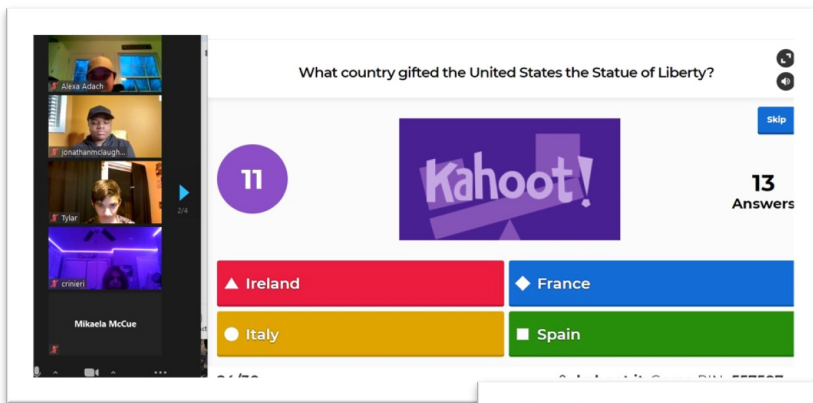
Winner—Luke Adach

2nd Trivia Night: Raised \$500 for the Plattekill Food Pantry

Winner—Arianna Jorge-Martinez

3rd Trivia Night: Raised \$500 for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

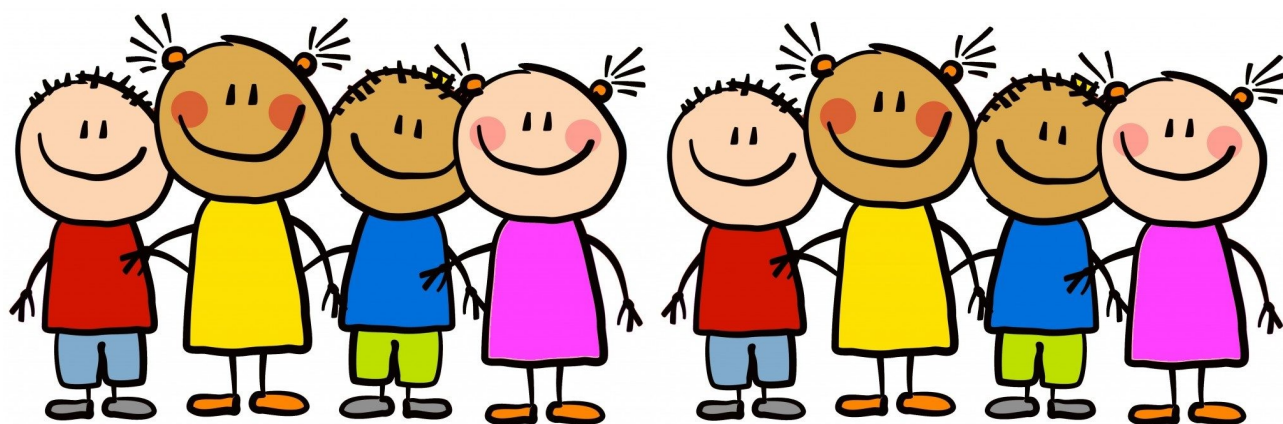
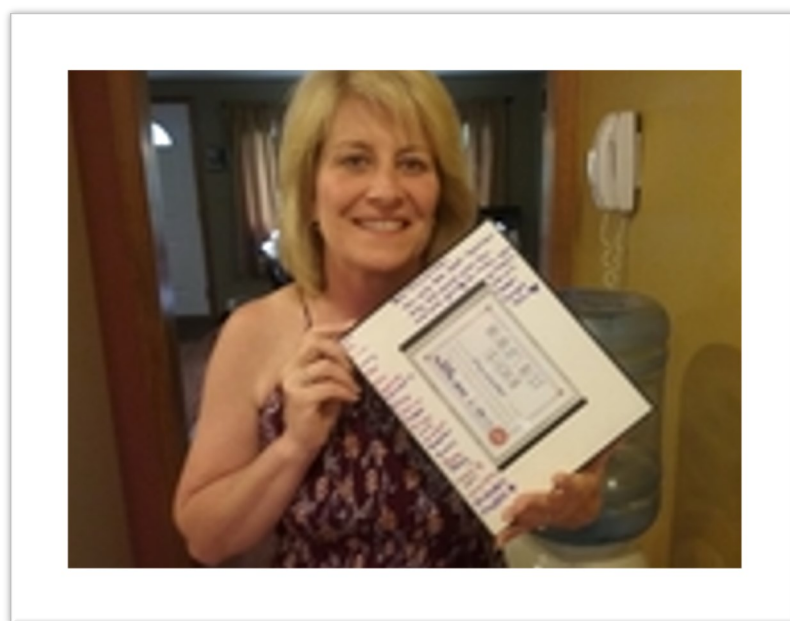
Winner—Jonathan McLaughlin



WTA Benefit Trust

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Legal or financial concerns? NYSUT Member Benefits can help

Whether it's assisting NYSUT members with everyday essentials, important choices about insurance needs, or making prudent decisions about financial and legal concerns, NYSUT Member Benefits can help.



Scan the QR codes below to learn more about the following endorsed programs and services.

Legal Service Plan: For a low annual price, our Legal Service Plan provides unlimited toll-free legal advice; a simple will, health care proxy, living will and power of attorney; and guaranteed maximum fees for many legal matters. If a NYSUT member who is a current participant in the Legal Service Plan passes away due to COVID-19, the law firm of Feldman, Kramer & Monaco has offered to extend a number of services at no cost to the member's family.



SCAN ME

Financial Learning Center: We recently contracted with popular financial publisher Kiplinger's Personal Finance for our new Financial Learning Center. This interactive microsite offers numerous articles on a wide variety of financial topics, including selecting the best value in tax planning software and more. No matter your point in life or financial situation, you are sure to find something of interest.



SCAN ME

Mid-Island Mortgage: With our UnionDirect Mortgage Discount Program presented by Mid-Island Mortgage, NYSUT members receive special purchase and refinancing mortgage discounts for a variety of home-related needs. Whether you're looking to buy a home, lower your mortgage payment or planning a home improvement project, Mid-Island Mortgage can help you save up to \$2,700 on lender fees and closing costs.



SCAN ME

Cambridge Credit Counseling: Our program with Cambridge Credit Counseling can assist NYSUT members with better understanding their student loan re-payment and debt consolidation options. NYSUT members can receive a no-cost, no-obligation, consultation with a Cambridge certified counselor. Cambridge is also the provider of NYSUT's Student Loan Debt Webinars.



SCAN ME

NYSUT Member Benefits offers dozens of programs and services that are available to NYSUT members and their families, including the following options:



DINING &
SHOPPING
DISCOUNTS



TRAVEL
&
TOURS



CAR &
TRUCK
RENTALS



LIFE
INSURANCE



AUTO
&
HOME



LONG-TERM
CARE &
DISABILITY

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org, call 800-626-8101 or scan the QR codes above.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.

Mar./Apr. '21

Student Debt Webinars

Register at: <https://studentloans.nysut.org/webinars>



NYSUT Student Debt Webinar Schedule

Webinars are available to NYSUT members only.

Tuesday, Apr 13

4:30 - 6:00 pm

Thursday, Apr 22

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Dental Benefit Update

Submitted by: Kathy Winter

Effective 3/1/21, Diagnostic and Preventative Dental bills will not be deducted from the annual max.



Keep Smiling Delta Dental PPO™



Save with PPO

Visit a dentist in the PPO¹ network to maximize your savings.² These dentists have agreed to reduced fees, and you won't get charged more than your expected share of the bill.³ Find a PPO dentist at deltadentalins.com.

Set up an online account

Get information about your plan, check benefits and eligibility information, find a network dentist and more. Sign up for an online account at deltadentalins.com.

Check in without an ID card

You don't need a Delta Dental ID card when you visit the dentist. Just provide your name, birth date and enrollee ID or Social Security number. If your family members are covered under your plan, they'll need your information. Prefer to have an ID card? Simply log in to your account to view or print your card.

Coordinate dual coverage

If you're covered under two plans, ask your dental office to include information about both plans with your claim — we'll handle the rest.

Understand transition of care

Generally, multi-stage procedures are covered under your current plan only if treatment began after your plan's effective date of coverage.⁴ Log in to your online account to find this date.

Get LASIK and hearing aid discounts

With access to QualSight and Amplifon Hearing Health Care⁵, you can save as much as 50% on LASIK procedures and more than 60% on hearing aids. To take advantage of these discounts, call QualSight at **855-248-2020** and Amplifon at **888-779-1429**.

Save with a
PPO dentist



¹ In Texas, Delta Dental Insurance Company provides a dental provider organization (DPO) plan.

² You can still visit any licensed dentist, but your out-of-pocket costs may be higher if you choose a non-PPO dentist. Network dentists are paid contracted fees.

³ You are responsible for any applicable deductibles, coinsurance, amounts over annual or lifetime maximums and charges for non-covered services. Out-of-network dentists may bill the difference between their usual fee and Delta Dental's maximum contract allowance.

⁴ Applies only to procedures covered under your plan. If you began treatment prior to your effective date of coverage, you or your prior carrier is responsible for any costs. Group- and state-specific exceptions may apply. If you are currently undergoing active orthodontic treatment, you may be eligible to continue treatment under Delta Dental PPO. Review your Evidence of Coverage, Summary Plan Description or Group Dental Service Contract for specific details about your plan.

⁵ Vision corrective services and Amplifon's hearing health care services are not insured benefits. Delta Dental makes the vision corrective services program and hearing health care services program available to you to provide access to the preferred pricing for LASIK surgery and for hearing aids and other hearing health services.

Plan Benefit Highlights for: Walkkill Teachers Association
Group No: 17958

Effective Date: 3/1/2021

DELTA DENTAL PPOSM

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS

Eligibility	For eligibility details, refer to the plan's Evidence/Certificate of Coverage (on file with your benefits administrator, plan sponsor or employer).			
Deductibles	None			
Maximums	\$2,000 per person each calendar year			
D & P counts toward maximum?	No			
Waiting Period(s)	Basic Services 6 Months	Major & Periodontics 12 Months	Prosthodontics 12 Months	Orthodontics 12 Months

Benefits and Covered Services*	Delta Dental PPO dentists**	Non-Delta Dental PPO dentists**
Diagnostic & Preventive Services (D & P) Exams, cleanings, x-rays and sealants	100%	100%
Basic Services Fillings and posterior composites	80%	80%
Endodontics (root canals)	80%	80%
Periodontics (gum treatment)	80%	80%
Oral Surgery	80%	80%
Major Services Crowns, inlays, onlays and cast restorations	60%	60%
Prosthodontics Bridges, dentures and implants	60%	60%
Orthodontic Benefits Dependent children to age 20	50%	50%
Orthodontic Maximums	\$2,200 Lifetime	\$2,200 Lifetime

* Limitations or waiting periods may apply for some benefits; some services may be excluded from your plan. Reimbursement is based on Delta Dental maximum contract allowances and not necessarily each dentist's submitted fees.

** Reimbursement is based on PPO contracted fees for PPO dentists, Premier contracted fees for Premier dentists and program allowance for non-Delta Dental dentists.

Delta Dental of New York One Delta Drive Mechanicsburg, PA 17055	Customer Service 800-932-0783	Claims Address P.O. Box 2105 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6999
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deltadentalins.com

This benefit information is not intended or designed to replace or serve as the plan's Evidence of Coverage or Summary Plan Description. If you have specific questions regarding the benefits, limitations or exclusions for your plan, please consult your company's benefits representative.

A year of sacrifice brings a glimmer of hope

Source: NYSUT United



As the pandemic took hold, school buildings across the state were forced to shut their doors by Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

It's been quite a year.

Educators have faced countless conundrums: how to teach chorus when it's not safe to sing; how to keep students reading when the library is closed. They've had to navigate conducting classes online without home internet access.

These concerns were not limited to the pre-K-12 classroom. NYSUT members on college campuses across the state continue to grapple with similar concerns.

There are, however, glimmers of hope.

Educators have established new routines for pandemic teaching; and improvements on the vaccine front signal a path to a safer return to in-person schooling. NYSUT's legislative department and scores of volunteer political advocates are demanding the resources we need, P-20, to get through the pandemic and plan for the years ahead.

"NYSUT members have done so much with so little," said NYSUT President Andy Pallotta. "We want them to know that we see them, we hear them and we are going to continue to fight for them."

At our new ["Shared Success" page](#) at nysut.org, we're highlighting members' work and the strides made to emerge stronger, more united and prepared to face the challenges ahead.

You can read (and share!) these stories at nysut.org/sharedsuccess.