

## Hot Off The Press

### STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

- **Classified Employees with Adjunct Teaching Assignments:** There has been a Memorandum of Understanding between the Staff Guild & LACCD regarding classified employees who also teach. Classified employees who currently or plan to accept a teaching assignment will no longer have to reduce their classified assignment, effective immediately. For information, go to: <http://www.local1521a.org>
- **Union Now: Discounted benefits & savings programs for today's union members:** -Union Now can assist members with home mortgage and refinancing, car, home, rental, life and pet insurances and auto financing. Call 877-490-5888 or log onto: [www.unionnow.com](http://www.unionnow.com).
- **Kingdom Day Parade 2013:** Staff Guild would like to thank the members who participated in this year's MLK Kingdom Day Parade on Saturday, January 19, 2013: Ed Alvarado, Henry Chang, Sulemon Ishaque, Miguel Montanez and Greg Whaling.
- **Staff Guild Announces Mobile App:** The Staff Guild welcomes all members to participate by downloading the 1521A Mobile App. The App will enable real time communication & resources at their finger-tips such as the contact, Know Your Rights pamphlet, representation contact information, live user forums, interactive meeting/event calendar and much more. To download the QR Code Reader on your smart phone: [www.i-nigma.mobi](http://www.i-nigma.mobi) and press link to install the free QR Reader.
- **ADP Mobile Spending Account App:** You can now access your health reimbursement account on your smart phone. To register your account online: <http://myspendingaccount.adp.com>. Follow the onscreen instruction to complete the registration and download of the My Benefits Center app.

- **Delores Huerta Labor Center at Trade Tech:** The Labor Centers offers a wide range of Labor Studies classes that are fast-paced & designed for union officers, staff, leaders and activists. The Center continues its popular on-line programs, offering three-unit classes: Building Strong Unions, Labor in the Public Sector, and Working Class in Cinema. Contact Trade Tech at 213-763-7129.
- **State Council President requests guidelines for Proposition 30:** California Federation of Teachers' Josh Pechthalt has requested that the Department of Education establish guidelines for Prop 30 Education Protection Account. Proposition 30 promised to stop cycles of cuts & provide billions in new education funding over the next few years. President Pechthalt has reminded Superintendent Torlakson that classified employees are just as essential to student success & growth and running a college & their services should not be defined as "administrative costs".
- **Ban Fracking in California:** What is Fracking? Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, is the process of injecting millions of gallons of water, sand and toxic chemicals underground at high pressure in order to release & extract oil or gas. Fracking generates water pollution, air pollution and promotes earthquakes and property damages.
- **Gil Cedillo for Los Angeles City Council 2013:** The Staff Guild Executive Board unanimously to endorse Gil Cedillo for Los Angeles City Council 2013. Mr. Cedillo is a past Assembly member (District 45) and a State Senator (District 22).
- **Congratulation to Staff Guild Retirees:** The AFT Staff Guild would like to congratulate the following employees for their loyal service to the Los Angeles Community College District. These classified employees have contributed significantly toward providing the highest quality of service to our students and the public.

**December 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Campus</b>
James Holley	Instructional Assistant	37	Trade
Carole Weston	Senior Personnel Assistant	32	Valley
Irene Lopez	Student Services Assistant	30	East
Janell Sanders	Special Services Assistant	25	Harbor
Ana Yamakawa	Cashier	23	Pierce