



UFT

Hearing Education Services

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Dear Sarah,

We are entering the last stretch of the school year — and time has really flown by! Michael Mulgrew won his fourth term as UFT president. As some of you may know, this will be my last year as the Hearing Education Services chapter leader. After working as a HES teacher for 35 years, and serving as a UFT chapter leader for 10 years, I will retire in June. There will be an election for a new HES chapter leader by the end of the school year.

I will have a retirement celebration on Thursday, June 13, at 6 p.m., at the Empire Cruise, 2430 FDR Drive, in Manhattan. I hope to see you there!

I want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication this year. It has been a pleasure to work with you and to serve you.

Yours in solidarity,

Cecilia Cortez
Hearing Education Services Chapter Leader

Bronx HES Field Day on June 7



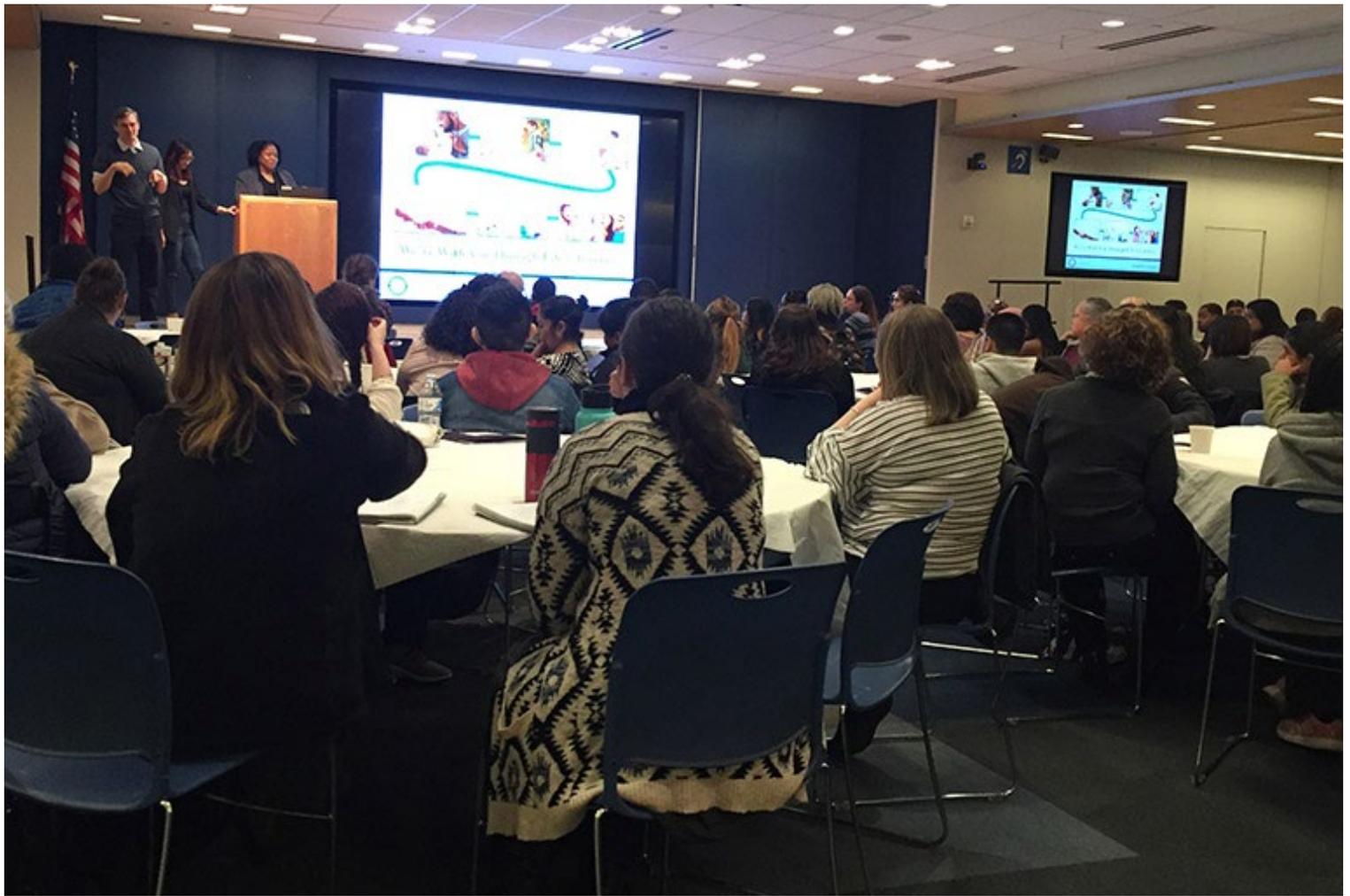
Students with hearing loss gather for a photo at last year's field day at Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx.

Our chapter will again host the fifth annual HES Field Day on Friday, June 7, at Pelham Bay Park. This event was created for students to meet and engage with other deaf or hard-of-hearing (DHH) students in the Bronx — from public, private and charter schools. Last year's 300 attendees included DHH students in grades K–12, hearing teachers, paraprofessionals, sign language interpreters and parents. There will be games, team sports, relay races, a student-designed T-shirt contest and a picnic lunch. For some of our students, this field day will mark their first interaction with other DHH students and adults — as well as their first exposure to different types of hearing loss. Students with hearing loss tend to feel isolated, both in and outside the classroom. The HES Field Day helps bridge that gap. We look forward to an even bigger and better event this year!



Students enjoy the opportunity to play and interact with other Bronx students with hearing loss.

HES hosts Transition Fair on April 16



HES students learn about the opportunities open to them after high school at the UFT's Transition Fair.

The UFT's Transition Fair attracted 250 students with hearing loss to UFT headquarters in Manhattan on April 16. This annual fair, sponsored by HES, is designed for all students who wish to further their education after high school. Our students met with representatives from Gallaudet University, the Rochester Institute of Technology, CUNY and other organizations, and also had the chance to socialize with their peers. They received helpful information about Social Security, independent living centers and Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR.) It was a very successful event and a wonderful opportunity for our students.

HES team joins NYC Walk4Hearing



The HES team from last September's NYC Walk4Hearing.

HES teachers and students participated in the Walk4Hearing event last September to raise money for students and others with hearing loss. Some of the money we raised will help fund self-contained classes and their field days. Another portion will provide a gift to our hard-working seniors. [Find out more about the upcoming Walk4Hearing](#) on Sunday, Sept. 22, at Riverside Park in Manhattan. [See more photos from last year's Walk4Hearing.](#)

Other UFT events

Saturday, May 11: Bring your colleagues, family and friends and participate in the **UFT's sixth annual 5K Family Run/Walk** on Saturday, May 11, in Coney Island! The proceeds of this untimed walk/race, sponsored by the UFT Middle School Division, will go to the UFT Disaster Relief Fund. The run will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon at MCU Park in Coney Island, 1904 Surf Ave. There will be complimentary water, snacks and giveaways for each participant and the chance to win raffle prizes. The fee to participate (your donation to the UFT Disaster Relief Fund) is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children age 12 or younger. You can run or walk as an individual or as part of a team. You can also raise additional funds for this cause by asking sponsors to pledge a dollar amount for your participation effort. See the [5K Run/Walk flier](#) for more information. [Register online](#) (you must be logged in) on the UFT website. You may also download the [registration form for nonmembers](#). Here is a [map of the route](#).

Saturday, May 18: [Online registration](#) is open for the **Spring Education Conference**, the union's signature annual conference to celebrate, support and inspire members' work. The conference includes breakfast, a morning town hall, a large exhibit fair featuring CTE programs, workshops and a gala luncheon. Participants may attend a two-hour workshop of their choice on topics including new technology, advancing literacy skills, teaching the new math learning standards and the Student Debt Relief Program. You can read [detailed descriptions of the six workshops](#).

Saturday, June 1: The second annual **UFT Pride Committee Daniel Dromm Scholarship Brunch** takes place at UFT headquarters, 52 Broadway, 2nd floor, from 12 to 3 p.m. For more information and to download the mail-in coupon, see the [Daniel Dromm Scholarship Brunch flier](#)

Thursday, June 6: The HES chapter will spend the **Chancellor's Conference Day for Staff Development** at the Murray Bergtraum High School For Business Careers in Manhattan.

Summer School 2019 update

Summer school is just around the corner! Here's a copy of the schedule:

- Monday, July 1: PD staff only.
 - Tuesday, July 2: First instructional day.
 - Thursday, July 4: Holiday.
 - Monday, Aug. 12: School closed.
 - Tuesday, Aug. 13: Last instructional day.
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HES consultation committee

We meet every month with Helen Kaufman, District 75 administrative assistant superintendent, to discuss important chapter concerns. We resolve issues HES members encounter in their work, such as with observations, lesson plans and forced work during school breaks. Whenever we encounter contract violations, we address them. If you are interested in joining the HES consultation committee, please contact me at ccortez@uft.org.

Sign up for UFT text messages

The UFT's text messaging is a powerful way for the union to communicate with members about weather emergencies, school cancellations, political campaigns and other important events. If you are not receiving text messages from the UFT, please text "UFT" to 30644.

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