



NEWSLETTER

Dear Friend,

We hope the new year finds you rested, restored and re-energized. As the first semester comes to an end, we hope you find time to reflect on all the success you enjoyed over the past few months. Remember to take care of your physical and emotional needs this winter. We cannot be our best selves for our students, colleagues and families if we neglect ourselves. If you do need assistance, however, please reach out to Team High School at teamhighschool@uft.org.

In solidarity,

Janella T. Hinds, Vice President for Academic High Schools
Sterling Roberson, Vice President for Career and Technical Education



Urgent: Regents Distributive Scoring

Regents scoring is around the corner and with it comes myriad headaches that accompany distributive and per session scoring. If you have any questions or concerns about your Regents grading assignment, the status of your per session grading application, the status of your retention rights or the procedures and conduct guidelines at the grading site, please reach out to UFT Special Representative Anthony Klug at aklug@uft.org.

Teacher's Choice Funding

Teachers and other functional chapter members received up to \$250 in their Nov. 29 check to spend on classroom-related supplies and expenses. Items purchased under Teacher's Choice must be appropriate for educational use in the classroom or for other professional assignments. The Teacher's Choice stipend is not intended for purchases of basic supplies such as textbooks, chalk, paper, microscopes or math manipulatives, which principals are contractually obligated to provide. If that obligation for basic supplies is not met, please let your chapter leader know.

To receive reimbursement through Teacher's Choice, you must submit receipts as proof of purchase. These receipts must accompany an [accountability form](#), which you should submit to your school's principal by Friday, Jan. 17. Purchases must be made between Aug. 1, 2019, and Jan. 12, 2020, to qualify for Teacher's Choice. If you are unsure of your allocation, please reference the [Teacher's Choice funding by title chart](#) on the UFT website.

Title	Amount
Teachers	\$250
School counselors	\$110
Social workers and psychologists	\$110
Universal literacy coaches	\$110
Single Shepherds	\$110
Occupational and physical therapists	\$95
School nurses	\$95
Lab specialists	\$85
School secretaries	\$60

We've Got That Covered: Special Education, ICT and Planning Time

Many teachers who work in an ICT setting find they are not afforded the planning time required to meet the diverse needs of their students. According to Article 8 in this [Special Education FAQ](#), it is clear that co-teachers in ICT classes must be provided regular planning time during the work day. Planning time may take many forms including time during Professional Development, professional activity (C6) assignments and time dedicated for Other Professional Work. Please email Team High School at teamhighschool@uft.org if you have specific questions or concerns regarding common planning time in ICT classrooms.

Nominate Your Colleague or School Chapter for a Team High School Award

[your school's chapter](#) for a High School Award. The award categories include Excellence in Education, Outstanding Union Activist, Community Champion and the Team High School Award. [Read the award descriptions](#). For information regarding the awards, please contact Angel Valentin at avalentin@uft.org.

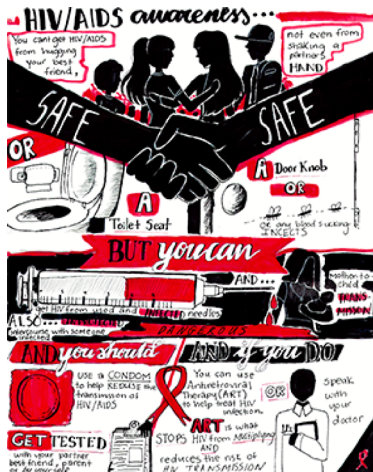


Joining the 2019 award winners are (top, from left) UFT President Michael Mulgrew, Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza and UFT Vice President for Academic High Schools Janella Hinds at UFT headquarters in Manhattan.

World AIDS Day Student Poster Contest

Dec. 1, 2019, was World AIDS Day. Team High School partnered with the UFT's BRAVE program and the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS to host our third annual World AIDS Day poster contest. We are so very proud of the winners. Congratulations to this year's World AIDS Day poster contest winner Bianca Charles of Brooklyn High School of the Arts. Bianca's winning poster, which she created under the instruction of her teacher, Marne Meisel, is to the right. Second place went to Saba Jobah from Robert H. Goddard High School of Communication Arts and Technology. Kylie Branda, also from Robert H. Goddard High School of Communication Arts and Technology, was awarded third place.

Winners received \$500, \$300 and \$100 prepaid debit cards respectively. Please encourage your students to participate in next year's competition.



School-Related Professionals

Team High School is proud to represent not just teachers, but thousands of UFT school-related professionals as well. These are our colleagues who are indispensable to the functioning of our schools, but work under titles other than teacher. Some of these titles include paraprofessionals, guidance counselors, secretaries, therapists, and nurses, to name just a few. If you are a member of a school-related professional chapter, please reach out to [Team High School](#) with any questions or concerns you have.

Throughout the year, UFT members from academic and career and technical high schools convene to discuss issues of interest regarding our union, our profession, our schools and our students. Our conversations cover national, state and local issues. Our next citywide high school meeting is on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at UFT headquarters, 52 Broadway, starting at 4 p.m. [Register online](#).

Our meetings are open to all UFT members, and, if you haven't, we hope you will join us in the near future. For information about upcoming meetings, please reach out to Team High School at teamhighschool@uft.org.

Teacher and Student Opportunities

- Calling all STEM teachers: The NASA GISS Climate Change Research Initiative (CCRI) is a year-long STEM engagement opportunity for STEM educators and graduate students to work directly with NASA scientists and lead research teams in a NASA research project. For more information, please see the [application form](#).
- Internship in media and tech industry for seniors: The Emma Bowen Foundation seeks to foster a diverse workforce within the media and tech industry. Please encourage your talented graduating seniors of color who are interested in these fields to apply for a paid Emma Bowen Foundation internship this summer. For more information, please see the [application form](#).
- Bronx UFT Pathways to Graduation scholarship: If you are an educator in the Bronx and know of any deserving HS seniors, please encourage them to apply to the Bronx UFT Pathways to Graduation Scholarship. Please consult the [application form](#) for scholarship guidelines. The application deadline is Friday, May 8.

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