

Ken Kurzweil Social Justice Recognition Award

Created as a result of a resolution passed at the 2016 NYSUT RA, this award recognizes those locals that have made a collective and sustained contribution to promoting social justice and human rights during the previous year. This award is named after longtime NYSUT Civil and Human Rights Committee Member and activist Ken Kurzweil, who spent years educating fellow NYSUT members and the local community on civil rights, social justice and human rights issues.

Buffalo Teachers Federation

Phil Rumore, President

The Buffalo Teachers Federation consistently evidenced a belief in social justice issues in 2018. They accomplished this by:

- Advocating for educational justice and funding equity.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.
- Demonstrating labor solidarity at events and protests.
- Upholding solidarity with LGBTQ community.
- Fighting for racial and social justice.
- Championing women's issues history and rights.

NYSUT – ED 15/16

Veronica O'Connor, President

The members of ED 15/16 consistently evidenced a belief in social justice issues in 2018. They accomplished this by:

- Upholding solidarity with LGBTQ community.
- Championing women's issues history and rights.
- Educating members and communities about wage equity.
- Fighting for racial and social justice.
- Supporting human rights.
- Promoting conscious purchasing and fair trade products.

- Advocating for educational justice and funding equity.
- Advocating for humane immigration reform.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.
- Demonstrating international and labor solidarity.

Farmingdale Federation of Teachers

Cordelia Anthony, President

The Farmingdale Federation of Teachers consistently evidenced a belief in social justice issues in 2018. They accomplished this by:

- Advocating for educational justice and funding equity.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.
- Advancing support for human rights.
- Demonstrating labor solidarity.
- Upholding solidarity with LGBTQ community.

Hicksville Congress of Teachers

Stephanie Sullo, President

The Hicksville Congress of Teachers again evidenced a belief in social justice issues in 2018. They accomplished this by:

- Promoting conscious purchasing and fair trade products.
- Advocating for educational justice and funding equity.

- Advocating for humane immigration reform.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.
- Demonstrating international and labor solidarity.
- Upholding solidarity with LGBTQ community.
- Championing women's issues history and rights.
- Educating members and communities about wage equity.
- Fighting for racial and social justice.
- Supporting human rights.

NYSUT Retiree Council #19

Rosemarie Catanzariti & Louise Levine, Co-Presidents

NYSUT Retiree Council #19 consistently evidenced a belief in social justice issues in 2018. They accomplished this by:

- Championing women's issues history and rights.
- Educating members and communities about wage equity.
- Fighting for racial and social justice.
- Demonstrating labor solidarity.
- Advocating for humane immigration reform.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.
- Promoting conscious purchasing and fair trade products.