Thank you for calling Local 1262's Information Hotline. This is the latest update from President Harvey Whille as of Friday, September 22, 2023. This hotline – as well as other important updates and information for our members -- can also be found on our web site at <a href="https://www.ufcw1262.org">www.ufcw1262.org</a>.

The United Food & Commercial Workers International Union has launched a new College Discount Program that provides 30 to 50 percent discounts on college tuition at hundreds of colleges nationwide. The program is open to UFCW members and family members including spouses, children, grandchildren, dependents, siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Students can enroll full- or part-time and can pursue certifications and Associate and Bachelor's Degrees in a wide variety of majors. Plans call for expanding the program to include Masters Degrees in the near future.

The fully on-line program is a partnership between the UFCW and EBS Union College Benefit and EDVANCE. The two companies administer the program and directly assist students in their selections and the admissions process. Students can also work directly with school administrators to apply for additional federal financial assistance which could cover any remaining tuition costs.

EBS and EDVANCE can also help students narrow down the schools that are best for their majors, evaluate any existing transcripts to determine if earned credits can be applied to a new degree, and offer other support services. Each of these partners has a different list of participating colleges and majors so it is suggested that students explore both options.

For more information on this new benefit, visit the UFCW International website at <u>www.ufcw.org</u> or our website at <u>www.ufcw1262.org</u>.

As always, I thank you – our more than 20,000 members here in New Jersey and New York for your ongoing dedication and service to your communities. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your president.

That concludes this hotline. Thank you for calling Local 1262.

## Please ask your fellow Local 1262 Brothers and Sisters to join Local 1262's texting program. Simply text UPDATES1262 to 83071.

Concerns At Your Workplace? Contact your Union Representative at 1-800-562-6913 (from New Jersey)

or 1-800-526-7814 (from other states).

We are here for you seven days a week.