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# ECCFA NEWS

The Elgin Community College Faculty Association Newsletter

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## IFT Convention

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Kimberly Tarver, ECCFA President; Ellie Swanson, ECCFA 1st VP; and Baudelaire Ulysse, ECCFA 2nd VP attended the Illinois Federation of Teachers Convention. The convention takes place every three years to consider proposed amendments to the IFT Constitution and resolutions proposed for adoption.



Lynnette Sculca of IFT and Kim Tarver of ECCFA

The convention was chaired by IFT President, Dan Montgomery. Speakers included Sen. Dick Durbin and Governor J.B. Pritzker.

Senator Durbin spoke of the importance of education in our state and our country and the need to fund it effectively. Gov. Pritzker spoke primarily about the fair tax initiative that will be on the ballot in the upcoming election. He emphasized the importance of this for education and that extensive cuts would be necessary without the additional funding the fair (progressive) tax will bring.

## ICCFA ICCFA Fall Conference

The ICCFA Fall Conference will take place November 14-15, 2019 in East Peoria. Information can be found with this [linked text](#).

## Grievance Committee

The below faculty are your grievance team. If you encounter an issue that you have been unable to resolve and you think may be a violation of our contract, contact one of the below committee members.

**Luis Martinez, co-chair**

**George Rosa, co-chair**

**Tim Anderson**

**Blythe Burren**

**Kris Campbell**

**Joe Rosenfeld**

**Ellie Swanson**



## Urgent! Food Bank Donations

The Spartan Food Bank is in urgent need of donations to support our food insecure students.

So, please, clean out those pantries or pick up something extra the next time you grocery shop.

Donations can be brought to Student Life or deposited in one of the boxes around campus for this purpose.

For more information on what you can donate, [click](#) to visit ECC's Spartan Food Pantry Page!

## Pension Committee Findings

Click [here](#) for information on the latest discussions regarding SURS

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**IT WAS THE LABOR MOVEMENT THAT HELPED SECURE SO MUCH OF WHAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED TODAY. THE 40-HOUR WORK WEEK, THE MINIMUM WAGE, FAMILY LEAVE, HEALTH INSURANCE, SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE, RETIREMENT PLANS. THE CORNERSTONES OF THE MIDDLE-CLASS SECURITY ALL BEAR THE UNION LABEL.**

Barack Obama

## Dual Credit

Dual credit negotiations between ECCFA and the ECC administration are ongoing. This semester some ECC courses are being taught at District 509 high schools by high school teachers. Students will receive college credit for these courses. The primary issues in question are what tasks will be required of ECC faculty liaisons and what the compensation for these tasks will be. Discussions are moving forward, though slowly. ECCFA chief negotiator is Patrick Gordon. Members of the team are: Ryan Kerr, Dave Reich, Nicole Scherger, and Ellie Swanson. Kim Tarver is an ex-officio member.