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# ECCFA NEWS

The Elgin Community College Faculty Association Newsletter

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## The ECCFA News' "New Look"

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Welcome to the "new look" for the ECCFA newsletter!

We've put together this new layout that will hopefully streamline our news to make it more consumable for our members. We hope you enjoy the new format and what we have in store for future months!

**In unity!**

## Opening Day Luncheon

At the ECCFA opening day luncheon we were updated on ECCFA issues. Dr. Sam welcomed the assembled faculty to a new school year. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented and approved. Ryan Kerr, Amendments Committee, presented a proposed change to split the offices of 1st Vice President and Chief Negotiator. The proposal was approved.

Kimberly Tarver, President, updated us on a variety of topics, including: Board of Trustees meetings, the College of DuPage Faculty Association rally (see page 2), the AFT 2020 endorsement process, and other miscellaneous information.





## College of DuPage Rally

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On August 15th, some ECCFA members attended a CODFA (College of DuPage Faculty Association) rally.

CODFA is in a difficult contract negotiation with the COD Board. The Board had previously declined the faculty's request for mediation, though that has now been agreed to by both sides.

Ads had been placed for adjuncts in all disciplines in case of a strike. The Board had also made the separate adjunct union a one-time excellent offer on pay and insurance, which the adjunct union rejected in solidarity with CODFA!

Our own Kim Tarver addressed the large and vocal crowd along with leaders from several other faculty unions. Seeing the mobilized COD faculty and hearing the many faculty who addressed the Board at their meeting was inspiring.



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Sue Carney, APWU



## Required Safety/ Security Training

If you have not taken the required training so far this calendar year (Spring or Summer 2019), you need to take the training before the end of the 2019-2020 school year. You may take it either in person or online.

You should have received an email from Sandi Brown with the subject "AY-2019-2020 Required Faculty Safety and Security Training..." Please refer to this email for directions on how to register for and take the training.

## Student Debt Clinic

An AFT Student Debt Clinic will be presented on Sept. 13th at 1 pm in C120. Watch your email for signup info.

Further information about the clinic can be found at:  
<https://www.aft.org/member-benefits/student-debt-clinics>

