Over the last year there has been a great deal of media attention to union strikes and unionization.

* Just a few days ago, [Teamster](https://teamster.org/2023/07/weve-changed-the-game-teamsters-win-historic-ups-contract/), the union for over 340,000 UPS workers reached a landmark, five-year agreement that increased wages, enacted new safety and health protections, and received MLK Day as a an official holiday.
* The largest coffeehouse chain in the world, Starbucks first unionized in 1985 but was decertified in 1987 and fully decertified in 1992 by external and internal union busting factions. It would not be until 2021 that workers in a Buffalo, New York Starbucks would have success in unionizing. As of June 2023, over 8,000 workers at over 331 Starbucks stores in the United States are now unionize, the vast majority under [Starbucks Workers United](https://sbworkersunited.org/).
* This year Staten Island, NY Amazon workers were able to successfully unionize and now have collective bargaining power for its 3,000+ employees. In fact, the [ALU- the Amazon Labor Union](https://www.amazonlaborunion.org/), which was founded in April of 2021 recently became a fully accredited Union by the National Labor Relations Board. Amazon is now legally obligated to bargain with the ALU which is quite a feat in such a relatively small amount of time.
* More recently the [Writers Guild of America West (WGA)](https://www.wga.org/) and the [Screen Actors Guild -American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, (SAG-AFTRA)](https://www.sagaftra.org/) are on a tandem strike to get fair compensation for the work that they do; something all Union members can empathize with.

NTEU Chapter 282 would like to acknowledge the recent accomplishments of the Labor Movement over the last few years. We express our unwavering support for the striking workers of SAG-AFTRA and UPS as they courageously advocate for fair and equitable working conditions, aiming to secure the dignity and respect that they rightfully deserve.

“Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America.”-John Lewis