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JBS Members Overwhelmingly Ratify New Contract

On Thursday, May 21, UFCW 951 members working at the JBS slaughterhouse and meat packing facility in Plainwell overwhelmingly voted to ratify a new contract that includes significant wage increases and other gains. The contract also includes a unique approach to health care that will give members the opportunity to save money on their medical expenses. Once established, members will have the option to receive free medical care at designated clinics.



JBS members wait in line to cast their vote for the new contract.

“This is a very good contract that will put real money in members’ pockets over the next five years,” John Cakmakci, UFCW 951 president, said. “In addition to wage increases for all members, the contract includes a plan to provide free medical services to members and their eligible dependents.”

This is the second contract JBS members have ratified since voting to join UFCW 951 in 2011. In addition to these gains, the new contract maintains double time pay for work on Sundays and holidays and time and one-half pay for work on a sixth day in a single week, and for all hours worked over eight in a day.

UFCW 951 Food Truck Helps Members in Need



In May, UFCW 951 sponsored a Feeding America mobile food pantry to provide free food to nearly 100 UFCW 951 members and families in need in the Flint area. Sixteen UFCW 951 members, staff and community volunteers distributed baked goods, juice, cereal, baking ingredients, meats, candy and chips.

For more information, or if you think members in your area could benefit from a similar event, contact your union representative at 1.800.999.0951.

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Foundation Awards \$40,000 in College Scholarships

The UFCW 951 Foundation works to help alleviate the high cost of a college education by awarding scholarships to 24 UFCW 951 members, their spouse, children or their grandchildren. The 2015 winners are listed below. A special thanks goes to the members whose generous donations to the Foundation make these scholarships possible. Contact your union representative to donate to the UFCW 951 Foundation. The 2016/2017 scholarship application will be available this fall.

\$2,000 Scholarship Winners

Robert Banker Meijer #54	Joyanna Howard Daughter of Leah LeFebre Meijer #36	Kyle Lardie Meijer #303
Andrea Desnoyer Polly's #5	Haley Jerry Wife of Louis Jerry Meijer #270	Lori McPhee Daughter of Pauline McPhee Meijer #222
Samantha Faivor Daughter of Pete Faivor Kroger #793	Isabel Johnson Daughter of Robert Johnson Meijer #158	Rachel Mitchell Daughter of Deborah Mitchell Meijer #35
Aaron Michael Frederick Son of Karen Frederick Meijer #30	Iain Jones Meijer #311	Michael Romero Meijer #229
Spencer Gillis Meijer #226	Brittany Jones Daughter of Marlene Jones Meijer #221	Mariah Wild Scott Meijer #69
Brandon Grant Son of Daphne Grant Meijer #29	Sara Jozwiak Meijer #244	Carmin Ye Daughter of Yang Ye Meijer #122
Danielle Hawks Meijer #69		

\$400 Textbook Scholarship Winners

Sean Beaumont Meijer #188	Karla Calkins Meijer #195	Molly Dekraker Daughter of Heidi Dekraker Rite Aid #1472
April Chin Daughter of Ping Chin Meijer #158	Anthony Covert Grandson of Robert Sifuentes Meijer DC #85	

Quarterly Membership Meetings

Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

Membership meetings are your opportunity to ask questions, get involved and hear what's going on with your employer, your industry, and your union!

Sterling Heights UAW Local 228 39209 Mound Rd.	East Lansing MEA Hall 1216 Kendale Blvd.	Grand Rapids UFCW 951 Office 3270 Evergreen Dr. NE	Kalkaska All Seasons Resort 760 S. Cedar St.
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