

United Campus Workers to Advocate for Higher Education Legislation at the Capitol



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DATE: Monday March 3rd, 2025

TIME: 8:30am

LOCATION: Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, Arizona State Capitol

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ARIZONA - On Monday, March 3rd, we the United Campus Workers of Arizona (UCWAZ), CWA Local 7065, are proudly partnering with Arizona Student Association (ASA) and Higher Education Labor United (HELU) for a press conference from 8:30 to 9am in the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza at the Arizona State Capitol building to kick off our first annual [Higher Education Legislative Advocacy \(HELA\) Day](#). We will have representatives available to speak to the press during and after the press conference. Featured speakers include:

- UCWAZ CWA 7065 and other CWA representatives
- Students and staff of the [Arizona Students' Association](#) (ASA)
- [Higher Education Labor United](#) (HELU)

Higher Education Legislative Advocacy (HELA) Day 2025 is a multi-day event around our union's political advocacy efforts. This year, we are taking our membership to the offices of legislators in Arizona's capitol to push for pro-union and pro-worker relationships and policies.

Our union members have voted to identify our legislative priorities to inform our advocacy work at the Arizona Capitol. HELA Day marks the **beginning** of our collective efforts there to influence policy and change the law to support higher education workers and interests. Our legislative priorities include:

- **Increase public state funding for universities**
- **Respect 1st amendment right to free speech on public university campuses**
- **Protect academic freedom at our public university campuses**
- **Support student representation across the state in rural, urban, and underserved communities**
- **Support K-12 public education and funding**
- **Protect voting rights and make voting registration more accessible**
- **Raise workers wages and benefits and lower the cost of living**
- **Collective bargaining of public employees at universities**
- **Graduate student fees elimination/bundling**

We will bring these issues to our legislators in meetings and Capitol walkthroughs all day on Monday, March 3rd. Together, we can change the law!

UCWAZ-CWA Local 7065 unites Arizona's diverse public higher-education workforce, including part-time and full-time staff, faculty, and students, to address the critical issues we all face. Our mission is to defend the interests and well-being of all higher education workers and to build social and economic justice in our workplaces. For more information, visit www.ucwarizona.org.

