

Subject: NATCA Update: Sep. 8, 2023: NATCA President Rich Santa Meets with Members of Congress on Capitol Hill

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NATCA President Rich Santa Meets with Members of Congress on Capitol Hill

President Santa recently met with U.S. Representatives Rosa DeLauro (Conn., 3rd), Matt Cartwright (Penn., 8th), Emilia Sykes (Ohio, 13th), and Dan Kildee (Mich., 8th). The meeting occurred on July 28th on Capitol Hill. Santa thanked the members for their ongoing support of NATCA and explained the challenges faced by the controller workforce, as well as ongoing efforts to bolster controller staffing and hiring as part of the pending FAA reauthorization.



President Santa Meets with Members of Congress

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Given Rep. DeLauro's leadership role as Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee, she provided an update on the appropriations process, including her work to secure full funding for the FAA and prevent a government shutdown in the coming months.

Reps. Cartwright, Sykes, and Kildee provided additional background about their districts and ongoing legislative priorities, and thanked NATCA and its members for keeping the skies safe and providing critical services to their constituents.

U.S. Rep. Greg Stanton Labor Roundtable

Deer Valley ATCT (DVT) FacRep and DVT Legislative Rep. Alyssa Martinez represented our profession and Union at U.S. Rep. Greg Stanton (Ariz., 4th)'s Labor Advisory Board Roundtable in June, in Phoenix. During the discussion, Rep. Stanton mentioned the likelihood of a government shutdown. Martinez explained how shutdowns impact the National Airspace System (NAS) and air traffic staffing numbers, which are already the lowest they have been in the last

decade. Martinez described the shutdowns' cascading effect, not only with training and staffing, but with the many modernization and other projects NATCA works on to develop and grow to keep the NAS the safest in the world.



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“Congressman Stanton has been a friend of NATCA for many years and is always eager to meet with us to find out what we need to keep aviation safe,” Martinez said. “He is a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and is a key player in the FAA Reauthorization this year.”

Learn more about NATCA's legislative activism, opportunities to get involved, and NATCA's efforts from your [National Legislative Committee](#).

Read 2023 NATCA Scholarship Winner Audra Daniel's Essay

Every year, NATCA offers a scholarship program for spouses, children, stepchildren, and legally adopted children of active, retired, and deceased

members in good standing for at least two consecutive years. This scholarship is for full-time attendance at accredited colleges and universities within the United States and its territories for an undergraduate degree program.

“ Social media has provided a platform for workers across the country to come together and protest workplace injustice. ”



**– 2023 NATCA
Scholarship Winner
Audra Daniel, child of
Chad Daniel (Atlanta
Center, ZTL)**



This year's prompt asked candidates to examine why labor unions are experiencing a resurgence and what implications this has for the future.

Audra Daniel, child of Chad Daniel (Atlanta Center, ZTL) is among this year's 20 scholarship winners. To read the essay that Audra submitted, click [here](#).

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