



From the Desk of President Rich Santa: Shutdown Update

On Sept. 30 Congress came together in the eleventh hour to pass a bipartisan Continuing Resolution (CR) that was signed by President Joe Biden, averting a shutdown and funding the government through Nov 17, 2023. The CR also extended the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorization through Dec. 31, 2023.

With the passage of the CR, the threat of a government shutdown was temporarily delayed, however, nothing changes until Congress passes full-year appropriations legislation and long-term FAA reauthorization.

Over the past two weeks we have all witnessed the ongoing drama unfold in the U.S. House of Representatives. As internal politics in the House continues to prevent the passage of any legislation, the future remains uncertain for the aviation professionals represented by NATCA and the entire aviation industry.

I want to assure every member that their Union is proactively working and advocating on their behalf during this uncertain time. As we approach the expiration of the CR, the National Executive Board, our national staff, and the National Legislative Committee are working together to educate legislators on the need to pass long-term funding and authorization.

I have personally met with key leaders in Congress this past week, and I have made it clear that when a new speaker is elected, there should be no further delay in passing appropriations and FAA reauthorization.

NATCA members and their families deserve better than another prolonged and damaging government shutdown.



In Solidarity,



Rich Santa
President, National Air Traffic Controllers Association

NATCA Hosts Meet and Greet for Academy Students in Oklahoma City

On Oct. 11, NATCA hosted its final Meet and Greet of the year for FAA Academy trainees in Oklahoma City. President Rich Santa, Great Lakes Region Vice President Drew McQueen, Reloaded Committee Southwest Region Representative Saja Cox (Oklahoma City ATCT, OKC), Union Synergy Chair Maurice Franklin (Potomac TRACON, PCT), Professional Standards Committee Member Chris Keyes (Washington Center, ZDC), and Union Synergy member Brittany Smith (Engineer/Southwest Region, ESW) represented NATCA at the event.



NATCA Hosts Meet and Greet for FAA Academy Trainees

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The event was attended by 35 trainees interested in learning more about our Union. We look forward to hosting more events for Academy attendees in

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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.

“If the resurgence of labor unions continues on the path it is currently on, the economy will improve as will quality of life, worker satisfaction, and morale.”



– 2023 NATCA
Scholarship Winner
Kyra Goodwin, child of
Anthony Goodwin
(Retired Controller for
Western Service
Area, ENM)



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

Kyra Goodwin, child of Anthony Goodwin (Retired Controller for Western Service Area, ENM) is among this year's 20 scholarship winners.

Read the essay that Kyra submitted on our [website](#).

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