



Happy Eid al-Fitr from Your NATCA Family

NATCA wishes you a Happy Eid al-Fitr. At the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting, Muslims celebrate with observance of Eid al-Fitr which means “the Festival of Breaking Fast.” This year, Eid will take place between April 9-10, depending on geographic location.



U.S. Rep. Nick LaLota Tours New York Center

U.S. Representative Nick LaLota (N.Y.-1) recently toured New York Center (ZNY) where he met with local members Cory Davids, Bill Ordon, and David

Romano. The controllers began the tour by explaining what airspace the facility covers and the issues they face concerning staffing at ZNY, and nationwide. To help LaLota better understand the problem, they explained the ideal staffing numbers as determined by the CRWG, and how the Agency calculates their staffing numbers by counting trainees the same as certified professional controllers (CPCs).

Davids, Ordon, and Romano also brought the congressman to the control room floor and showed him the four domestic areas, focusing on the area that handles the majority of New York and New Jersey metro area departures and routing for Washington National Airport arrivals.



Pictured, left to right: Bill Ordon (ZNY), Congressman Nick LaLota (NY-01), Dave Romano (NEA NLC Lead-ZNY), and Cory Davids (ZNY NATCA VP)

Read NATCA Scholarship Winner Alex Valentine'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.

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

Alex Valentine, child of Sharon Valentine (New York Center, ZNY) is among this year's 20 scholarship winners. Read the essay that Alex submitted [here](#).

“ America is a reflection of its people, and it thrives when its people thrive. ”



– 2023 NATCA Scholarship Winner
Alex Valentine , child of Sharon Valentine (New York Center, ZNY)



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