

02/04/2025 [AllUnit]: PSU Picket ****TOMORROW**** and other upcoming actions!

Dear Colleagues,

We're writing with information about upcoming actions in our area. Show up in solidarity with our union siblings, neighbors, and workers across the state! Reach out to Kristen Strehle (kstrehle@umass.edu) or the MSP office (msp@umass.edu), if you have any questions.

In solidarity,

Jacque and Marc

1. PSU Picket Tomorrow!

As you may be aware, the Professional Staff Union (MTA) has been fighting for a fair contract since 2024. In particular, they are concerned by the administration's wish to replace COLA with arbitrary "merit-based" pay, in addition to ongoing understaffing and workload issues.

We invite you to join PSU during their day-long practice picket tomorrow, **Thursday, February 5th** from 9-5pm. **You're especially encouraged to attend an MSP Power Hour from 12-1pm.** Stop by the MSP Office (121 Hampshire House) at noon tomorrow, and we'll walk together with our banner to Whitmore! Find more details about the picket and sign up for a longer shift here: <https://wmalf.org/picket/>.

2. LUCE Hotline Fundraiser

As a reminder, the LUCE Hotline Fundraiser and ICE Bystander Training in Amherst is tonight, **Wednesday, February 4th** from 6-8pm. MSP is a proud sponsor of this event and encourages you to attend if you've pre-registered. Although tonight's event is full, you can learn more about their next training on **Saturday, March 7th** here: <https://bit.ly/luceamherst>.

3. Working People Against ICE!

All are invited to "Working People Against ICE," a protest organized by the Western Mass Area Labor Federation and co-sponsored by MSP and many other area unions and organizations. The event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 7th at 1pm** in front of the Federal Courthouse in Springfield. Find more info at <https://wmalf.org/>.