

THE PULSE

United Nurses of Alberta

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Triage Desk

Hello,

We've wrapped up another successful Annual General Meeting, where for three days, more than a thousand nurses and allies came together at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

Together, we tackled key issues affecting our profession, from challenges in nursing and the privatization of health care, to education and other public services.

In addition, we united with fellow unions and supporters for the Rally for Respect — one of the largest such rallies in the province's history. We have a recap for you.

November also offers us a moment to honour the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

All this and more in this month's edition.

Welcome!

Nursing Notes



On [October 24](#), thousands of public employees and their supporters braved the sting of a cold fall wind for the Rally for Respect - one of the largest such rallies in the province's history.

They came from varying unions and different parts of the province, but they had a singular goal - to send a message to the Alberta government that public servants across the province deserve respect, safe staffing and better working conditions.

Members of UNA, Health Sciences Association of Alberta, the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, CUPE Alberta, the Alberta Teachers' Association and the Non-Academic Staff Association gathered at the Alberta Legislature Building to sound the cry that respect is non-negotiable.

Though the weather was frigid, the crowd was fierce in their call for the disrespect of the public services to stop!

[Here's a quick recap of the day!](#)



Quote of the Month

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

Brain Food

UNA Members Reject Mediator's Recommended Collective Agreement

On [October 30](#), UNA members voted to reject a four year collective agreement recommended by a mediator noting that: it's in everyone's interest to get back to the negotiating table as soon as possible.

UNA President Heather Smith said this was clearly a vote on whether or not Alberta nurses feel respected.

[Read the full story on our website](#)

What's Next?



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