



Local 743

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National Labor College Honors Local 743 Member

Sixteen IAM members were among nearly 100 union members who earned degrees from the AFL-CIO's National Labor College (NLC) in Silver Spring, MD, and were honored at the college's 2010 commencement ceremony.

Maryland Democratic Congresswoman Donna Edwards, whose district includes the labor college, was the keynote speaker and was awarded an honorary degree from the college. The IAM had one of the largest groups in the 2010 class and NFFE/IAM Local 2196 member John Chapman had the honor of leading the procession of Bachelor of Arts graduates.

Local 743 member Karen Blanchard won both a Distinguished Paper Award and a special Presidential Award for her senior project: "The Outsourcing of Military Manufacturing, Is It Good For America?"

Great Job Karen!!!



*IAM graduates and representatives in attendance at the 2010 ceremony include, from left: Marcus Valentino, LL 2339C; GST Assistant Secretary Robert Minnich; Gary Hall, LL 1347; Charlotte Andreachi, LL 1713; Brian Bethell, LL 764; Michael Poch, LL 847; Richard Suarez, LL 1932; Norman Dozier, LL 2049; Marla Ryan, LL 873; **Karen Blanchard, LL 743**; John Chapman, FL 2196; Vickie Cheek, LL 1833; Ernie McLean, District 181 and General Secretary-Treasurer Warren Mart (graduates not in photo: Adriana Durand, LL 1932; Byron Hulsey, LL 56; Eric Kaufman, LL 2339N and John Kehoe, LL 263).*



IAM Local Lodge 743 member Karen Blanchard, right, receives a special Presidential Award.

"Our graduates did an outstanding job this year and everyone should be proud of their achievements," said General Secretary-Treasurer Warren Mart, who attended the ceremony. "Education is our union's most valuable resource, and the work our members do at the National Labor College, in partnership with our William W. Winpisinger Education Center, means more of our members have the opportunity to earn a college degree."

The NLC coordinates their degree program with the Winpisinger Center, which allows IAM students to use the Center for part of their course work. Many of the Winpisinger Center's programs are accredited and can be used for college-degree programs. For information about earning a college or master's degree through the National Labor College, contact the Winpisinger Center at 301-373-3300.

We should all recognize and thank Sister Karen for her hard work and commitment to the labor movement! Please join us in congratulating her for achieving this educational milestone.