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We demand strong chemical security policies to protect our lives, jobs, health, schools, and businesses from toxic catastrophes. The State needs to provide public access to municipal and county chemical Emergency Response Plans and information about high hazard trains crisscrossing the Garden state.

Everyday working people just can’t seem to get ahead. We work longer and harder and still can’t stretch our paychecks. This doesn’t seem to impact the very wealthy among us who seem to play by a separate set of rules. Someone is profiting from unsafe communities and work environments - and until we identify them, we cannot address these issues.

Every school day in New Jersey, children, teachers, and school staff face conditions that can cause illness or injury and that make it harder to teach and to learn. We demand healthy and modernized schools for all students and staff regardless of zip code.

New Jersey can and must address our climate and inequality crises together. Jersey Renews, launched by WEC, Environment NJ and Greenfaith, is a broad-based coalition of 70 labor, environmental and community groups fighting for state leadership on climate and good, family-sustaining jobs in the transition to a green economy.
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December 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us at the 2022 WEC Awards Celebration! We appreciate your support and participation as we honor four outstanding honorees.

- **Les Leopold**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Labor Institute;
- **Carmen Martino**, Director of the Rutgers University-based Occupational Training & Education Consortium OTEC;
- **Isles**; and
- **Starbucks Workers United**

As we celebrate WEC and our honorees tonight, we must also acknowledge the many leaders, coalition partners and members that have helped establish and protect the fundamental health and safety safeguards that are essential to our workplaces, environment, and communities. **We recognize the fight for economic and worker justice must happen hand-in-hand with the fight for racial justice.** The issues are inextricably linked.

Over the past year, together we won the adoption of the Advanced Clean Truck rule which made NJ the East Coast leader in the transition to electric trucks. This is a significant step to reducing GHG Emissions which accounts for more than 40% of the total GHG emissions for the state. NJ also became the state with the largest offshore wind goal on the East Coast when Governor Murphy announced 11 gigawatts by 2040 in September.

WEC stood with our allies calling for hazard pay for essential workers and with Amazon workers who sounded the alarm about dangerous working conditions. We also continued to educate the public and policy makers on the hazard of mercury floors in schools which led to the NJ Schools Development Authority replacing floors that were found to contain mercury.

Congratulations again to the honorees. Thank you as well to everyone that sponsored, placed an ad in our commemorative journal, or purchased a ticket. We rely on your support to continue our work and we look forward to working with you to continue advancing our collective agenda.

Honoring our past and looking to the future,

Jim Young  
President

Debra Coyle  
Executive Director
Les Leopold


He is currently helping to build a national economic educational train-the-trainer program with unions and community groups.
Carmen Martino is the Director of the Occupational Training and Education Consortium (OTEC) and a faculty member in the Department of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers University’s School of Management and Labor Relations (SMLR). As the Director of OTEC, Carmen provides technical assistance and strategic research to community-based organizations and unions at the national and local levels. His expertise covers a range of topics that include occupational safety and health, leadership development, organizing, and stewards training.

Before joining the faculty and working closely with Debra Lancaster and Michele Ochsner at Rutgers OTEC in 2002, Carmen was the Director of Training and Education for the New Jersey Industrial Union Council and before that, he was a WEC consultant and a co-author of the first WEC newsletter back in the early 1990s.

Over the past decade Carmen’s work at OTEC has led to nearly 10,000 workers receiving more than 26,000 hours of training with a focus on providing health and safety training to low-wage, immigrant, and minority workers. Much of the training was done in partnership with New Labor, a worker-center that Carmen co-founded with Lou Kimmel and Richard Cunningham in 2000. His work with New Labor produced the New Labor Safety Liaison Project that trained experienced New Labor worker trainers to file OSHA complaints, organize health and safety trainings, and conduct regular audits of worksites using a cellphone audit tool that was developed with the Liaisons. In 2014, four of New Labor’s Safety Liaisons became OSHA-authorized trainers that trained and issued OSHA-10 cards to hundreds of workers in New Jersey. In that same year, two of New Labor’s Safety Liaisons went to Washington D.C. and together with five other Latinos representing worker centers from throughout the country, they spoke in support of a stronger silica dust standard and were the first immigrant workers to ever provide testimony in Spanish at an OSHA standards public hearing.

Most recently, from October of 2020, thru December of 2021, OTEC lead the COVID-19 Health and Safety Project. Over the course of 16 months OTEC partnered with WEC and the Protect NJ Workers Coalition (which included worker centers, CBOs, unions, and advocacy organizations) and used $1.1 million to create synchronous, asynchronous, and in-person programs that ultimately trained 100 worker trainers, who provided 5,000 workers with over 10,000 hours of essential COVID-19 training.

Carmen currently serves in an advisory role for New Labor and is on the executive boards of WEC and NJ Communities United. He is a member of the Rutgers AAUP-AFT and has previously served on the union’s Executive Council. Carmen also teaches undergraduate courses including Latino Workers in the U.S., Current Labor Problems, and the History of Labor and Work, 1880-1945. When not at work, Carmen spends all of his time with his family and every Sunday in the fall, living and dying with the Philadelphia Eagles (GO BIRDS!).
Isles was created in 1981 to pursue better, community-based ways to build self-reliance and restore and maintain environmental health. We have developed four core “pillars” that promote this work: We train and educate; we revitalize communities; we build wealth; and we promote healthy living. These diverse tools and services offer an integrative model to foster family self-reliance and healthy, sustainable communities.
Starbucks workers are organizing for respect, dignity, safety and a real say in their working conditions.

The Starbucks Workers United movement began in Buffalo NY where Starbucks workers at the first store won a union election in December of 2021. Since then, Starbucks workers across the country have joined the movement as workers seek better working conditions, wages and schedules.

Workers United is supporting the Starbucks Workers United movement. An international union, Workers United represents more than 86,000 workers in the apparel, laundry, food service, hospitality, non-profit, warehouse distribution, municipal government and manufacturing industries in the United States and Canada. Its New Jersey office is in Newark. Workers United is affiliated with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

In the first half of 2022, more than 186 stores voted to join Workers United and petitions for elections are pending in some 300 locations. In recent months, Starbucks workers won at four New Jersey stores won their union elections - in Hopewell, Hamilton, Summit and Montclair.

Starbucks Workers United has stood strong and grown in spite of fierce opposition from the Starbucks corporation. Starbucks has been fighting against workers’ efforts to unionize and has refused repeated calls to abide by the Fair Election Principles developed by the Starbucks Workers United movement. Dozens of New Jersey elected officials sent a letter to the CEO of Starbucks in April supporting the demand that Starbucks to adhere to the principles.

Starbucks is under investigation by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for scores of alleged violations of workers’ labor rights and a number of these investigations have already led to formal NLRB complaints. In August, NLRB Region 15 won a court injunction against Starbucks in which a federal judge ordered Starbucks to reinstate seven employees at a cafe in Memphis, Tennessee who were allegedly fired for supporting the union campaign.

The Starbucks Workers United movement has garnered broad support from communities, workers’ rights organizations, and elected officials. Thank you to all for your support!
Proud advocates for educators, students, and the nation’s BEST public schools.

Pictured above:

Sean M. Spiller
President (center)

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Secretary-Treasurer (left)
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To Tonight’s Honorees
Your efforts in support of working folks and their families is much appreciated!

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Starbucks Workers United
For organizing Starbucks employees

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NJ WEC’s 2022 Honorees:
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Carmen Martino
Isles
Starbucks Workers United

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CWA Local 1036
Congratulates the 2022 WEC Award Recipients

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Carmen Martino
Director, Rutgers Occupational Training & Education Consortium (OTEC) & Faculty Member, Rutgers University School of Management & Labor Relations (SMLR)

Isles
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Representing over 8,200 Public & Private Sector Workers in New Jersey & Delaware
CONGRATULATIONS
TO WEC’s 2022 HONOREES
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE CONTINUED SUCCESS
OF THE WORK ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

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AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 877
We extend our warm congratulations to the 2022 NJ Work Environment Council Awardees:

Les Leopold, Co-Founder, The Labor Institute

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Carmen Martino, Director, Occupational Training and Education Consortium

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Isles

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Starbucks Workers United

SOLIDARITY SHOULD NOT BE JUST A WORD.

IT IS OUR ACTIONS THAT GIVE IT TRUE MEANING!
CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE 2022 NEW JERSEY WORK ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL HONOREES

Les Leopold
Carmen Martino
Isles
Starbucks Workers United

DAVID TYKULSKER & ASSOCIATES
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The BlueGreen Alliance and National Wildlife Federation congratulate tonight’s honorees.

We also thank the New Jersey Work Environment Council for all its efforts to ensure we have safe, secure jobs, and a healthy, sustainable environment.

Together, we are fighting for a stronger, fairer, cleaner environment. That’s why we put forward Solidarity for Climate Action, our platform to tackle climate change and income inequality at the same time.

Find out more and join our effort at www.bluegreenalliance.org/solidarity.
CONGRATULATIONS

To all the
WEC Honorees

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Les Leopold
Carmen Martino
Isles
Starbucks Workers United
Congratulations

2022 WEC Honorees

With admiration and thanks for WEC’s work.

The Rev. Fletcher Harper
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The Latino Institute, Inc. is now offering school districts dynamic workshops to empower parents with skills and knowledge to be better partners in the education of their children. The workshops may be conducted virtually or in person at your schools. The following themes, and others, are available:

- Immigration Rights
- Stress Management for the Family
- Sexual Identity for Teenagers
- Leadership
- College Financial Aid: A Primer for Parents
- Drivers Licenses for the Undocumented
- Motivating the Unmotivated Student
- Cultural Heritage Workshop
- Social media: texting, sexting and other issues
- Communications Skills at Home

These workshops are available in English or Spanish.

For pricing and scheduling

Please contact Bill Colón at parentconferences1@gmail.com
CONGRATULATES

awardees for their dedication & leadership in the fight for a clean environment, healthy communities and safe workplace

Les Leopold

Carmen Martino

Isles

Starbucks Workers United

has been empowering people for over 45 years to take action to protect America’s waters, workers, communities, health of our families & make democracy work.
CONGRATULATES
THE
NEW JERSEY WORK ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL
ON THEIR
2022 VIRTUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO TONIGHT’S HONOREES:

LES LEOPOLD
CARMEN MARTINO
ISLES
STARBUCKS WORKERS UNITED

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The Sol Stetin Award, presented annually since 1982, honors outstanding individuals for their contributions to working people.

You are cordially invited to the American Labor Museum’s benefit honoring:

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Amazon Labor Union

ALVINA YEH
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BECKY SAUERBRUNN
US Women’s National Team Players Association

ANGELICA SANTOMAURO
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International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 827

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¡Ya es Hora!

New Labor congratulates WEC for its continued fight for safe and healthful jobs!

Congratulations to all the honorees:
Les Leopold- for silo busting and fighting runaway inequality
Isles- for building sustainable communities
Starbucks Workers United- for fighting for respect, dignity and accountability

and Carmen Martino- our cofounder, whose guidance helped us build an organization for workers that didn’t have one. And who reminds us all that the only way for workers to get respect is by demanding it. Collectively!
Steven Markowitz  
Sherry Baron  
Isabel Cuervo

Honor our good friend and partner, Les Leopold

And all 2022 WEC Awardees for Outstanding Contributions to Protect the Health of Workers

Barry Commoner Center for Health & the Environment
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Congratulations to the 2022 Honorees

Les Leopold • Starbucks Workers United • Isles

And our own Carmen Martino
Director, Rutgers Occupational Training and Education Consortium (OTEC)

Rutgers has served the community with labor education since 1931, and through the School of Management and Labor Relations (SMLR) since 1947. Through our Labor Education Action Research Network (LEARN) unit, we offer a wide range of continuing education training programs for union members, management representatives, and associated professions. Our Labor Studies and Employment Relations Department offers bachelor’s, master’s, and Ph.D. degrees to full-time and part-time students with several online options. We are proud of our 75 years of collaboration with the labor movement in providing labor education and research that makes a difference.

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New Jersey Work Environment Council and the 2022 Honorees

Standing Up for Frontline Workers

From the WEC Industrial Hygiene Team

Dave Newman
Dorothy Wigmore
Allen Barkkume
Ed Lesser
Deena Holland-Moore
Congratulations
Les Leopold
for your dedication to worker safety and health!

UNITED STEELWORKERS

TONY MAZZOCCHI CENTER

Isles joins our co-honorees
Les Leopold, Carmen Martino, & Starbucks Workers United in saluting WEC.

We're proud to work alongside you for safe and secure jobs and healthy, sustainable communities.

isles
Self-Reliant Communities
Congratulations to all the honorees!

From the Officers and Members of United Steelworkers Local 397

Dennis Cosgrove, President
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Robert Hruska, Recording Secretary

Environment New Jersey congratulates the NJ Work Environment Council on building the legacy of blue green alliances across New Jersey and thanks tonight's honorees:

Carmen Martino
Les Leopold
Starbucks Workers United
Isles
Congratulations to all of the 2022 NJ Work Environment Council Honorees!

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The Clinical Center at

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Congratulations to the Honorees!

Les Leopold

Carmen Martino

Isles

Starbucks Workers Unite

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https://eohsi.rutgers.edu/centers/clinical-center-for-environmental-and-occupational-medicine/
Congratulations to this year’s honorees on their well-deserved recognition

With appreciation for your inspirational leadership in making New Jersey a better place to live and work.

NEW JERSEY SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS COUNCIL

Congratulations to

Carmen Martino & Les Leopold!

Thank You ~ for your many contributions to advance workers’ health, workers’ rights and social justice.

Michele Ochsner & Marsha Love

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We are proud to join NJWEC in honoring our own Les Leopold, Co-Founder and Executive Director of The Labor Institute, for his leadership in the fight for union power, for clean and healthy workplaces and communities, and for an economy that works for everyone.

We also send congratulations to our longtime partner and colleague Carmen Martino, for his activism, advocacy and educational efforts on behalf of working people.

And cheers for the inspirational work of the other honorees: Isles and Starbucks Workers United. We are grateful for the work you do:

From the Staff of The Labor Institute

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To all the WEC Honorees

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Laura Kenny

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Laura Kenny

Well Done!
2022 WEC Awardees

✦ Les Leopold ✦
✦ Carmen Martino ✦
✦ Isles ✦
✦ Starbucks Workers United ✦

Thank You!
Eileen Senn

Well Done!
2022 WEC Awardees

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✦ Carmen Martino ✦
✦ Isles ✦
✦ Starbucks Workers United ✦

Thank You!
Eileen Senn

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Congrats To All Of The Honorees!
WEC is a power house because of its members, activists, & leadership.
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Thank You To All!
Bob & Marie Blistan

CONGRATS 2022 Awardees
Thank you for fighting for workers’ rights, and protecting our environment.

Steve Mooser
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THE LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERS OF USW LOCAL 318 CONGRATULATES 318 MEMBER LES LEOPOLD AND ALL THE HONOREES IN SOLIDARITY JOHN SECKRETTAR, PRESIDENT BRIAN CALLOW, VICE-PRESIDENT TOM CARBERRY, BUSINESS AGENT
Congratulations to all of the WEC Honorees!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication which helped keep staff, students, community members, and other NJ workers safe during the pandemic.

From the Monmouth County Education Association

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Osorio Lamb Family  
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