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## KANSAS CITY STAR FORMS A UNION

It has been close to 50 years since employees attempted to organize at the Kansas City Star. And actually it was reporters who worked for the Times, the morning edition of the paper, that conducted that organizing effort. Unfortunately, the vote was against the union organizing campaign and since then no one has attempted to resurrect an organizing campaign until now.



Longtime KC Star reporter,  
Mike Hendricks

In 2008 there were approximately 300 journalists working for the Star, today that number has been reduced to 60. Some were laid off and others took voluntary packages that were actually somewhat reasonable. However, with the state of newspapers across the country, many of those employed by McClatchey are concerned with new ownership and what their intentions are toward current staff.

Chatham Asset Management took control of McClatchey in September of 2020. The New Jersey Hedge Fund owned about a quarter of McClatchey stock and

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## IUPAT CREATES 'SIDE BY SIDE' PROGRAM TO BENEFIT STUDENTS



*Side by Side is a partnership between Job Corps and IUPAT District Council #3. The first student to participate in the new 'Side by Side' program was Patricia Neal. Pictured from left, Director of Training, Chad Dalton; Apprentice, Patricia Neal; and Jeremy Jackson, IUPAT Job Corp Instructor.*

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades have joined together in partnership with Job Corps to form a program called, "Side by Side". The partnership took the unified efforts of numerous parties in order to create the program. Jeremy Jackson, Excelsior Springs Job Corps painting instructor, created the pro-

gram in order to lay out a working plan for our younger generations to succeed in the Union. Central Regional Field Coordinator, Michael Anderson gave the green light to start laying the foundation for the program. Dan Hink (Central Regional Director of Trainers), Chad Dalton (Director of Training), and Jeremy Jackson met

together to develop the structural guidelines of the program. Dave Cox (Business Agent), represented the voice of District Council 3 on guidelines for apprenticeship wage.

"I am excited to see what we can do with this program. We believe this is a great opportunity for these students

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## UNIONS BANNER AREA RYAN COMPANIES PROJECTS



*Laborers Local 264 banner Ryan Companies. Ryan Companies has numerous projects throughout the area and even though they are a union company back home and use union workforce on their projects throughout the county, have chosen to hire rat subcontractors on their projects locally, paying below area standard wages and benefits.*

Laborers Local 264, Ironworkers Local 10, and Operating Engineers Local 101 took their message to the public calling out Ryan Companies for their choice to use non union workers on their jobsites around the city. Minnesota based contractor, Ryan Companies, are willing to uphold area wage standards with Union Trades workers on their projects across the country, but have chosen to use non-union workers at their projects in the Kansas City area. Employers using contractors who cut wages and benefits reduce the earning power of all working people. We must protect the area wage standards that Kansas City families have fought tirelessly to achieve.

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