

UIC CHIEF STEWARDS

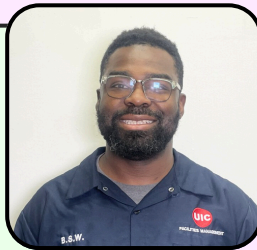
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CHICAGO EAST CAMPUS



Lavitta (Ms. Vee) Steward (Clerical - Admin Aide) has been a dedicated member of the UIC community for over two decades. Currently serving her second term on the SEIU Local 73 Executive Board, she holds the roles of Member Vice President, Chief Steward, and a key member of the clerical bargaining team. Ms. Vee is passionate about empowering union members and is committed to the principle of "reaching one and teaching one" the true power of solidarity. vee@uic.edu

Thomas Clark (Service - Building Service Worker) has been working at UIC for a year and half. His focus in his new position as chief steward is to improve communication between union stewards and the members, and to grow and expand membership to everyone. tclark86@uic.edu



Nina Williams (Professional - Library Operations Associate) has been a Steward and a Bargaining Team member since 2023, and she is a proud representative of the Professional workers at UIC. As a Chief Steward, she intends to make sure that representation and equality is upheld with fairness and respect. nswilli@uic.edu



CHICAGO WEST CAMPUS



Marcia Hargrove (Service - Building Service Worker) knew she would get involved with her union when she started working at UIC 8 years ago. Today, she is a Chief Steward and is proudly serving her second term on the Service negotiating team. She is also excited to serve her first term as an Executive Board Member with a fantastic, diverse team. Her mission is to ensure all members receive a fair wage and are treated with dignity and respect. hargrov9@uic.edu

Latoia Gatewood (Professional - Program Service Specialist) has been an employee of UIC College of Pharmacy since 2013. As a Chief Steward she is a member of the Executive Board, Bargaining Team for both the Professional and Technical Units and participant in Labor Management meetings with UIC Administration. Her goal as a Chief Steward is to encourage communication between members and UIC management. lagate@uic.edu





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PEORIA CAMPUS



Ben Lebron (Professional - IT Tech Associate) is a steward with the pro unit at the College of Medicine Peoria campus. He has been an IT worker with the university since 2019 and a steward with SEIU since 2021. His goal as a chief steward is to increase participation and communication with union membership as a whole and outside of Chicago specifically. blebron@uic.edu

UIHEALTH

Daniel Culliver-Dodd (Technical - Emergency Med Tech) has been involved with the union since 2007. He's been a steward since 2016 and Chief Steward since 2020, he also has been on the bargaining team for the last two contracts. One of his goals is to empower our members with knowledge of the contract so they can better deal with management. It's all about knowing your rights. dcullive@uic.edu



Michael A Abrams II (Technical - Nursing Technician) Michael has been a SEIU union Steward since 2023. He has recently become Chief Union Steward in 2025. He has recruited new Union Stewards throughout the UI Health system. His goal is to continue building a long-lasting union Steward structure and empower union members to get involved and collectively stand strong against issues that arise in the workplace. maabrams@uic.edu



Marc Mena (Clerical - Customer Service Rep) joined UIH in 2021 as an additional support staff member and officially transitioned to a full-time position in 2022. Since assuming a full-time role, he's dedicated himself to enhancing his expertise as a CSR and assisting others in their respective roles within UIH. He has actively collaborated with SEIU and INA to foster a safe and supportive work environment. mmena@uic.edu



Ricky Pettigrew (Technical - Transporter) has been a union steward since 2024 and help gain preceptor pay on behalf of the transport department. This will be his first year as a chief steward, his goal is to help empower the people in understanding their respective contracts and being able to vocalize any issues or concerns. rpetti@uic.edu

