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## CSEA women Never Quit

**D**o you want fair pay, strong benefits, a voice at work, safe working conditions and retirement security?

Do you want to be part of something that is bigger than yourself and strong enough to never quit?

As a union woman, you may say, 'Of course I do!'

Many of these goals are things that CSEA and other union women have been fighting for over many years, but they are goals that ALL of our sisters and brothers — in the Labor Movement and beyond — need.

While the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the Friedrichs case is a short-term victory for working

people, this case is not over. In fact, this case was only one factor in a long line of sustained, relentless attacks on working people and everything we have worked to achieve.

That's why all working women — and men — need to stand together. We are facing many threats, but when we stand strong and Never Quit, great things can happen

CSEA activists and staff are traveling across the state visiting homes and work sites to speak with our members one-by-one about the importance of individual commitment to a better, more powerful union. We

want to know what is important to you and how we can make our union stronger and better.



*“My union is a way of life for me, my family and co-workers. Together, we are the change agent New York state needs. I will never quit on my brothers and sisters, and I will never quit on the neighbors who*

*need the psychiatric services we provide to our community.”*

— Clara Forbes Residential Program Asst. II  
Rochester Psychiatric Center



*“Never quit with the union. It's not only your future, but your family's as well. We need to protect the middle class and keep the American dream alive.”*

— Lynne Durant, secretary,  
SUNY Potsdam Politics,  
Sociology, Criminal Justice  
and Environmental Studies departments  
and CSEA SUNY Potsdam Local president.



*“I'll never quit because our union means security for myself and in the future. If I ever need anybody to back me up, our union can do that. We have strength in numbers.”*

— Marisleyda Peralta,  
Westchester County Unit member



*“I would never quit CSEA. You never know what your employer is going to do or if they might be underhanded. If you have an issue on the job, you know you can count on our union to be there for you.”*

— Gwendora Hill, receptionist  
and Westchester County Unit  
member