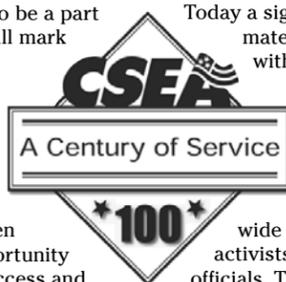


Exciting, historical times await CSEA in 2010

These are exciting times to be a part of CSEA. In 2010 CSEA will mark 100 years as a labor organization.

A benchmark event like a centennial anniversary provides an opportunity to look back and appreciate all that has gone before us that brings us to this point. But even more importantly, it is an opportunity for all of us to build on our success and look forward to the meeting the challenges ahead.

For the past 10 years, CSEA has been working to collect, catalogue and preserve the union's history. Several years ago we designated the Grenander Special Collection at the University at Albany as our official archives. We have worked with graduate students from the Center for Public History at the university to review and organize our materials and make them easily accessible.



State Employee archives

The latest addition to the CSEA archives is the full collection of the association's earliest publication. The *State Employee* magazine (later renamed *Merit*) was published from 1931 to 1951. You can now view full editions of the magazine, which provides a fascinating window into the early days of the association. The collection, which is housed in the New York State Library in Albany, was recently loaned to the University at Albany for scanning and inclusion in the online CSEA archives. You can access it via the home page of the CSEA website.

Today a significant part of the CSEA materials are available on the web with more of the material being added regularly. You can access it through the home page of the CSEA website.

CSEA has also conducted nearly 100 video interviews about CSEA's history with a wide range of individuals, from activists and union leaders to public officials. This work has helped shape a book about CSEA that is already in production and will eventually find its way into a video documentary that will put CSEA into perspective in a way that we have never done before.

A new series of ads highlighting CSEA's Century of Service will begin airing on television stations statewide shortly. A number of public works are also being planned across the state to recognize the importance of the CSEA Centennial in 2010.



Traveling displays making their way around the state
A traveling display presenting CSEA's Century of Service is now making public appearances in all six of our regions. The displays are on an 18-month odyssey that we expect will take them to every corner of the state to tell CSEA's story in highly visible public locations. The displays have already been seen by tens of thousands of people and the centennial year is just beginning! Visit your region page on the CSEA website to see when the display will be in a location near you.

