



John David Galuska

John D. Galuska was born and raised on the North Side of Pittsburgh.

John attended Annunciation Grade School and North Catholic High School where he graduated in 1980. After high school, John joined the United States Army where he became a Combat Engineer and Squad Leader of his Battalion in an Airborne Division Recon Unit. John's unit was deployed to Somalia, Africa, in 1982. The mission was Bright Star 82. John was very proud to serve this country, where he was given many opportunities to travel and meet a lot of people from all over the country.

When John returned home from serving his country, he became a Teamster for several years and then went on to the Laborers Union Local 1058 where his labor career really took off. He immediately became a union steward and worked for some of the best union leaders in Pittsburgh for twelve years. After that, he started a job at PennDOT where he was a Transportation Construction Inspector where he became a member of AFSCME, American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees, Union. John served many roles throughout his eight-year career with PennDOT – from being Executive Board Member to President of his Local 2612.

In 2005, John became a Staff Representative for AFSCME. Throughout this time, John attended Cornell University, the Penn State Leadership Academy, and George Meany University to advance his knowledge of Labor Studies.

In 2019, John became the Director of AFSCME District Council 84, where he currently serves. He represents more than 8,000 public service workers in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. These include workers who power Pennsylvania's commonwealth, counties, cities, municipalities, school districts, authorities, nonprofits, and healthcare facilities, every single day. He will be starting a new role as a Western Regional Field Organizer beginning January 1, 2025.

He also serves as a trustee to AFSCME's Health and Welfare Fund and an Executive Board member for the Allegheny County Labor Council. He is also a member of the Union Veterans Council. John is a proud union member and has been given a terrific opportunity to help the workers in his union. In August 2024, John received the Dan Marino Senior Organized Labor Leader of the Year Award through the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame 37th Annual Scholarship Sports Night. John was honored and humbled to be a part of such a great group of other union leaders.

John is married to his wife, Kimberly, and has three beautiful daughters - Jessica, Jamie, and Jenna. He is a proud grandfather of eight grandkids. He is very thankful for his entire family supporting him throughout his career. John would also like to mention that without additional support from his mother and father, brother - Tom, and sisters - Patty, Marcy, and Cathy, he would not be the leader he is today. His family gave him the foundation and taught him that hard work and dedication is the key to success.

John is looking forward to all of the new opportunities and knowledge that come with being a part of the SERS Pension Board.

"Coming together is a beginning... Keeping together is progress... Working together is success."

- Henry Ford