

Series: Your Wages, Benefits and Rights

The series **Your Wages, Benefits and Rights** begins with an article titled *Financial Sector Takes Growing Share of Wages and Benefits* [<http://www.upte.org/local/spse/files/2012/03/FinancialSectorTakesGrowingShareofWagesandBenefitsFinal.pdf>] Articles in this series compare workplace conditions at national laboratories and within the UC system. Since regulations governing financial transactions began changing radically in the 1970s, increases in wages have trailed increases in national productivity.

Since 2007, when UC (University of California) relinquished control of LLNL (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) and LANL (Los Alamos National Laboratory), all new employees have had to accept less generous benefits than employees who transferred from UC. The current operators of LLNL and LANL, LLNS (Lawrence Livermore National Security Limited Liability Company) and LANS (Los Alamos National Security Limited Liability Company) also eliminated extra health care subsidies that UC continues to provide to the majority of its employees.

There is hope for more equality. Future articles in the series will describe how individuals and organizations are forming a national movement to fight runaway inequality caused by national policies that permit financiers to depress our wages. The series will conclude with an article explaining how you can help UPTE-CWA (University Professional and Technical Employees, Communications Workers of America local 9119) promote higher wages, improved benefits and rights for all employees, not just UPTE members.

Will UC Better Manage Los Alamos National Laboratory teaming with Texas A&M?

The University of California, which is currently teaming up with Texas A&M in a bid for management of the Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory, [came under criticism](#) for its previous record as lab manager. UC has been involved in lab management since 1943.

LANL Hit With 3.1 Million Fee for Improper Shipping of Plutonium Along With New Details

Los Alamos National Laboratory pays 3.1 million for improperly shipping plutonium across the country using a commercial air cargo service. New details of the shipping problems were included in the [January 4, 2018 National Nuclear Security Administration \(NNSA\) fee letter](#).



UPTE has future plans to blog about current happenings at both Labs to keep you informed. If you are interested in joining our efforts with the blog, please contact us info@upte-cwa.org.

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