

**Grace Bogdanove**

*President, Buffalo AFL-CIO Labor Council*

Grace Bogdanove serves as Vice President of the WNY Nursing Home Division for 1199 Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare Workers East. She was unanimously elected President of the Buffalo AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, becoming the second woman to lead the Council.

Ms. Bogdanove was elected to her current position with 1199 SEIU in 2021, following previously held positions as vice president of the North Country office of 1199SEIU and as an organizer in the Central New York office of 1199SEIU. 1199 SEIU is the largest Health Care Workers Union in the country, representing more than 400,000 Healthcare Workers. The Upstate/Western New York Division has nearly 23,000 Members with offices in Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester and Governor.

Ms. Bogdanove has been recognized as one of City & State's Labor 40 Under 40, an honor that highlights emerging leaders in organized labor throughout New York State. She earned her degree from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and previously interned with the Western New York Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.