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## SNAPSHOT: Sen. Mannion honors Upstate Minority Economic Alliance executive director

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Senator John W. Mannion recently honored Me'Shae Brooks-Rolling, Executive Director of the Upstate Minority Economic Alliance (UMEA), for her commitment to advancing inclusive entrepreneurship in Central New York. Brooks-Rolling has been Executive Director of UMEA since 2020. UMEA is a non-profit organization that helps minority-owned businesses grow and expand. The organization provides technical assistance, financial support, and networking opportunities to minority-owned businesses. Brooks-Rolling has over 25 years of experience in the hospitality and special events industry. She is a certified personal finance educator and the author of a book on financial empowerment for women. She is also a member of numerous boards and commissions, including the Onondaga Community College Foundation Board of Directors, On Point for College, and the WISE Women's Business Center.