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## Senator Mannion Announces Launch Of Inclusive Entrepreneurship And Employment Pilot Program For Persons With Disabilities In Partnership With Syracuse University

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Senator Mannion secured \$50,000 to support the SU pilot as part of his continued commitment to workforce training programs across Central New York including funding MACNY apprenticeships, On Point for College, OCC/AccessCNY, and Centerstate CEO

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SYRACUSE, NY – Senator John Mannion in partnership with Syracuse University today announced the launch of the Inclusive Entrepreneurship and Employment Program, a new pilot program to help individuals with disabilities earn the skills needed to enter the workforce or become entrepreneurs.

This public-private partnership, funded in part by \$50,000 secured by Senator Mannion in the state budget, will provide the initial cohort of twenty participants free instruction by Syracuse University professors and collaboration with the NYS Adult Career and Continuing Education Services, ARISE, Our Ability, Inc., InSourcing, The Business Incubator Association of NYS (BIANYS,) and The Small Business Development Center at Onondaga Community College.

The program will equip participants with information, education, skills training, and human support to help individuals with disabilities make informed choices about their careers and succeed in their chosen field.

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*Senator John W. Mannion, Chairman of the Disabilities Committee said, “Central New York is on the rise with boundless opportunities for jobseekers and entrepreneurs. I’m committed to meeting the demand for new workers while removing obstacles that keep New Yorkers with disabilities from pursuing a career or launching a business. Syracuse University’s Center on Disability and Inclusiveness is the gold standard for supporting people with disabilities as they continue their education, and this pilot program builds on that pioneering work.”*

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