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SENATOR WALCZYK HONORS LESLEY A. LANZI AS WOMAN OF DISTINCTION 2025

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Senator Mark Walczyk is proud to announce that Lesley A. Lanzi was recognized at the Senate's 27th Annual Women of Distinction Ceremony on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. This prestigious event highlights the remarkable contributions of exceptional women in our community, and Senator Walczyk is honored to celebrate Lesley's dedication and service.

Lesley A. Lanzi is a dedicated advocate for non-profit organizations with a profound commitment to enhancing healthcare and education throughout her career. Serving as the Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director of the Foundation at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (FMCC) since November 2010, she has led strategic fundraising initiatives that have raised

millions of dollars for essential campus projects, scholarships, and programming. Under her stewardship, thousands of dollars in scholarships and resources have been distributed to support FMCC students, positively impacting countless lives.

Lesley's leadership has played a critical role in the successful construction of significant projects, including the Allen House, Rao Theater, Raiders Cove, FAM Financial Technology Center, and Cyber Security Range—all vital assets to the college and the community. Her ability to cultivate relationships with individual donors, alumni, and corporate partners is a testament to her commitment to advancing educational opportunities.

In recognition of her outstanding leadership in the healthcare field, Lesley was honored with the prestigious Juliette Low Women of Distinction Award by the Mohawk Pathways Council of the Girl Scouts in 2021. This award celebrates women who exemplify leadership, serve as role models, and practice the values of scouting. Lesley's work has made her a respected figure in local service, inspiring others to follow in her footsteps.

Before her tenure at FMCC, Mrs. Lanzi served as the Director of the Foundation at St. Mary's Hospital and spent 14 years in a similar role at Amsterdam Memorial Hospital. Her commitment to public service is further exemplified by her position as the first female alderwoman for the City of Amsterdam and her active involvement as a longstanding member of the Amsterdam Rotary Club, where she is a proud Paul Harris Fellow.

“Lesley A. Lanzi is a shining example of leadership and dedication in our community,” said Senator Walczyk. “Her tireless efforts to enhance not only healthcare but also education have played a pivotal role in the thriving success of Fulton-Montgomery Community College and the 49th Senate District as a whole. Lesley has dedicated her life to being involved in her community, and we are all beneficiaries of her hard work. The future of students at FMCC is brighter thanks to her unwavering commitment and ability to foster meaningful relationships along the way. I am proud to give her this well-deserved recognition as a Woman of Distinction.”