

## 2015-J814

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Arianna Piccione upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education 2015 Student of the Year Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of those individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary pursuit of education as adults; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Arianna Piccione upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education 2015 Student of the Year Award at its 32nd Annual Student Awards and Legislative Event, March 10-11, 2015, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, New York Association for Continuing/Community Education (NYACCE) represents adult education professionals with its primary missions of maintaining and expanding education and training opportunities for undereducated adults throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, NYACCE strives to ensure that the opportunities afforded to these students continue to be available, and that additional adults in need of these services continue to be served without barriers; it is well understood individuals who continue their education have a greater chance of improving their employment and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Arianna Piccione understands the value of education and the challenges and hardships that are sometimes faced when trying to obtain that education; and

WHEREAS, Born June 11, 1995, to Renee Piccione, Arianna Piccione experienced domestic issues beginning in her sophomore year in high school; she knew she wanted to pursue a career in Cosmetology and when her Niagara Falls High School offered vocational training with Orleans BOCES

for Cosmetology she signed up immediately; and

WHEREAS, The instability of her domestic situation caused inconsistencies in her high school performance; Arianna Piccione's extended family reached out to support her continuing efforts; relocating to Buffalo enabled her to register for classes at the Buffalo Public Schools Adult Education Division by way of the Career Collegiate Institute (CCI) to obtain her diploma and seek out further education; and

WHEREAS, Arianna Piccione was a model student who eagerly learned, and helped other students; on October 13, 2014, she proudly received her diploma and plans on furthering her education in the Cosmetology field; and

WHEREAS, Arianna Piccione voluntarily provided hair styling and cosmetology skills for the Cheektowaga Central School theatrical plays and voluntarily participated in the North Buffalo Hertel Walk, a community collaborative effort that supports the shop local effort in North Buffalo; she is also a member of the Graduate Forum of CCI and a participant in the Customer Service Vocational Program; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Arianna Piccione upon her designation as recipient of the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education 2015 Student of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arianna Piccione.