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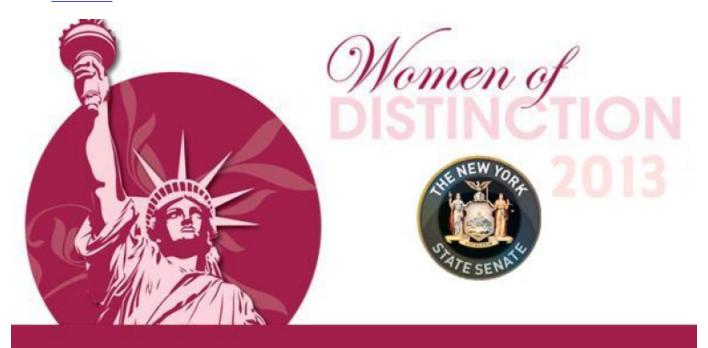
## Senator Seward Seeks "Women of Distinction" Nominees

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ONEONTA, 02/20/13 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) announced today plans for the state senate's annual Women of Distinction celebration.

The senate will honor distinguished women from throughout the state at a May 7th Albany reception, where each honoree's photograph and biography will become part of a special exhibit proclaiming the exceptional contributions of exemplary New York women.

"There are remarkable women in our midst whose lives, work or special accomplishments contribute to making our communities better, making our families stronger and serve as special examples to others," said Senator Seward. "The New York State Senate's 'Women of Distinction' program provides a special opportunity to honor these women for their achievements and to thank them for the special pride they bring to our communities."

Previous honorees have included leading women from the worlds of business, academics and civic life, as well as those who have performed heroic or selfless acts, made significant discoveries or provided examples of personal excellence against difficult odds.

"I am proud to once again sponsor this outstanding program and look forward to honoring our local 'Woman of Distinction' in Albany on May 7th," Seward concluded.

Women who live in the 51st senate district are eligible to be considered for recognition. The easiest way to nominate a "Woman of Distinction" is by filling out a special on-line form by clicking here.

Nomination forms are also available by contacting Senator Seward's district office at (607) 432-5524.

All nominations must be submitted by April 5th and include a biography of at least 250 words and high resolution photograph. Full instructions are contained in the on-line nomination form.

Senator Seward's honoree last year was <u>Schoharie County's Susan McGiver</u>, an award winning business owner who manages a third-generation family owned manufacturer, the Harva Company. The company is a certified woman owned small business, a leader in manufacturing and engineering and, under Susan's leadership, has initiated a number of innovative workplace programs for employees and their families.