



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Nozzolio received an Honorary Degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in recognition of his work on the behalf of New York State at the 2007 Commencement ceremony held on May 13 on the Hobart Quadrangle.

“It’s been a pleasure to work with the Colleges through the years and a particular pleasure to work with President Mark Gearan, who has been an outstanding leader,” said Senator Nozzolio. “I am humbled and enormously grateful for this honor.”

“This year, we recognized individuals at Commencement who symbolize the Colleges’ commitment to service. Senator Nozzolio stands out for his outstanding service to Geneva, our state and our nation,” Gearan said.

Senator Nozzolio began his eighth term in the State Senate in 2007, representing New York’s 54th district. Nozzolio is an outspoken proponent of criminal justice reform and victims’ rights. He is chair of the Senate Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections Committee and serves as a co-chairman of the Senate Majority Task Force on Privacy Invasion. Prior to joining the Senate, Nozzolio served for 10 years in the New York State Assembly. Over the years, he has been honored with numerous awards and accolades for his efforts on behalf of farm

workers, sexual assault victims and many others.

Senator Nozzolio was instrumental in the creation of the Cornell Agriculture and Food Technology Park in Geneva and has secured millions of dollars in state funding to develop the Technology Park. He has been a stalwart supporter of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, securing \$1 million in capital funds for the creation of the Finger Lakes Institute at 601 South Main St. He continues to acquire significant operating funds that allow for such projects as the study of Owasco Lake.