



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Addabbo named President of New York Conference of Italian-American Legislators

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR. March 7, 2019

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NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. was chosen by his Senate and Assembly colleagues to serve as President of the New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators. The conference is a bipartisan organization of New York State Senate and Assembly members who are actively involved in promoting and celebrating the state's Italian-American community. The conference mission is to highlight Italian-American contributions to the state of New York in areas including literature, the arts, architecture and politics and to work to dispel negative stereotypes of Italian-Americans.

"I am honored to be chosen by my Senate and Assembly colleagues to serve as President of the New York Conference of Italian-American Legislators. New York is a huge melting pot of people from all over the world, so being able to promote other Italian-Americans, provide them valuable resources and offer college scholarships makes this opportunity even more gratifying," Addabbo said.

Both sets of Addabbo's grandparents immigrated to the United States from Sicily and Bari. The New York Conference of Italian-American Legislators offers scholarships to help reduce the financial burden of attending college for families who need it the most. This year the conference will be offering four scholarships totaling \$10,000.