



SENATOR JIM ALESI



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Senator Alesi Attends the 2012-13 Executive Budget Presentation by Governor Cuomo at RIT



On Friday, I had the honor of introducing Governor Andrew Cuomo as he [outlined](#) his 2012-13 Executive Budget and Reform Plan at the Rochester Institute of Technology. I was pleased to welcome the Governor back to the Rochester area to discuss his Executive Budget with our community. Governor Cuomo has put forward a strong budget proposal that will continue the work we began last year to rebuild New York State from the bottom up. This budget contains no new taxes and fees, provides critical relief to local governments, and invests in major infrastructure projects, including the I-390 Interchange here in Rochester. By working together, we have, and will continue, to demonstrate that government can work for the people.

For updated information on the 2012-13 Executive Budget Proposal, please visit my [website](#).

Finger Lakes Council Holds Meeting at MCC



I attended a meeting of the [Finger Lakes](#) Regional Economic Development Council this morning at Monroe Community College. Today's meeting was the first meeting of the Finger Lakes Council for the second round of economic development funding. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business and having worked during last year's budget process to help craft the Regional Councils, I am proud of Governor Cuomo, Lt. Gov. Duffy and council members for their renewed commitment to collaborate to transform the economy and create jobs.

The Finger Lakes region is comprised of Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties, and is co-chaired by Joel Seligman, President of the University of Rochester, and Danny Wegman, CEO of Wegmans Food Markets. To view the 2011 Regional Project Awards, click [here](#).

Penfield Bakery Wins "Cupcake Wars"



Congratulations to Heather Saffer of [Dollop Gourmet Cupcakes](#) in Penfield, on her victory on Sunday night's episode of the Food Network's [Cupcake Wars](#). In the final round of competition, Saffer made a 1,000-cupcake display and won over the judges, earning her a \$10,000 prize. Saffer, a 2001 graduate of Irondequoit High School, opened Dollop in July of 2010 in Penfield, just east of the four corners.

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