



## SENATOR JIM ALESI



**Community Update: 05/02/12**

### **2012 Earth Day Posters on Display in Albany**



Senator Jim Alesi in the State Capitol with the winning Earth Day poster by Makayla from the Walt Disney School.

Thank you to all of the students for their wonderful contributions to the New York State Senate's [Earth Day Poster Contest](#). This year, we received many outstanding posters that exemplify the creativity of young people in our community.

Each of the entries displayed tremendous originality and vision, as well as obvious concern for the ecological future of our communities and our state. I am proud of their work and I encourage all students to continue to learn more about the serious challenges that face our environment. By learning about the importance of reducing consumption, reusing what we can, and recycling when appropriate, we will help keep the Earth healthy and safe.

I would like to offer my wholehearted congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's [Earth Day Poster Contest](#). I also want to say thank you to the families, and especially the teachers, whose dedication and involvement in this activity provided the encouragement for creativity and participation.

I am pleased to announce that the winner of the 2012 Earth Day Poster Contest from the 55<sup>th</sup> District is fourth-grader Makayla from the Walt Disney School. Congratulations Makayla!

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## **Dr. Barry Culhane Nominated for Induction into the 2012 Veterans' Hall of Fame**



*Annual Program Honors Veterans' Contributions to Our Community*

*Dr. Culhane will be Introduced as a Member of the Class of 2012*

I am pleased to announce that Rochester native Dr. Barry R. Culhane has been nominated for induction into the 2012 New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame. Dr. Culhane, a tenured faculty member and associate professor at RIT since 1981, served in the United States Army as a medic from 1969-1971 and has been active in local veterans' organizations for over forty years. He will be honored on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at a ceremony at the State Capitol in Albany.

The New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State, like Dr. Culhane, who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life. Dr. Culhane has been a tireless advocate for our veterans and I am proud to nominate him for induction into the Veterans' Hall of Fame. His service to our nation and to his fellow veterans deserves the special recognition that only a Hall of Fame can provide.

Dr. Culhane will join the late Ralph L. Chinelly of East Rochester (2005), General Norbert J. Rappl of Irondequoit (2007), Colonel John J. Perrone of Penfield (2010) and Nick Verzella of East Rochester (2011) I have had the privilege of nominating as members of the Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame.

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## **Maximus Federal Services to Expand in Monroe County**

*Maximus Federal Services will Create More Than 300 New Jobs and Retain Over 150 At-Risk Jobs in the Rochester Region*

On Monday, I joined Lieutenant Governor Duffy and local leaders to announce that Maximus Federal Services will invest nearly \$1.7 million to expand its Medicare Appeals operations in Pittsford – consolidating operations currently located in Pennsylvania and New York into the new Pittsford location. The investment includes over 300 new jobs and the retention of more than 150 at-risk jobs.

Companies from around the world recognize the Greater Rochester region as an excellent place to do business. After conducting an extensive, multi-state search for a new office location, Maximus Federal Services chose Pittsford, undoubtedly a true testament to our region's tremendous academic institutions, manufacturing base, and technical expertise. I thank Maximus and its leaders for selecting Pittsford as its new home, and I am looking forward to partnering with them in the future as we continue to create jobs and revitalize our local economy, which has been the focus of Governor Cuomo and the Legislature in an effort to make New York business-friendly once again.

Maximus is a business leader in health and human services, providing administration support to programs such as Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicare, employment services, education and related consulting offerings. Maximus' expansion is expected to create and retain nearly \$120 million in payroll wages, contributing to the local economic growth.



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