



Dear Friend:

If it's Friday afternoon, then it's time for my Weekly Wrap! This week's edition includes great information and pictures featuring business grand openings in the 43rd Senate District, honoring our firefighters, meeting with Saratoga County EMS, rallying with law enforcement to repeal NY's disastrous bail "reform" law and much more. Be sure to stay warm and travel safely during this winter weather. – **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

**Celebrating the Walt & Whitman Brewery and Coffee Shop Grand Opening**



Last Friday, I attended the grand opening of the Walt & Whitman Brewery and Coffee Shop located in the historic Saratogian building in downtown Saratoga Springs. Attendees pictured above include Saratoga Springs Mayor Meg Kelly, Owner Will Crager, David DeMarco, President of Saratoga National Bank & Trust, and Richard Mayfield, State Director, USDA Rural Development. Congratulations to everybody at the Walt Whitman Brewery and Coffee Shop! I'm always proud to recognize, welcome, and celebrate another fantastic local business in the 43rd Senate District.

**Attending the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District #1 Annual Inspection Dinner**





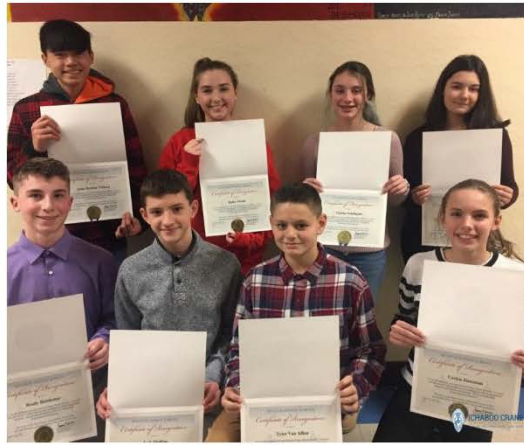
On Saturday evening, I had the privilege of attending the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District #1 Annual Inspection Dinner held at the Franklin Plaza. I'm pictured above with Earl McMahon, who was honored for 50 years of faithful service and 500 plus calls in 2019. I'm also pictured above congratulating Don Espy on his 50 years of dedicated service. Congratulations to all of the honorees, we thank you for your outstanding service to our communities!

#### **Speigletown Fire Company Banquet**



Saturday also was the Speigletown Fire Company Banquet held at the Troy Hilton. I was represented at the event by Rensselaer County Legislator, and my Director of Constituent Services, Dan Casale. The banquet honored Chief Bill Maloney on his receiving the "NYS Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year Award," and Al Damon, who received an award for 70 years of honorable service. Best wishes to Chief Maloney, Mr. Damon, and all of the honorees!

## **Congratulating Ichabod Crane Central School National Junior Honor Society Members**



My office recently sent Senate Certificates of Recognition to Ichabod Crane Central School's newly inducted National Junior Honor Society Members. I was proud to recognize their impressive academic achievements. Congratulations and keep up the great work everyone!

## **Meeting with Saratoga County EMS**



Monday morning, I met with our fantastic Saratoga County EMS personnel in Albany to listen to their concerns about how New York State can help them achieve their mission. I'm pictured above with Saratoga County EMS members, and Senator Jim Tedisco, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, Assemblymember Dan Stec, and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner. We had a terrific discussion regarding the critically important role Saratoga County EMS plays in protecting and serving our communities. Thank you to all our dedicated Saratoga EMS personnel for the lives you save and for the positive difference you make.

## **Rallying to Repeal NY's Disastrous Bail "Reform" Law**



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Tuesday, I was honored to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with law enforcement from across NYS, as well as my Senate and Assembly Republican colleagues, during our rally in the State Capitol in support of repealing Governor Cuomo and Senate and Assembly Democrats' disastrous bail "reform" law. Washington County Sheriff Jeff Murphy is pictured above speaking at the rally I attended along with Columbia County Sheriff David Bartlett, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office, Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Sheriff's Association, DAASNY President David Hoovler, New York State Association of Chiefs of Police President Patrick Phelan, Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly, and so many more who strongly support repealing this terrible law!

## Hosting Columbia County, Rensselaer County, Saratoga County, and Washington County Sheriff's Offices







After our fantastic bail "reform" repeal rally in the state capitol, I proudly hosted law enforcement from Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Washington Counties in the 43rd Senate District for donuts and coffee in my Albany office. I'm pictured above proudly standing with Columbia County Sheriff David Bartlett, Columbia County Sheriff's Office Deputies, Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office Deputies, Saratoga County Undersheriff Richard Castle, Saratoga County Sheriff's Office Deputies, and Washington County Sheriff's Office Deputies. God bless these true public servants – true heroes – who risk their lives every single day to

uphold the law and protect and serve our communities. I stand with millions of law-abiding New Yorkers who SUPPORT you, RESPECT you, and will ALWAYS have your back!

### **Gennaro's Pizza Parlor Ribbon Cutting**



Tuesday also was the official ribbon-cutting of Gennaro's Pizza Parlor in Saratoga Springs. The backstory to Gennaro's is wonderful: NYC restaurateur Alex Rodriguez visited Saratoga and fell in love, as he liked the small-town feeling. Located in Fresh Market Plaza, Gennaro's Pizza Parlor serves pizza from their gas and wood-burning oven and offers subs, chicken wings, and full dinners and is presently working on a second location in Albany. I was represented at the ribbon-cutting by my Community Liaison, Deborah Curto (pictured above), who presented a Senate certificate on my behalf to recognize the happy occasion. Congrats to Gennaro's Pizza Parlor — and welcome to our Saratoga community!

### **Visiting with NY Future Farmers of America**





I'm pictured above meeting with NY Future Farmers of America (FFA) members Taylor Rollins, NYS FFA State Sentinel, and Emily Carey who visited me in Albany this week. FFA does so much to prepare its members for future opportunities in agriculture and promote our proud heritage of family farming. We discussed the importance of agriculture to NY's economy and our way of life. In addition, Schuylerville Future Farmers of America members also visited my Albany office and are pictured above with my Legislative Director Pat Cronin. Thank you all for sharing your thoughts and passion for growing agriculture right here in the 43rd Senate District and across New York State!

#### **Meeting with Saratoga County Youth Bureau Representatives**



On Tuesday, I also met with Saratoga County Youth Bureau Executive Director Wes Carr, Youth Services Specialist Rebecca Robarge, and two youth leaders. Thank you for stopping by my Albany office.

#### **Receiving a Budget Briefing from the Empire Center**



With the 2020-21 State Budget process underway, it's critically important to have access to the best, non-partisan information about New York's annual spending plan. On Wednesday, I received an insightful briefing on the 2020-21 Executive Budget, the state economy, and New York's continued out-migration, courtesy of E.J. McMahon, Research Director of the Empire Center and one of NY's foremost and highly knowledgeable state budget experts. Thank you E.J. for sharing your insights and expertise!



## **The Latest Bail Reform Tragedy**

The Democrat Assembly Speaker recently accused opponents (like me) of the Democrats' disastrous bail "reform" law of "sensationalizing" the issue. Tragically, we've seen the latest deadly consequence of bail and discovery "reform" as a witness to an MS-13 assault case was brutally murdered. As noted in a recent Newsday story (link below), the individual was killed after his identity as a victim and witness in a 2018 alleged MS-13 assault was revealed to the defense after prosecution evidence was turned over as part of the pre-trial discovery process established through

NY's new bail reform law. Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder blamed the new law's impact on the discovery process as a contributing factor in the tragic murder. Enough is enough! We need to end this madness and prevent another tragedy where a crime victim or a witness to a crime is murdered by brutal thugs because their personal information is turned over. Repeal bail reform NOW!

<https://www.newsday.com/long-island/crime/witness-murder-reform-new-cassel-1.41460454>

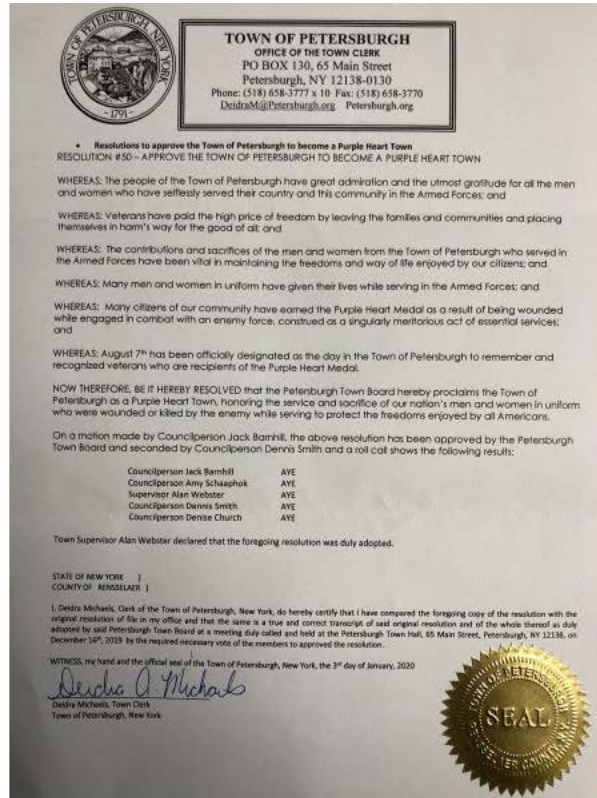
## **Taking Part in the Saratoga County Legislative Agenda Meeting**



On Thursday afternoon, I took part in the Saratoga County Legislative Agenda Meeting at the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. We had a terrific discussion on important issues impacting Saratoga County including VLT Aid, Medicaid, marijuana legalization, Dwyer Program funding, and repealing the Democrats' disastrous bail "reform" law.

## **Welcoming the Town of Petersburgh as a Purple Heart Community**

## Welcoming the Town of Petersburg as a Purple Heart Community



On January 3, the Town of Petersburg enacted a local resolution (pictured above) to become a Purple Heart Community. Petersburg joins other Purple Heart Communities including Sand Lake; Village of East Nassau; Town of Greenfield; Village of Castleton on Hudson; Saratoga County; Town of Wilton; Columbia County; Town of Claverack; Town of Halfmoon; City of Mechanicville; Town of Waterford and the Town of Schodack. If your local community hasn't yet become a Purple Heart Community, consider joining this special effort saluting the courage of America's Purple Heart recipients. To learn more about this effort I'm leading, contact my Community Liaison Deborah Curto at (518) 371-2751 for more information on becoming a Purple Heart Community.

## Promoting "Boots to Business Reboot" SBA Course

### STARTING OR GROWING A VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS

Sign up for Boots to Business Reboot, an entrepreneurship training program for veterans and their spouses.

**OWNING A VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS**  
Veterans have the character, discipline and skills needed to succeed as small business owners and entrepreneurs. Wondering what it takes and how you can prepare? Enroll in Boots to Business Reboot.

**ABOUT BOOTS TO BUSINESS REBOOT**  
Boots to Business Reboot is a two-step training program that provides participants an overview of business ownership as a career vocation, an outline and knowledge on the components of a business plan, a practical exercise in opportunity recognition, and an introduction to available public and private sector resources.

Step one is the Introduction to Entrepreneurship course eligible to Veterans of all eras, service members (including members of the National Guard and Reserve) and their spouses. This course is instructed by SBA and its partners, who are skilled business advisors.

Step two is one of the online follow-on courses instructed by a consortium of professors and skilled business advisors from the SBA Network. Please email the team at [boot-to-business@bba.gov](mailto:boot-to-business@bba.gov) if you've already attended an in-person Boots to Business class, and wish to sign-up for an online course.

Note: All SBA programs and services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact the Boots to Business team at 202-205-9381 or email [boot-to-business@bba.gov](mailto:boot-to-business@bba.gov)

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm


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Emil Baker, NYS Director of Employer Outreach ESGR at the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) is promoting an upcoming Boots to Business Reboot, a free SBA entrepreneurship training course available for all veterans and current military members. The course will focus on how to open a Veteran-Owned Business and is being held at the NYS Division of Military & Naval Affairs in Latham on Saturday, March 7. A flyer with more details is pictured above. For more information about this free training, email [aamoroso@arsenalpartnership.com](mailto:aamoroso@arsenalpartnership.com), or call (518) 326-6328.

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