



New York State Senator
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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to my Weekly Wrap for the week ending November 20. With the Thanksgiving holiday quickly approaching, my Weekly Wrap shares and showcases my Senate Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration that's available for students in grades K-6 until November 23. Take a moment and visit my Senate Webpage at <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/daphne-jordan> to learn more about this fun program celebrating one of America's most cherished holidays.

This Weekly Wrap edition also showcases my 2020 inductee to the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame, Peter Goebel, a decorated United States Army Colonel who also serves as the Veterans Service Agency Director for Rensselaer County. Congratulations Peter!

My latest Weekly Wrap also features important information about programs and resources that can help improve YOUR quality of life. Two of the helpful programs featured are the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), and a new online training platform that will enable unemployed and underemployed New Yorkers to learn new skills, earn certificates, and advance their careers at no cost. More details on both initiatives are featured in my Weekly Wrap below.

Of course, my Weekly Wrap includes details regarding some of the very latest small business ribbon-cuttings taking place across my 43rd Senate District, with My Little Dog & Company and Mangiamo's ribbon-cuttings that were held this week featured here. Best wishes to both of these wonderful businesses!

As always, please call my district office at (518) 371-2751, or email me at jordan@nysenate.gov if I can be of assistance. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend! –
Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

My Thanksgiving Day 2020 Creative Celebration



As Thanksgiving Day 2020 quickly approaches, my Senate webpage features a fun Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration to help remind us all just how much we have to be thankful for and help celebrate this beloved American holiday of family, friends, and food. Students can submit an essay, poetry, or artwork for inclusion in my Senate Thanksgiving Day Showcase by November 23, 2020. Submissions are limited to grades K-6.

Teachers may submit multiple students from a single grade on the form. To access my Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration online, visit

<https://www.nysenate.gov/questionnaires/what-are-you-thankful>.

Proudly announcing Peter Goebel as my 2020 inductee to the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame



I was proud and honored to recently announce Peter Goebel, Director of the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency, and retired United States Army Colonel, as my 2020 inductee to the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame. This year's Senate Veterans Hall of Fame online announcement coincided with Veterans Day, which was observed on November 11, 2020.

You can watch my video announcing Peter Goebel as my 2020 Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame inductee for the 43rd Senate District here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=9NT7g7W4uT4&feature=emb_logo.

I encourage you to read the following details of Peter Goebel's honorable record of military service that is highly distinguished, decorated, and exemplary.

Peter A. Goebel is a retired Colonel in the United States Army who grew up in Rensselaer County and graduated from Averill Park High School in 1977. He was commissioned into Air Defense Artillery in 1981 upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Completing the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course and Improved HAWK Officer training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Airborne and Ranger Schools at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was assigned to the Federal Republic of Germany, as an IHAWK Platoon Leader.

He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1999. He served with the First Marine Division, First Division (United Kingdom), and the 82nd Airborne Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom I from March of 2003 until March of 2004.

After 27 months of successful Battalion Command, he assumed duties as Chief of Training, Readiness, Operational Exercises, and Support for U.S. Army South (ARSOUTH) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom in October 2009. After one year in Afghanistan, he returned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to become the Chief of Strategic Synchronization and Engagement for U.S. Army North/Fifth Army (ARNORTH), before retiring as a Colonel in February 2012.

Among his awards are the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars), and the Iraq Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars). He earned the Combat Action Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab during his service.

In addition to serving as the Director of the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency, Mr.

Goebel serves in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the AMVETS, the Disabled American Veterans, the Friends of the New York State Military Museum, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, and the West Point Society of the Capital District of New York.

Congratulations Peter Goebel and thank you for your honorable, faithful, and distinguished service to our nation, and to Rensselaer County's military veterans!

My legislative agenda for 2021



I recently was featured in a story by Glenn Griffith for Saratogian and (Troy Record) readers about the outcome of the 2020 elections. The article, “*Local state Senate races go to incumbents,*” discussed my successful re-election (as well as the re-election of my Capital Region Senate colleagues) and my legislative agenda for 2021 and beyond.

A portion of Glenn Griffith's terrific article is posted below, and you can read the full story online at https://www.saratogian.com/news/local-state-senate-races-go-to-incumbents/article_97040402-1ee9-11eb-b61a-1b6265cc0cbe.html (you will need to be a Saratogian on-line subscriber to read the full story online).

Local Senate races go to incumbents, by Glenn Griffith for the Saratogian

With victory assured by the following day, Jordan began to look ahead, especially to bi-partisan legislation.

“Delivering real results starts with smart, bi-partisan public policies that help improve the quality of life for my constituents,” she said in an email. “That’s why affordability, opportunity, and security will remain at the heart of my bi-partisan legislative agenda for 2021.

She added that working to help struggling small businesses recover and come back even

stronger from the COVID closures is a top priority for her, as is helping unemployed New Yorkers return to work safely and sensibly. Expanding broadband for rural and underserved communities is another issue she wants to work on, especially for Columbia County and Washington County.

“Broadband for all has to finally become a reality, especially for families with students who are taking part in distance learning and for parents who are working remotely,” she said.

She also mentioned economic development that adds value and creates more good-paying jobs as another issue in her sights. Looking deeper into her platform Jordan said she will continue her efforts to repeal what she term’s Albany’s failed “bail” reform law.

“Repealing that and supporting law enforcement are essential public safety priorities,” she said. “The state Legislature also needs to work in a bipartisan fashion to restore the necessary and proper checks and balances in state government and serve as an effective check on the executive.”

Other local community issues like a 400-acre solar farm project in the Town of Copake and working with the Town of Germantown to oppose Amtrak’s unpopular fencing plan are also on her radar.

“I’ll remain an outspoken advocate for, and keep partnering with, local governments,” she said. “I’m honored to continue serving voters of the 43rd Senate District and I thank them for their strong support.”

HEAP Program helps qualifying families heat their homes this winter



Home Energy Assistance Program

Winter's on its way, meaning colder temperatures and higher home heating bills. Thankfully, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes. All of the following information is featured on the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) website at <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap>. **Please Note:** there is a limited amount of annual funding for HEAP; if you or a loved one need assistance, don't delay in applying! Besides visiting OTDA's website, you can also call my office at **(518) 371-2751** if you have questions or need help applying for HEAP.

About HEAP

If you are eligible, you may receive one **Regular HEAP Benefit** per program year and could also be eligible for **Emergency HEAP Benefits** if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. HEAP may be able to help you if you heat your home with electricity; natural gas; oil; coal; propane; wood/wood pellets; kerosene, and corn.

Regular HEAP Benefit

The 2020-2021 Regular HEAP benefit opened on November 2, 2020. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year to help you pay for heating your home. Eligibility and benefits are based on income; household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older, or permanently disabled. Regular benefits for households that pay directly for heat based on actual usage are paid directly to the vendor that supplies the household's primary source of

heat. Your household may be eligible for a Regular benefit if:

- You and your household members are United States Citizens or qualified aliens
- Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guides for your household size as posted in the table below or
- You receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or
- You receive Temporary Assistance or
- You receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI Living Alone)

Emergency HEAP Benefit

The 2020-2021 Emergency benefit will open on January 4, 2021. If you are eligible, the Emergency HEAP Benefit can help you heat your home if you are in a heat or heat-related emergency.

Emergency HEAP benefits and eligibility are based on income, available resources, and the type of emergency. If you have an emergency, you must contact your HEAP Local District Contact for assistance. You may be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if:

- Your electricity is necessary for your heating system or thermostat to work and is either shut-off or scheduled to be shut off or
- Your electric or natural gas heat is off or scheduled to be shut-off or
- You are out of fuel, or you have less than one-quarter tank of fuel oil, kerosene, or propane or have less than a ten (10) day supply of wood, wood pellets, corn, or another deliverable heat source
- Your income is at or below the current income guidelines, or you receive Family Assistance, Safety Net Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP), or Code A Supplemental Security Income.
- The heating and/or electric bill is in your name and
- Your household's available resources are less than \$2,000 if no member of your household is age 60 or older; or less than \$3,000 if any member of your household is age 60 or older.

Local HEAP Contacts

Columbia County

Department of Social Services
Columbia County Department of Social Services
PO Box 458
25 Railroad Avenue
Hudson, NY 12534
Phone: (518) 828-9411

Days Open: Monday – Friday

Alternate Certifiers

Columbia County Office for the Aging

325 Columbia Street

Hudson, NY 12534

Phone: (518) 828-4258

Days Open: Monday - Friday

Columbia Opportunities, Inc.

540 Columbia Street

Hudson, NY 12534

Phone: (518) 828-4611

Days Open: Monday - Friday

After Hours Emergency Contact

Columbia County Sheriff's Department

Phone: (518) 828-3344

Days Open: Monday - Friday

Hudson Police Department

Phone: (518) 828-3388

Days Open: Monday - Friday

Rensselaer County

Department of Social Services

Rensselaer County Department of Social Services

547 River Street

Troy, NY 12180

Phone: (518) 266-7960

Days Open: Monday - Friday

Alternate Certifiers

Rensselaer County Department of Aging

1600 7th Avenue

Troy, NY 12180

Phone: (518) 270-2730

Days Open: Monday - Friday

After Hours Emergency Contact

Rensselaer County Department of Social Services After Hours

Phone: (518) 283-2000

Days Open: Monday - Friday

Saratoga County

Department of Social Services

Saratoga County Department of Social Services

152 West High Street

Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Phone: (518) 884-4146

Days Open: Monday - Friday

Alternate Certifiers

Saratoga County Office for the Aging

152 West High Street

Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Phone: (518) 884-4100

Days Open: Monday - Friday

After Hours Emergency Contact

Saratoga County Sheriff's Department

Phone: (518) 885-6761

Days Open: Monday – Friday

Washington County

Department of Social Services

Washington County Department of Social Services

Building B, 383 Broadway

Fort Edward, NY 12828

Phone: (518) 746-2300

Days Open: Monday - Friday

After Hours Emergency Contact

Washington County Department of Social Services On-call

Phone: (518) 746-2142

Days Open: Monday - Friday

New training program available to help unemployed and underemployed New Yorkers



New York State recently launched a new online training platform that will enable unemployed and underemployed New Yorkers weathering the COVID-19 pandemic to learn new skills, earn certificates, and advance their careers at no cost.

The new tool will provide access to nearly 4,000 online programs taught by leading professors and industry professionals on Coursera, with a focus on high-growth and in-demand sectors like advanced manufacturing, technology, and health care, among others.

The new course offerings are provided through a partnership between the New York State Department of Labor and Coursera, the world's leading online learning platform. The partnership will save New York millions of dollars over the next couple of years while providing free job skills training. New Yorkers can request a free account on the New York State Department of Labor website at

<https://labor.ny.gov/careerservices/coursera/coursera.shtm>.

The nearly 4,000 courses available through Coursera are taught by leading professors and industry educators and cover topics ranging from mechanical engineering and project management to technology and data science skills. Many of these programs provide a pathway to professional certificates and other certifications that can help New Yorkers elevate their careers or compete in a new industry. The Department of Labor is working with stakeholders across the state to curate the content catalog to respond to industry and regional

needs, so that job seekers can easily find courses that will make them the most competitive for open positions in New York State.

Examples of the wide range of courses, programs, and professional certificates available through Coursera include:

How to Manage a Remote Team

Business Writing

Introduction to Mechanical Engineering Design and Manufacturing Machine Learning

Motors and Motor Control Circuits

Generative Design for Additive Manufacturing

Learning How to Learn: Powerful mental tools to help you master tough subjects

Marketing in a Digital World

Supply Chain Operations

Data Science Specialization

Project Management

Cybersecurity

Google IT Support Professional Certificate

The Business of Health Care Specialization

Medical Neuroscience

Financial Markets

Facebook Social Media Marketing

Entrepreneurship

Introduction to Game Development

The Art of Negotiation

Programming Foundations with JavaScript, HTML, and CSS

Introduction to HTML5

Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset: First Step Towards Success

Introduction to iOS App Development

The full course catalog can be viewed at <https://www.coursera.org/browse>.

The state will also partner with New York-based businesses to encourage their employees to utilize this free learning opportunity. By offering additional skills and training to their employees, employers can meet the changing needs of our New York Workforce as our economy continues to build back better.

During the pandemic, Coursera has helped more than 330 government agencies across 70 countries and 30 US states and cities support impacted workers with job-relevant skills training.

Since the launch of the Coursera Workforce Recovery Initiative, more than 1 million workers

have enrolled in over 7 million courses to gain critical skills for jobs of the future. Coursera Workforce Recovery Initiative is modeled after a successful initiative that the company launched in March 2020, which offered free courses to over 3,700 colleges and universities that closed their campuses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In just six weeks, that initiative launched 6,400 programs for 2,800 colleges and universities around the world, helping enroll 475,000 displaced students in 1.1 million courses.

My Little Dog & Co. ribbon cutting



Wednesday marked the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the My Little Dog & Co. in Troy. My Little Dog & Company is a pet boutique for dogs and cats offering a special shopping experience for pet lovers. This innovative boutique was created to provide unique, quality, practical goods for special companions. My Little Dog & Company maintains a standard of supporting companies whose products are crafted in the USA, local small businesses, and companies that follow eco-friendly practices and produce safe products. My Little Dog & Company also continually raises funds to support local animal organizations. My Community Liaison Halie Northrop presented a NYS Senate Certificate on my behalf to owner Renee Murphy. Also pictured above at the ribbon-cutting event are Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and Rensselaer County Legislator Tom Grant.

Congratulations to My Little Dog & Company!

Mangiamo ribbon-cutting event



Mangiamo LLC's recently held a ribbon-cutting in Saratoga Springs (pictured above). A boutique pasta shop, Mangiamo is owned by Rose Contadino who began selling at the Saratoga Farmers Market. She makes fresh-cut, homemade pasta in a 450 square-foot store. Rose started making pasta at an early age, with Sunday mornings spent around the table rolling out the homemade pasta dough for lunch. Rose has continued with her pasta making, just as her Calabrian Nona and mother had taught her. She recently relocated to Saratoga Springs and is sharing her delicious family traditions. Her pastas are made from fresh, local ingredients and the name of her store, "Mangiamo," translates to "Let's Eat."

My Community Liaison Deborah Curto represented me at this ribbon-cutting where she presented a New York State Senate Certificate on my behalf to celebrate the ribbon-cutting, which was another great Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce event. Congratulations to Mangiamo!

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