



# VETERANS

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## JOSHUA GACCIONE

Joshua Gaccione was a Sergeant in the United States Army. He has had a distinguished career both in the military and as a civilian, dedicating his life to service to our country and our community.

As a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Mr. Gaccione was among the first units deployed into Afghanistan in 2002, and into Iraq in 2003. As the Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge (NCOIC) of Intelligence for the 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, he gathered intelligence across numerous channels to plan and support combat operations. Among other accomplishments, he helped oversee the currency exchange in Babil Province, Iraq, which worked to stabilize the Iraqi economy in 2003.

After leaving military service in 2004, Mr. Gaccione continued to serve the veteran and military community throughout Westchester and the Hudson Valley; he is a prominent voice on behalf of veterans in our community.

Mr. Gaccione is the Director of Student Support Services at Westchester Community College, and oversees veteran services, assisting veterans and military-affiliated students with all aspects of their reintegration process. This includes the development and implementation of Veterans College Success. This is a three-credit elective course tailored to address the concerns of student-veterans and dependents, emphasizing critical thinking, success strategies, goal setting, learning and memory theory and study skills, while exploring local, community, and national resources for veterans, as well as veteran successes, opportunities, and best practices.

An active member of VFW Post 2285 and American Legion Post 979, Mr. Gaccione serves as the Secretary for the Westchester County Veterans Advisory Council and is a board member for the Eastchester Veterans Foundation. He is a 2020 recipient of the Business Council of Westchester's Rising Stars 40 Under 40 Award, a 2020 graduate of Leadership Westchester from Volunteer New York!, and is currently pursuing his doctorate degree in History.

Mr. Gaccione lives in Tuckahoe, with his wife, Gina, where they are raising their two children, Thaddeus, who is seven, and Carmela, who they just welcomed in May of this year.



JOSHUA GACCIONE WAS SELECTED AS A  
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**SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER**

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