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## Assemblyman **David F. Gantt** **Reports to the People**



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### Assemblyman David F. Gantt meets with Action For A Better Community (ABC)

Advocates from Rochester's Action for a Better Community (ABC) visited Assemblyman David F. Gantt in Albany to discuss several important issues including HIV and AIDS assistance, youth services, affordable housing, and transportation. Assemblyman David F. Gantt has long been a supporter of ABC and their efforts to promote and provide opportunities for low-income individuals and families to become self-sufficient.

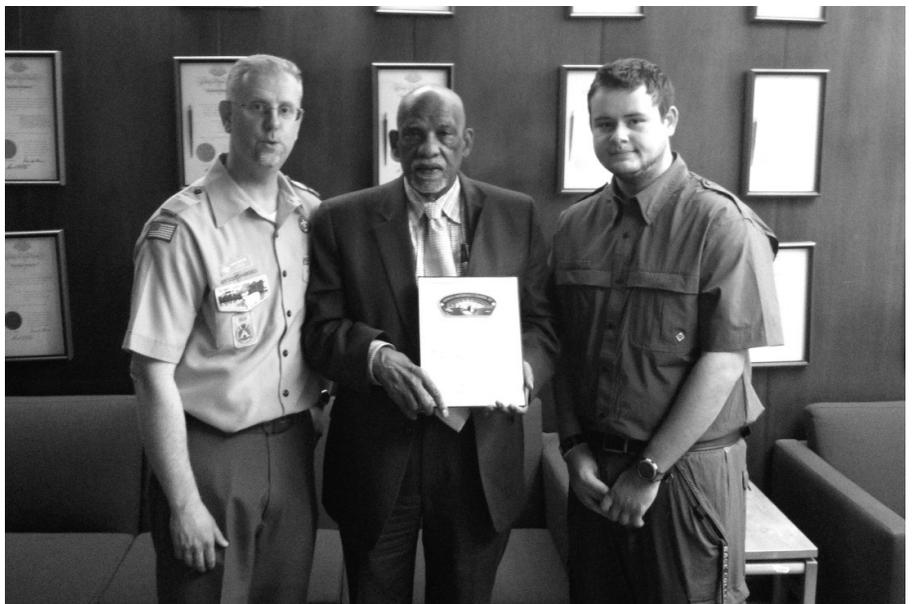


### The Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts of America visit Albany

The Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts of America was in Albany on April 30, 2014, to report to the state legislature and present Assemblyman David F. Gantt with the troop's badge. A former Boy Scout himself, Assemblyman David F. Gantt was honored to accept the badge, which now hangs prominently in his office.

The Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts of America has been serving the youth of Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates counties in one form or another for over a century.

*Pictured from left to right: Gary Decker, Director of Field Services/COO for Seneca Waterways Council; Assemblyman David F. Gantt; and Ryan Kellogg, Venturer in Crew 397 and Eagle Scout from Troop 231.*



## Rochester student Dominique Archie shadows Assemblyman David F. Gantt as part of the Students Inside Albany Conference



The League of Women Voters held their 14th annual Students Inside Albany Conference earlier this year. As part of the experience, Dominique Archie, a student from Rochester City School District's School Without Walls, shadowed Assemblyman David F. Gantt. She is pictured with Assemblyman Gantt and Assemblywoman Nily Rozic.

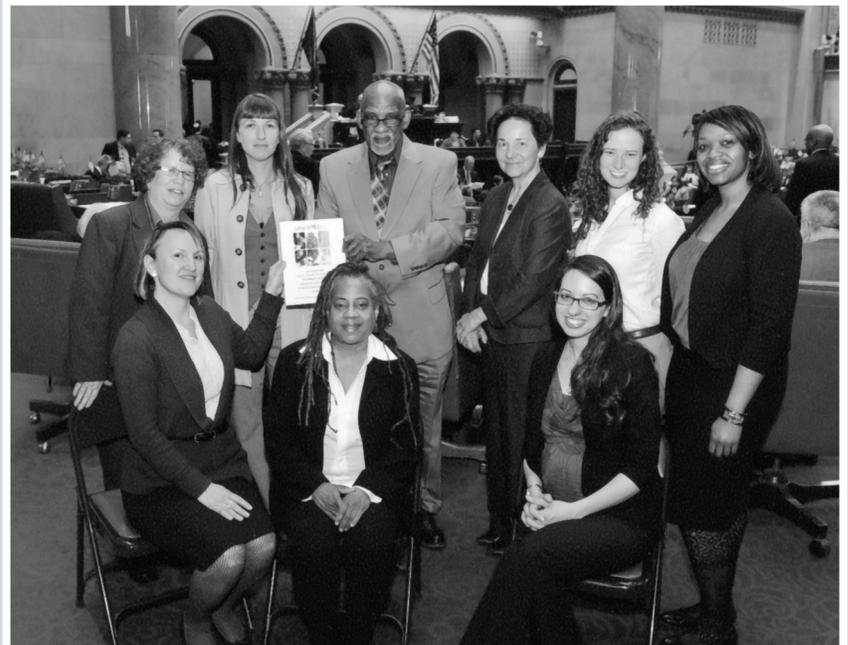
Students Inside Albany is designed to increase students' awareness of their responsibility in representative government and provide the tools necessary for meeting that responsibility.

*Pictured from left to right: Assemblyman David F. Gantt; Dominique Archie, and Assemblywoman Nily Rozic.*

## The Disability Advocacy Program (DAP) presents Assemblyman David F. Gantt with a Certificate of Appreciation

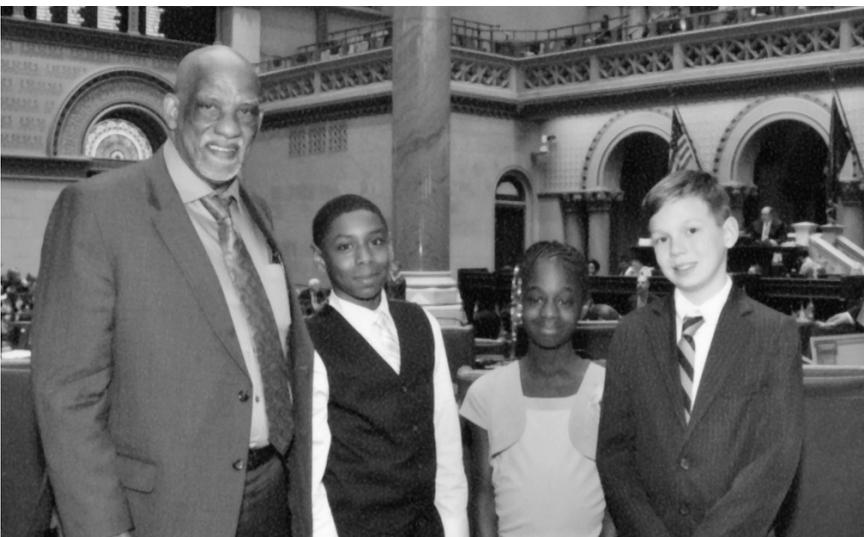
Assemblyman David F. Gantt is pictured with supporters of the Disability Advocacy Program (DAP) who were in Albany on April 28, 2014, to present Assemblyman Gantt with a certificate of appreciation. Earlier in the year, Assemblyman David F. Gantt fought successfully to secure additional funding for their program.

DAP was originally established by Chapter 627 of the Laws of 1983, adding Section 35 of the Social Services Law, which provides for the legal representation of individuals whose federal disability benefits have been denied or many be discontinued. DAP's presence in the Rochester community has been vital.



*Back row from right to left: Tamara Frazier, Empire Justice Center; Kelli Shaffner, Legal Assistance of Western New York; Louise Tarantino, Empire Justice Center; Assemblyman David F. Gantt; Michelle Spadafore, New York Legal Assistance Group. Front Row from right to left: Ashley Behrle and Shelia Johnson, Nassau Suffolk Law Services; and Kristin Brown Lilly, Empire Justice Center.*

## Assemblyman David F. Gantt welcomes the 2014 Winners of the Black History Essay Contest



Every year, Assemblyman David F. Gantt celebrates America's rich and vast history while simultaneously showcasing the talent of Rochester's youth by sponsoring a Black History Essay Contest. This year, the children were exceptional and the stories they shared were profound.

*Pictured from left to right: Assemblyman David F. Gantt; Arnold Henderson, 6th grade winner, wrote about Henry "Box" Brown; TaShawna Hicks, 4th grade winner, wrote about Bill Cosby; and Aiden Delehanty, 5th grade winner, wrote about Dr. Van Tuyl Levy.*

# Assemblyman Gantt's Summer Reading Challenge



# FIZZ BOOM READ

Just because school is out doesn't mean we have to stop learning. Studies have shown that children who continue to read during the summer perform better in school in the fall. To encourage our children to continue reading during the summer, I have set up a summer **READING CHALLENGE**.

I challenge students of all ages **to read at least 10 books this summer**. When you have read 10 books or more, your child will earn a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate. Just fill out the bottom of this form and return it to me with a list and summary of the books you have read and I'll see that your child receives a certificate.

A good source for reading material is the local public library. Thank you and Happy Reading!

## Summer Reading Challenge Information Form

Child's name ↴

School ↴

Grade ↴

Parent/Guardian Name ↴

Street Address ↴

City or Town ↴

Zip Code ↴

### *Names of Books Read (Please attach summaries)*

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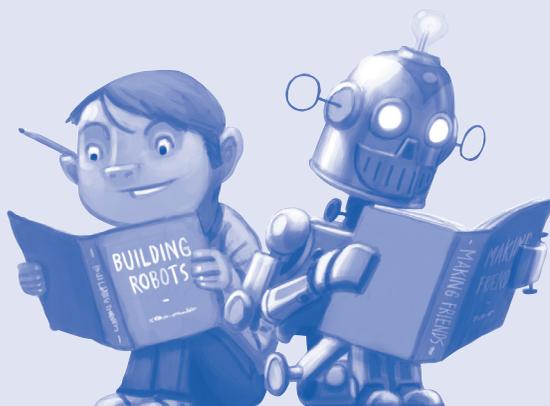
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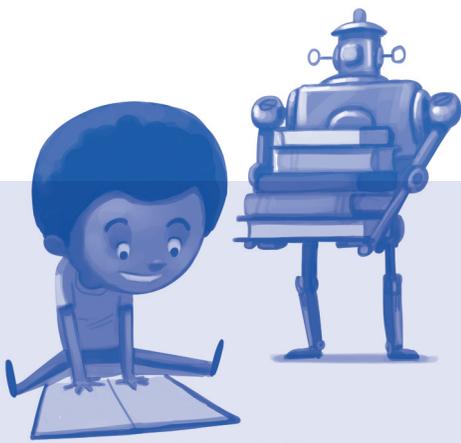
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## Assemblyman David F. Gantt secures additional funding to combat poverty in Rochester

Thanks to the hard work and leadership of Assemblyman David F. Gantt, an additional \$6 million in unrestricted money for poverty prevention in Rochester was secured in the 2014-2015 budget. This investment will provide needed programming for job creation, neighborhood services, and workforce development.

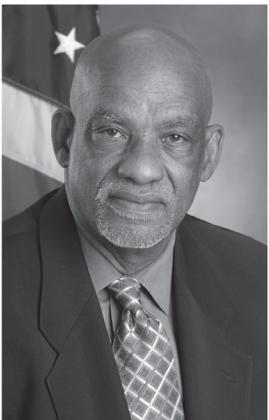
*Pictured from right to left: Assemblyman Harry B. Bronson, Speaker Sheldon Silver, Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren, and Assemblyman David F. Gantt.*



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## Assemblyman David F. Gantt honors Bakary Janneh who saved life of Assemblywoman Annette Robinson

Assemblyman David F. Gantt is pictured with Assembly Program and Counsel staff member Bakary Janneh. Earlier in the week, Bakary came to the rescue of Assemblywoman Annette Robinson while she was choking. Trained as an EMT prior to joining Assembly staff, Bakary successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver, saving Assemblywoman Robinson's life.

