

SUMMER NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER



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Legislative Spotlight

Introducing legislation

I worked with the community and introduced and passed the following legislation:

- establish a working group to review diagnosis and prevention practices for Lyme and other tick-borne diseases (A.8900-A)
- provide property tax relief for people required to buy flood insurance (A.9967-B)
- require individuals who live in another state to waive confidentiality of their mental illness records when applying for a firearm license (A.9978)
- increase the number of public transportation employees trained to recognize human trafficking (A.10869)
- allow the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to issue management permits for deer and other designated wildlife to certified nuisance wildlife specialists (A.8646-C)
- require police markings and lights to be removed from decommissioned vehicles before selling them to the public (A.9012-A)
- exempt Nedrow Fire Department from the non-resident member limit (A.10918)
- require certain development projects to consider green technology (A.9799-B)
- bar a landlord from collecting rent without a certificate of occupancy (A.10193-B)
- allow the DEC to manage big game, including white-tailed deer (A.10863)
- ensure insurance producers can receive continuing education credits for active membership in a professional insurance producer association (A.7012-B)

- designate Ley and Butternut creeks as inland waterways (A.8789)

Funding for local projects

I secured vital funding in the 2018-19 state budget for Central New York communities, including:

- \$10 million for the Syracuse Educational Opportunity Center, which provides academic and vocational training to Syracuse residents while working with businesses to grow the local workforce
- \$200,000 for Centerstate CEO – Gateway Development Partnership to create commercial and residential space to promote economic development in Syracuse's Southeast Gateway corridor area
- \$50,000 for the Spanish Action League, which has helped provide housing, translation services and career development initiatives for displaced Puerto Ricans in Syracuse



Assemblymember Hunter at a press conference for curbing gun violence.

In the District



Assemblymember Hunter spends time with students and veterans.

Valentines for Vets

For the third year, I have participated in the Valentines for Vets program. This year, Van Duyn Elementary School in the Syracuse City School District and the children in the after-school program at the Westcott Community Center colored 500 valentine cards and included words of love and appreciation. On Valentine's Day, I delivered the cards to veterans at the weekly canteen at Clear Path for Veterans and the Syracuse Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Happy 99th Birthday

The Liverpool American Legion Post 188 threw a 99th birthday party for former post commander and WWII veteran Robert Albro on Oct. 11. Albro earned the American Defense Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He's a lifetime member of Liverpool American Legion Post 188, and it was an honor to celebrate his birthday with him.

Peaceful Schools

On May 17, I visited the Southside Academy Charter School and later went to Dr. King Elementary School to learn about the Peaceful Schools program that promotes positive conflict resolution.

Encouraging 'exergaming'

On May 10, I joined state Sen. David Valesky at Dr. King Elementary School to support the Boys and Girls Club's national initiative to combat youth obesity and encourage young people to get more exercise by playing active video games. This event was co-sponsored by UnitedHealthcare and Hasbro, and members of the Syracuse Silver Knights professional soccer team also attended.



Business Spotlight

Visiting local businesses gives me the chance to learn more about the challenges business owners face and the ways they're innovating and growing. I'll keep working to help them thrive.

Vantage Equipment Group

I toured Vantage Equipment with its president, John Hession. Founded in 2004, Vantage Equipment sells, rents and services construction vehicles. During my visit, we discussed the need for skilled workers in Central New York and how to increase Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) participation.



Assemblymember Hunter with Vantage Equipment President John Hession on a tour of his business.



Fan Hands has helped Marc Jones diversify Dreissig Company.

Dreissig Company

I had the opportunity to meet with Marc Jones, the CEO and president of the Dreissig Company in the town of Salina. The company is a certified MWBE in specialty apparel and textiles including uniforms, curtains, screen printing and hotel linens. Jones has also diversified his business by patenting, marketing and selling Fan Hands, a product for sports fans to cheer on their teams.



Assemblymember Hunter with XCL Unlimited Construction crew members.

XCL Unlimited Construction

I spent time at an XCL work site on the Southside of Syracuse. XCL is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) that focuses on construction management, general contracting and maintenance. It was a great opportunity to spend time with fellow veterans.



Assemblymember Hunter touring a Feldmeier Equipment manufacturing facility.

Feldmeier Equipment, Inc.

In DeWitt, I toured Feldmeier Equipment, Inc., which supplies stainless steel process equipment for companies around the world. The company started in the Syracuse area and has been family-owned for three generations. Over the years, the Feldmeier family has grown their business into six manufacturing facilities in four states.

Community Events

CNY Leaders of Tomorrow

I presented the Central New York Leaders of Tomorrow Awards to five outstanding local high school students on Jan. 11. To qualify for the award, students had to demonstrate leadership in the classroom and the community; be nominated by a teacher, school staff member or administrator; and submit their own personal essay. The winners included Cara Miller, East Syracuse Minoa High School; Aeme Shukuru, Henninger High School; Ryan Gentilcore, West Genesee Senior High School; Joseph Nana, Henninger High School; and Ava Breitbeck, Cicero-North Syracuse High School.



Exceptional Women of Central New York

On May 25, I honored four women who have made a positive impact in our community at my annual Exceptional Women of Central New York Awards at Onondaga Community College. This year's winners included Pauline Devendorf, Educator of the Year; Elaine Wolf, Businesswoman of the Year; Samantha Pierce, Volunteer of the Year; and, not pictured, Antonette "Emily" Lopez, Mother of the Year.



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“From listening to your concerns here at home to taking action in Albany, it’s my job to look out for you and our Central New York communities.”

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