



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## WOMEN OF DISTINCTION EVENT HOSTED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUTTENSCHON

119th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, Mar. 24, 2023- Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, held her annual Women of Distinction event on Friday to honor local women and students who make our Mohawk Valley communities stronger.

In honor of March being Women’s History Month, Assemblywoman Buttenschon hosts a local event to honor women in her Assembly District who generate positive change and go above and beyond to support their communities. People could submit their nominations by mail and then the nominees and their nominators attended the special event.

Beginning this year, unlike past events, Assemblywoman Buttenschon reached out to all local high school superintendents in her district to have their students participate in this event. The purpose was to expand the event to not only local women but also qualified local high school students.

At the event, each nominee was given a citation and carnation in recognition of their contributions to their communities. All of the nominees were honored to have been nominated and recognized for their contributions.

Over the past several years, this event has expanded and become very popular in the Assembly District. Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon is very proud to hold this event because it exemplifies the people in her area who contribute so much unselfishly to the community and keep it growing.



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# IN THE DISTRICT

## SUNY CHANCELLOR VISIT TO INNOVARE ADVANCEMENT CENTER, GRIFFISS INSTITUTE & SUNY POLY

ROME & MARCY, Mar. 3, 2023- Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon visited the Innovare Advancement Center, Griffiss Institute and SUNY Polytechnic Institute with the SUNY Chancellor. A tour was scheduled of the Center for Global Advanced Manufacturing (CGAM), followed by a press conference.



## FORT SCHUYLER POST 1290 CELEBRATION OF NEW MURAL

UTICA, Mar. 7, 2023- A new hand painted mural by local artist Maria Vallese was celebrated by Fort Schuyler Post 1920. It was dedicated to our marines who fought one of the bloodiest battles in Marine Corp history, raising the flag at Iwo Jima, Mount Suribachi.



*"I was happy to be a part of the celebration and talk with some of our local Veterans."* - Assemblywoman Buttenschon

## MVCC HOLDS THEIR DRESS FOR SUCCESS EVENT

UTICA, Mar. 20, 2023- Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) held their Dress For Success event which was hosted by the Career Development Center for MVCC to help students who are getting ready to enter the workforce. Students could choose from professional suits, business casual clothing, and accessories like shoes, ties, and scarves. There were also tables for the students to stop at for guidance on how to interview.



*"This is a program that I had the opportunity to develop with my colleagues when at the college, and I appreciate all those that continue to make this a success."* - Assemblywoman Buttenschon





## **ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUTTENSCHON HELD MEETING WITH STATE AGENCIES REGARDING YOUTH IN CRISIS**

**119th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, Mar. 07, 2023- Assemblywoman for the 119th District, Marianne Buttenschon held a meeting with state agencies regarding needs for our youth in crisis.**

**The meeting was requesting state agency leadership to address the concerns of our justices, school personnel, family members, and providers when it comes to assisting our youth in crisis. In attendance were the Division of Integrated Community Services for Children and Families, the Division of State Operated Services, Legislative Coordinators, the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center, Children’s Services, the Central New York Field Office, Mohawk Valley Health Systems, and the Central New York Family Resources (CNYFO).**

**There has been an increase in cases where children are in hardships and there is a shortage of housing for them. Many of these youths are sent to our local hospitals as a first step and then there is no secure housing for them when they are released. It can be a court matter, a school matter, or a family situation that has escalated.**

**“We are in need of safe and secure housing for our youth in crisis.” Assemblywoman Buttenschon said.**

**At least 70% of public schools across the United States have reported an increase in the number of students seeking mental health services at schools since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, data shows (silive.com, 2022). Not only do we see mental health cases rising, but we also see criminal activity increasing within our youth.**

**Further meetings are scheduled with all agencies involved to further address the district’s needs.**

**“Our youth are in crisis and need help,” Assemblywoman Buttenschon said. “And victims of an incident deserve to know that the youth are receiving treatment.”**

# IN ALBANY

## SOMOS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

Mar. 10, 2023- The SOMOS Conference was held in Albany the week of Mar. 10th. SOMOS works with the New York State Assembly/Senate nonpartisan, Puerto Rican & Hispanic Task Force, which Assemblywoman Buttenschon is a member. The task force has many roles but always works for the upward mobility of our Latino youth. Assemblywoman Buttenschon introduced Executive Director, Sonia Martinez on the floor of the Assembly as she was there representing the Mohawk Valley at the conference.



## GET THE LEAD OUT PRESSER

Mar. 23, 2023- Assemblywoman Buttenschon attended the Get The Lead Out Presser with other assembly members to advocate for getting lead out of drinking water pipes. She advocated for getting lead out of our drinking water.

## ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUTTENSCHON CALLS FOR \$50 MILLION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Mar. 23, 2023- Assemblywoman Buttenschon attended a Volunteer Firefighter Presser to advocate for volunteer firefighters. She attended with other Assemblymembers to ask for \$50 million in funding.







## **RECOGNITION OF THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**ALBANY, Mar. 1, 2023 - The New York State Assembly recognized March 1st as being Bosnia and Herzegovina Independence Day. This year it is the 31st anniversary for this state holiday.**

**Bosnian-American Community Association (BACA) was witness to this recognition on the New York State Assembly floor this morning. Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon formally announced BACA and introduced three successful Bosnian community members to the New York State Assembly.**

**The Assembly Resolution designates March 1st as Bosnian Independence Day in the State of New York. During the session, the speaker welcomed BACA to Albany.**

**The community members included from BACA include a successful business owner, Osman Ruznic, assistant teaching professor, Mirza Tihic and police officer Dino Jukic.**

**Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon hosted BACA in Albany and had the honor to announce the group on the Assembly floor. Not only did the group get to witness the recognition, but they also received a tour of the New York State Capitol Building on behalf of Assemblywoman Buttenschon.**



**ASSEMBLYWOMAN  
BUTTENSCHON'S  
PRIORITIES PASSED BY  
THE NYS ASSEMBLY**





**ALBANY, Mar. 28, 2023-** Many Resolutions were co-sponsored by Assemblywoman Buttenschon on the Assembly floor this month. The Resolutions Assemblywoman Buttenschon sponsored were K147, K171, K172 and K173. While she sponsored Bills A5073, A608, A613, A4862, A975.

**Bills sponsored:**

- ♦ relates to the certain offenses and provisions related to the unlawful dissemination of a personal image and relates to a private right of action for such offenses.
- ♦ prohibits mortgagees from requiring mortgagors of certain real property to purchase flood insurance exceeding certain limits.
- ♦ relates to pharmacists administering medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- ♦ requires the Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health to provide monthly status reports of the community investments and the impact on inpatient census.
- ♦ provides employers with the opportunity to register for emergency alerts from the state of New York public safety alert mass notification system.

**Resolutions sponsored:**

- ♦ congratulate the Utica University Men's Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the United Collegiate Hockey Conference Men's Ice Hockey Team Championship.
- ♦ congratulate the Section III Girls Gymnastics Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Team Championship on March 4, 2023.
- ♦ commend Colleen Kain Martin upon the occasion of her designation as Grand Marshal of the 2023 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade.



# Assemblywoman Buttenschon Mobile Office Hours

**April 4th:** 9AM-Virtual

**April 4th:** 4PM- Capitol Theatre, 230W Dominick St., Rome NY

**April 5th:** 9AM- Whitesboro Fire Dept., 171 Oriskany Blvd.

**April 5th:** 4PM - Virtual

**April 6th:** 4PM- Utica Public Library, 303 Genesee St., Utica NY

"It's my job to represent our community in Albany, and the best way to ensure the needs of Mohawk Valley residents are met is to hear directly from the individuals who live, work and raise their families here."

- Assemblywoman Buttenschon



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