



In May, I visited The Wheatley School to recognize the winners of my 2022 Video Challenge!

The winning video was created by Ace Shu, Jhumea Jung, Raisa Hasan, Eliana Duffy, Amelia Crosby, Marjan Alagheband, and Phoebe Qian.

This video was incredible and depicted how staying true to yourself and what makes you happy is important for your overall well-being and contributes to positive mental health. It also highlights how doing activities and hobbies that make each person unique can be truly freeing and invigorating.

Congratulations and thank you to the students of H. Frank Carey, Mineola High School, and the Wheatley School for participating!

Check out the winning video!



In early May, I stopped by NYU Langone Hospital - Long Island to drop off cookie trays for each of the nursing stations in recognition of #NursesWeek2022. Thank you to these health care heroes who care for our families each day and have been on the frontlines of the Covid-19 pandemic!

In Albany, I'm proud to support the Recruit, Empower, Support, Pay, Educate, Connect and Train (RESPECT) Nurses Act, which contains a variety of initiatives to support current nurses/ nursing students and increase the number of nurses within New York State. (A.7128)



This year's state budget included \$538.1 million for investment in Long Island's roads and bridges that are in critical need of repair (CHIPS funding, A9004D). This is more than just road repair. This is investing in good jobs. It's investing in safe roads for our kids to travel on to and from school.



We need inflation relief – now. Inflation has risen to unprecedented levels. Families are feeling the pinch like they never have before. Whether it's additional relief at the gas pump, at the grocery store, or on our energy bills, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle should join my efforts to make things just a little easier on New Yorkers:

- ★ I sponsored legislation that would lower prices on gasoline, personal care products, housekeeping supplies, and prepared foods by eliminating the state's 4% sales tax charges for two years. (A.8481)
- ★ I helped pass a new \$2.2 billion Homeowner Tax Rebate Check to STAR eligible homeowners in the fall of 2022. (A.9009-C)
- ★ I helped pass the suspension of the state gas tax from June until December. (A.9009-C)
- ★ I helped deliver \$4.6 billion in tax cuts over two years, including \$777 million for the accelerated phase-in of the Middle-Class Tax Cuts. (A.9009-C)



With the help of students from Hampton Street, Jackson Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Mineola Middle Schools, our community was able to celebrate another successful year of the Valentine's for Veterans program.

Students created beautiful and unique Valentine's Day cards that were sent to veterans across Long Island. Staff was also able to collect donations of socks, toothbrushes, and other personal care items, which the Mineola Student Service Center members used to assemble comfort care kits that were to be distributed to veterans at the Northport VA Hospital and the LI State Veterans Home.

It is always amazing to see the passion and dedication people have when they come together to serve a cause greater than themselves. Thank you for giving back to those who dedicated their lives to defending our freedoms!



I was honored to participate in several Eagle Scout ceremonies this past spring. I recently attended the Troop 200 ceremony and recognized five new Eagle Scouts: Eddie Gustafson, Ryan Burke, Brian Chirel, Joseph Earley, and Joseph Farrell. Congratulations!





- ★ Crime has steadily been on the rise throughout our state, including Long Island. I have proudly championed legislation that would reestablish the bail process and keep dangerous criminals off our streets (A10247) and increase funding for school resource officers (A1977). We have no greater obligation than to recognize the urgency of addressing the public safety and lawlessness crisis we are unfortunately facing. Here are some other policies I support:
- ★ Provides judicial discretion by allowing judges the ability to determine whether a violent criminal poses a dangerous threat to the community and can be held without bail. (A.5265)
- ★ Expand witness protections by protecting witnesses in criminal prosecutions from intimidation and threats by permitting the court to withhold disclosure of names and other information if the court finds on the record that such witness is subject to potential intimidation, violence, or threats. (A.4726)
- ★ Remove all gun crimes from the no-bail list of offenses established in the 2019 criminal justice reform laws. (A.7066)
- ★ Ensure offenses against law enforcement officers are charged as hate crimes. (A.4377)

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