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As your representative in the New York State Legislature, from January to June I work diligently in Albany every week to protect and serve our community. In this past session many goals of our community were achieved, everything from putting a stop to unfair arbitration clauses in ride and transportation service applications, to encouraging our legislature to adopt a reduced-fare travel program for college students, as well as looking at innovative solutions to combating the opioid crisis and protecting our city's affordable housing. I will continue to work and serve diligently on behalf of my community. As always, please know that my dedicated staff and I are here to serve the needs of the residents of the 59th Assembly District. Please look out for the many events and resources hosted by my office for the betterment and progress of our community.



Hon. Jaime Williams
 Member of Assembly
 59th Assembly District

Resolutions

During this 2017-2018 Session I had the honor of recognizing the hard work and dedication of those combating Juvenile Arthritis, a disease that is ravaging so many of our youth. In furtherance of my crusade against GMO products it was incumbent upon myself to recognize this horrific disease that stems in many cases from unhealthy food products as well improper nutrition.

In addition to the importance of shining a light on the diseases affecting our youth and in the capacity as the Chair on the Subcommittee on Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness I recognized and resolved to have the focus placed on the importance of June being Hurricane Awareness Month. The threat of hurricanes is no longer a far flung possibility, it has hit home in a more pervasive and constant nature. The importance of being prepared cannot be understated and it is important that all of the residents of the 59th Assembly District and New York State be prepared so they can be protected.



Job Fair

Along with Senator Roxanne J. Persaud, we hosted a job fair showcasing the talent of the 59th Assembly District. Crowded tables within the halls at South Shore High School were filled with representatives from colleges, financial institutions and local coveted periodicals such as the Canarsie Courier. The rotunda that is usually filled with the noise of high school students was a chamber of possibility for the numerous job seekers. Some of the businesses and institutions in attendance were Roslyn Savings Bank, New York Community Bank, Megabus, Frito Lay, Brookdale Hospital, New York City Police Department, US Army, Metro Health and Millennium Development Corp. In addition to the potential of securing employment, individuals were able to have their concerns over immigration addressed by local attorney Ron Katiraei as well other valuable resources.



Prep for Success (South Shore)

Along with the South Shore Campus Parent Coordinators, and the New York State Department of Labor a wonderful and successful event occurred, namely the 2018 Prep for Success event at the Media Center at South Shore Educational Center. This remarkable event consisted of workshops and lectures covering job and career preparation. Navigating the complex channels of resume writing to the dreaded job interview can be daunting, the added assistance from experienced individuals will not only help with these challenges it can add a wonderful confidence booster which can make all of the difference. We look forward to being part of this event again next year. The various workshops and lectures held will help constituents at large learn about career resources, prepare for job interviews, create and write resumes and cover letters and understand the importance of financial literacy.



Delivering Care Packages to our LGBTQ Homeless Youth at the Metro Baptist Church

A simple task such as greeting another person with dignity and respect can have a tremendous impact on that person. It was a privilege and an honor to be able to offer care packages to youth that are homeless or in need of basic elements of survival. I will be forever grateful to the Metro Baptist Church for hosting this event and for allowing my staff and I to present our youth with these care packages.



School of Masters in Social Work – Ribbon Cutting York College

I had the distinct honor to be a part of the ribbon cutting for York College's new building. York College's Social Work Program is centered and dedicated to carrying out the mission of York College and preparing students in the most important profession of social work. The Social Work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and prepares students for the beginning level of professional social work practice and provides students with professionally supervised training in agencies and empowerment-based practice skills.



Pillowcase Project Red Cross

Within the classrooms of PS 115 and PS 203 a small transformation occurred to an everyday household item. The presentation ran for approximately an hour at PS 115 and PS 203, and the PS 276 Girl Scout Troop, and Success Academy where students walked out of the interactive presentation not only with smiles and confidence, but a fun personalized pillow case helping to remind them of the proper actions to take in the face of a calamity. Assemblymember Jaime Williams and the Red Cross combined efforts to implement the Red Cross Pillow Case Project. This interactive workshop increases students' awareness and understanding of natural hazards and teaches safety, emotional coping skills, and personal preparedness for unfortunate disaster and calamities that seem to be occurring more and more frequently. Through a grant given by The Walt Disney Company, American Red Cross Volunteers instruct students in fun and entertaining ways to stay safe and highlight how to create their own emergency supply kits by packing essential items in a pillowcase for easy transport during a disaster. The program culminates with students having the opportunity to decorate and personalize their pillowcase as an important reminder of the program. Not only did the wonderful students walk away with personalized pillow cases and kits but also each student was awarded a certificate from the Assembly of the State New York acknowledging their participation in this wonderful program.



Compost Giveaway

As the sun began to break through the clouds and warmed the parking area along Avenue U in Marine Park a cavalcade of cars began to fill the parking lot. The green thumbs of the 59th Assembly District became apparent as the constituency lined up to receive free unsifted and natural compost. The Department of Sanitation provided over 12,000 pounds of natural unsifted compost to Brooklyn residents of the 59th Assembly District. Brooklynites received pounds of compost that is a natural additive to their own soil for their flower beds, community gardens and vegetable gardens. Clean air and water should never be a luxury or privilege reserved only for those who are lucky or can afford it and the DSNY's initiative of offering free compost only furthers these imperative ideals.



Celebrating Earth Day with the Fresh Creek Civic Park Association

Too many communities in this state have already been forced to deal with the consequences of contaminated water. Wetlands are our natural filters, absorbing contaminants before they can threaten the health of our families. That's why the Fresh Creek Civic Association along with copious amounts of volunteers and my office took proactive steps to clean up our local area and protect our environment.



Women's Forum at Columbia University

I had the distinct honor and privilege to be a speaker at the Women's Forum held at Columbia University. I was so proud to stand there and speak. Women have always been empowered, and now that this spark has spread into a full force fire the message proliferated that evening will not be forgotten. Women are making changes and we will not stop until equality is evident across the board.



Memorial Day Parade Canarsie

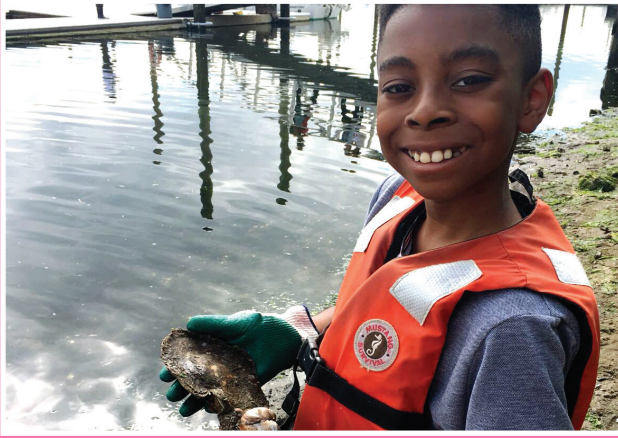
It was an honor to take part in our local Memorial Day Parade and honor our fallen heroes as well as our heroes currently serving. It was especially prideful to walk arm in arm with our veterans and my constituents, the Canarsie Lions Club, and Senator Roxanne J. Persaud.



Haitian Unity Day 2018

After years of being colonized by France, the flag's colors signify a history of seeking independence, freedom and a distinct cultural identity. I, along with the residents of 69th Precinct Community Council and the Haitian American Legislators, celebrated the rich culture and heritage behind the Haitian flag. Celebrating Haitian Unity Day is an important event that must always be properly acknowledged.





Oyster Project (Vital Brooklyn)

A brand new reef installation funded by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and along with Senator Roxanne J. Persaud, is now an integral part of the Governor's Vital Brooklyn Initiative. Through this initiative students in 20 Central Brooklyn schools will come to learn and value the history, ecological value and resiliency benefits of oysters in New York waters. The new reef, part of an evolving and thriving aquatic environment, consists of 5 rectangular rebar "cabinets." Each cabinet will hold 29 mesh "files" which are filled with recycled oyster shells that have been set with small oysters. Bringing the once thriving Oyster population back to the Paerdegat Basin is such an important component in helping not only the aquatic environment within the inlets and waterways of Brooklyn, but the development of the Oyster Reef will help showcase and educate our residents and youth in how to conserve and protect our environment and allow us all to be able to benefit from working with our aquatic creatures as opposed trying to harvest them without a replenishment component.



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