



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Mario R. Mattera

Senator Mattera Celebrates As Former Intern Sworn In As New York State Trooper

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Senator Mario R. Mattera (2nd Senate District) was honored to attend the graduation ceremony for the 214th Session of the Basic School of the New York State Police Academy. The special event was held at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany under the leadership of Superintendent Steven G. James.

Among the 228 new State Troopers was Anthony (A.J.) Tarquinio, who served in Senator Mattera's office as an intern while in college. A 2020 graduate of Smithtown High School East, Anthony graduated from the University of Albany with a degree in Homeland Security and Cyber Security.

"A.J. is a terrific young man who will be a superior New York State Trooper. His time with my office showed my staff how dedicated he is and how he is a focused young man. I wish him and all those graduating today all the best. Our men and women in blue are so vital to our families and I thank everyone of the new officers for deciding to join this illustrious department," stated Senator Mattera.

Along with Trooper Tarquinio, were six other recruits from the 2nd Senate District including:

- Joseph Esposito from Hauppauge
- Jeremy Gerdvil from East Northport
- Adrian Gervasio from Huntington
- Christian Holmes from Hauppauge
- Ryan McQuaed from Huntington Station
- Sean McSweeney from Huntington

"God bless each and every one of these young men for taking on this tremendous task and for dedicating themselves to serving our residents. Their service keeps all of us safe and we are immensely appreciative of all of them. We wish them all the best in their future career," added Senator Mattera.