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## Senator Oberacker Honors Educational Leader as Woman of Distinction

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Senator Oberacker congratulates 2024 New York State Senate “Woman of Distinction” honoree Dr. Marion Terenzio at the Capitol in Albany.

SUNY Cobleskill President Dr. Marion Terenzio receives New York State Senate honor

**ALBANY, 05/14/24** -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C – Schenevus) today honored SUNY Cobleskill President Dr. Marion Terenzio as the 2024 New York State Senate “Woman of Distinction” from the 51st Senate District.

**“We are fortunate to have so many trailblazing women in the 51st Senate District who inspire us all on a daily basis,” said Senator Peter Oberacker. “Marion Terenzio is dedicated to educating our next generation and growing our state’s rural economy with an innovative vision. Marion’s commitment, compassion, and forward thinking are vital, and I am truly honored to recognize her as a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction.”**

Dr. Marion Terenzio is a dedicated education professional who has worked tirelessly to grow the SUNY system while also contributing greatly to the regional economy. She is the President of the SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, co-chair of the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council, and a member of the New York Department of Health Rural EMS Task Force.

Dr. Terenzio’s community engagement and advocacy for rights of students includes her current service on the NYS Blue Ribbon Commission on K-12 reform and her most recent work as the co-chair for SUNY’s Task Force on Empowering Students with disabilities. She has worked to create a robust international curriculum at SUNY Cobleskill and has worked with the National Governor’s Association initiative on Rural Resurgence.

“I am profoundly grateful and humbled to receive this honor. Recognition as a 'Woman of Distinction' represents the collective dedication and shared values that drive our community's progress, highlighting not just a personal achievement but also our commitment to education, innovation, and inclusivity,” said Dr. Terenzio. “Standing among remarkable women, I am inspired to further our efforts in shaping a future of opportunity and growth.”

Along with honoring the 2024 Women of Distinction during a special ceremony at the Capitol, the senate adopted a special resolution congratulating the honorees.

The senate's “Women of Distinction” program was created in 1998 to honor New York women who exemplify personal excellence, or whose professional achievements or acts of courage,

selflessness, integrity or perseverance serve as an example to all New Yorkers.

**“The Senate Women of Distinction program is an ideal way to celebrate the contributions of all women and recognize their positive impact on our communities. Marion Terenzio is an amazing role model and I look forward to continuing to partner with her moving forward,”** added Senator Oberacker.