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Senator Lea Webb Honors Northstar with the New York State Senate Empire Award

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ITHACA, NY – Today, Senator Lea Webb presented the New York State Senate's Empire Award to Northstar, the highest honor bestowed by the State Senate on businesses and organizations that have made significant contributions to their communities.

Founded in the fall of 2009, Northstar has become a cherished neighborhood restaurant known for its commitment to community, sustainability, and quality. With a mission to offer

fresh, locally sourced, and health-conscious food, Northstar not only delivers exceptional meals but also supports the economic vitality of the Southern Tier. It has grown into a true community gathering spot, where friends, neighbors, and visitors come together to enjoy good food, drinks, and shared experiences. The welcoming atmosphere creates a sense of belonging, making Northstar more than just a place to eat—it's a cornerstone of connection and local spirit. Their dedication to sustainability and environmentally responsible practices further underscores their role as a positive force within the community.

"I am elated to present Northstar with the New York State Senate Empire Award," **said Senator Lea Webb**. "Northstar is not only known for its incredible farm-to-table dishes but also for its dedication to sustainability and community well-being. Their commitment to supporting local farmers, offering fresh, organic options, and maintaining an eco-friendly business model exemplifies what makes our region so special."

"Receiving the New York State Senate Empire Award is an incredible honor," **said Jed Ashton Owner of Northstar**. "This award is a recognition of the hard work and dedication of our entire team, and our commitment to providing exceptional service to the Ithaca community. I'm deeply grateful to Senator Webb for this acknowledgment and for supporting local businesses like ours. This award inspires us to continue our mission of serving fresh, locally sourced food and fostering a welcoming space for everyone in the community."

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