



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Martin J. Golden

Senator Golden Names Genesis Student “State Senator for a Day”

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Brooklyn- State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C, 22nd District) is announcing that the winner of the 2009 Senator for a Day Contest is Alexandra Capellini of the 8th Grade of Genesis at Xaverian High School.

This contest invited local school children to write essays no more than 250-words which began with the phrase, “If I were a State Senator for A Day...”. Throughout the essay, the students write about issues facing the community such as public safety, park improvements, educational improvements. The winning essays were judged on content, creativity and

presentation from almost 1,000 essays received from schools throughout District 20, 21 and 22.

Joel Garson, Publisher of "Our News", Tom Kane, of the Brooklyn Theater Arts Project and the Brooklyn Eagle, and Paula Katinas, Reporter with the Home Reporter and the Brooklyn Spectator, served as the contest judges.

The winner of the contest, Alexandra Capellini, discussed numerous issues in her essay which she would address as Senator such as increasing efforts to preserve New York's Catholic schools, aiding in increasing enrollment, and an increase funding to support the school programs. Alexandra's class will now be invited to Albany to see the legislative process in action and will be given a tour of the State Capitol.

The 2nd place winner was Erin Mulrooney of St. Patrick's and the 3rd place winner was Emily Thomas of P.S. 207, the Fillmore Academy. Each were awarded a U.S. Savings Bond.