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## Senator Flanagan Honors St. James Resident As His 2009 Woman of Distinction

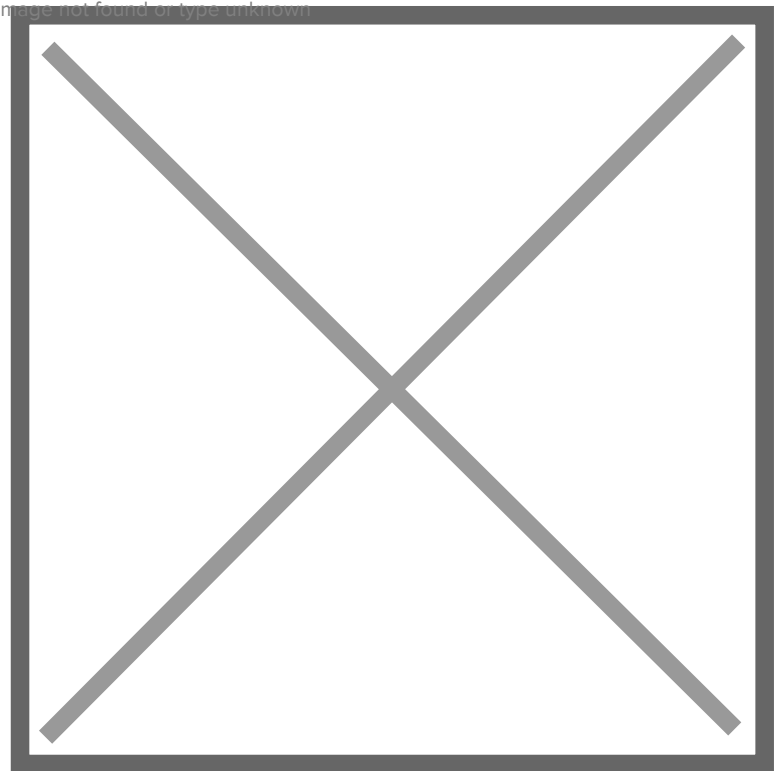
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**Senator John Flanagan (2nd Senate District) recently welcomed Catherine Videtto, who serves as the Nursing Coordinator for Performance Improvement at the St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center, to Albany to recognize her as his 2009 Woman of Distinction.**

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 York residents.

Ms. Videtto was honored for her successful efforts to have St. Catherine of Sienna Medical Center recognized as a Stroke Center by the New York State Department of Health. This designation has helped expand the facility's ability to treat this disorder and provides stroke victims throughout the Long Island region with the best quality of care and assistance.

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Ms. Videtto's hard work has also enabled St. Catherine's to achieve the "Silver Award" from the American Heart Association for following treatment guidelines for heart failure and obtaining excellent clinical outcomes for stroke patients.

In addition, Ms. Videtto is also very active in reaching out to the community to raise awareness and educate the public about the signs symptoms of a stroke. This outreach provides residents throughout Long Island with greater access to preventative information and the ability to detect the danger signs.

"Through her persistence and dedication, Ms. Videtto has helped make our community a better and safer place and it is my privilege to honor her. Her devotion to helping the community is inspiring and she is a great example of the difference that one person can make," stated Senator Flanagan. "This event gives all of us the perfect opportunity to say thank you to those who have done so much and who serve as a model to the young ladies who will follow in her footsteps."

For more information about the programs at St. Catherine's of Siena Medical Center, please [click here](#).