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## Senator Carlucci Presents Clarkstown South Student Alana Kurtti with \$1,500 Scholarship Award

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**ALBANY** – Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Westchester) recently awarded a \$1,500 scholarship prize to Clarkstown South High School student Alana Kurtti as the winner of this year's Italian-American State Legislators Scholarship Program.

The New City native stood out from her fellow applicants, boasting an impressive resume that included a 4.56 Grade Point Average (GPA), including her participation in activities

outside of the classroom. She currently serves as Captain of her Varsity Softball Team, President of the Greenhouse Club, and volunteers her time spare time fundraising for Operation Smile and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Alana, who is planning to attend Georgetown University and major in The Biology of Global Health, has aspirations to attend medical school one day and continue her passion in the fields of math and science.

"I am absolutely thrilled that this year's award recipient hails from Rockland County and that Alana will be able to use this money towards paying for her books and tuition expenses," said Senator Carlucci. "I would like to thank the Italian-American State Legislators Conference for continuing to pick top-notch students that excel and have a bright future ahead."

Eligibility for this year's winner was rigorous and took into account a wide variety of factors in selecting from a pool of qualified applicants. Judges based their decision upon a student's grade point average, an interest in pursuing a higher education, an involvement in the local community and individual financial need.

The Conference is a bipartisan organization of New York State's Assembly and Senate members who are actively involved in promoting and celebrating the state's Italian-American community. The Conference's mission is to work hard to elevate and highlight Italian-American contributions in all aspects of society, including literature, the arts, architecture and politics in New York State and beyond. The Conference also tries to dispel negative stereotypes of Italian-Americans.

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