



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Honoring Amazing Women In CNY, NNY

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State Senator Patty Ritchie is now accepting nominations for the New York State Senate's "Women of Distinction" program, which honors women's history in the Empire State by recognizing outstanding leaders and everyday citizens from today who make a difference.

"Our region is filled with so many women, who simply put, are trailblazers," said Senator Ritchie. "These women have helped to break glass ceilings, given back to their communities in tremendous ways and also have inspired those who will one day follow in their footsteps. I have been proud to honor dozens of women in recent years through this program, and am

again looking forward to paying tribute to more individuals who are bettering communities throughout Central and Northern New York.”

Women living in the 48th Senate District, including Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties, are eligible to be recommended for the honor. Family, friends or coworkers are invited to make nominations by downloading a nomination on Senator Ritchie’s website—[www.ritchie.nysenate.gov](http://www.ritchie.nysenate.gov)— or by calling (315) 782-3418 to have a form mailed to them. The deadline for nominations is April 19th.

Last year, Senator Ritchie honored 22 individuals through the “Women of Distinction” program, including educators, community volunteers and women at the top of their career fields.

This special program is a continuation of Senator Ritchie’s efforts to support women living in our region. Alongside other local leaders, she created the Upstate Women’s Leadership Council, which serves to inspire the next generation of women leaders and increases opportunities for women’s professional advancement.

Senator Ritchie also serves as a “Delegate-at-Large” of the Legislature’s bipartisan Women’s Caucus. This group provides a network of support for women serving in the State Legislature and works to increase the involvement of women in state government.