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## Sen. Griffo, Assemblyman Brindisi again providing applications for college scholarships

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*Four \$3,000 Scholarships Will Again Be Awarded In June to Current Or Incoming College Students By The New York Conference Of Italian-American State Legislators*

**(UTICA)** – State Senator Joseph A. Griffo (R-C/Rome) and Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi (D-Utica) are again providing applications for the New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators annual scholarship for students attending college in the 2018-2019 academic year.

This year, the winners of four \$3,000 scholarships—two athletic scholarships and two academic scholarships—will be announced in May, with a formal awards ceremony to follow June 4 at the conference’s annual Italian-American Day in Albany. Applications are available by contacting Griffo or Brindisi’s office. Completed forms should be returned to either legislator’s office by Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

“From tuition to paying for textbooks, attending college can be a very expensive and costly endeavor for many. These scholarships can help to provide local students and their families

with a great opportunity to cover some of those costs. That is why I encourage area students to apply for these scholarships so that they can hopefully get some help with their college-related expenses”, **said Senator Griffo.**

“These scholarships are an outstanding opportunity for students to get some help with the cost of a college education. I encourage anyone who is in college, or starting college this fall to complete the application available from my office. I always encourage students and their families to take every opportunity to reduce the financial burden of attending college, including utilizing scholarships such as this one; financial aid; and student loan programs,” **said Assemblyman Brindisi.**

Applicants for either scholarship are being asked to demonstrate a grade point average of 85 or above; financial need; participation in community service and school activities; and good conduct, and the willingness to pursue a higher education degree. Students should reside in Griffo or Brindisi’s legislative district and be attending college in the 2018-2019 school year.

Griffo and Brindisi are both active members of the Conference of Italian-American State Legislators. Griffo is a Past President of the organization, and Brindisi serves on this year’s Executive Committee. The Conference works to highlight Italian-American contributions to the State in areas including literature, the arts, politics, and architecture, and to work to dispel negative stereotypes of Italian-Americans.

Area students may request an application by calling Griffo’s office at (315) 793-9072, or Brindisi’s office at (315) 732-1055.

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