Senator Helming Honors Eight Students As Outstanding Youth Leaders

SENATOR PAM HELMING   June 6, 2018

MACEDON – Senator Pam Helming recognized eight Wayne-Finger Lakes region high school students who received New York State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Awards during a ceremony at the Macedon Town Hall on Friday, June 1. A total of 14 students representing eight local school districts earned this prestigious honor for their outstanding student leadership and achievement in academics, athletics, arts, and community service. Attending the ceremony were Natalie Acquista, of Newark; Shealyn Shattuck, of North-Rose Wolcott; Aubrey O'Brien, of Waterloo; Ashley Ross, of Waterloo; Rolando Huertas II, of Geneva;

Douglas Bates, of Waterloo; Payton Clingerman, of Waterloo; and Mary Nila, of Auburn, who accepted the award on behalf of her sister, Jenna. Also receiving awards were Amari Grady, of Sodus; Braeden Bierwiler, of South Seneca; Jahmar Malloy, of Sodus; Daniel Mares, of Sodus; Kathryn Smith, of Red Creek; and Lauren Dupre, of Auburn.

"It was a true pleasure to recognize these wonderful high school students and honor their outstanding achievements. I also enjoyed meeting the teachers and administrators who nominated them for this prestigious award as well as their superintendents who see their terrific work firsthand and their parents who raised such amazing young men and women. When I read these students' accomplishments and see all they have done and plan to do, I know our future is in good hands with this next generation of exemplary leaders. Our region is home to many outstanding young leaders who are deeply involved in their communities and serve as role models to their peers, and they possess exceptional leadership qualities and the determination to make a difference in the future success of our communities. I am encouraged by the talent, academic excellence, and outstanding community service of so many young adults, and I wish them all much success in all of their future endeavors," Senator Helming said.