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Griffo presents New York State Senate Commendation Awards

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New York State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-I-C-Rome, today presented New York State Commendation Awards to several community members during a ceremony at Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute in Utica.

The award is one way the Senate recognizes exceptional people who have made a lasting contribution to their community.

Those honored today included:

- Karen Carey, market president and chief revenue officer of Townsquare Media in the greater Utica region.
- Tom Clark, president of Mac-Clark Restaurants.
- Adolfo Cova, radio personality and Latino community advocate.
- Donna Donovan, retired president and publisher of the Observer-Dispatch.
- Frank Giotto, founder and president of Fiber Instrument Sales.
- Dr. Ajay Goel, local physician.

- Dietra Harvey, community advocate.
- Judy Ingalls, Boilermaker Road Race special events director.
- Sal Longo, founder and CEO of Northern Safety and Industrial.
- Howard Mettelman, retired superintendent of the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES.
- Della Pray, U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant and JRTOC instructor.
- Tom Sinnott, president of the Bank of Utica.
- Rick Wertz, radio personality who served as news director at WKAL in Rome.

“The individuals honored today deserve to be recognized for the exceptional work that they do in their communities and throughout the region,” Sen. Griffo said. “Each honoree has shown remarkable commitment and dedication to making the Mohawk Valley a better place for all.”

Honorees received a personalized plaque, commendation coin and certificate as part of the ceremony.

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