






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**NYS Senator Dean Murray Recognizes Debbie Metz as his 2024
 NYS Senate "Women of Distinction" Honoree**



(L to R: NYS Senator Dean Murray and Debbie Metz
 2024 NYS Senate Women of Distinction)



(Pictured with NYS Senator Dean Murray Women of Distinction Debbie Metz are family and volunteer members of the Mastic Sports Club Kyle Sports for Special Needs)

(Moriches, NY) – In May of this year at an Albany ceremony, NYS Senator Dean Murray honored Debbie Metz as his 2024 “Women of Distinction” honoree. Recently, at the AMBUCS Adaptive Bike Event in Moriches, New York, the Senator had the opportunity to present Debbie with a NYS Senate proclamation in the presence of her family and friends.

Ms. Metz founded the Mastic Sports Club (MSC) Kyle Sports for Special Needs 14 years ago alongside her grandson Kyle Meier. MSC Kyle Sports is an inclusion sports program for children with special needs and disabilities ages three to twenty-one. Her grandson was born with multiple physical disabilities which have prevented him to grow at a typical rate. Together they have created a program and atmosphere where children feel loved and accepted and have the freedom to play sports in a stress-free environment that gives them a chance to experience barrier-free play, to be part of a team or just the opportunity to play alongside their peers. Debbie continues to partner with her community, local elected officials and nearby schools to meet needs such as building adaptive playgrounds in her area. Her next initiative is to secure adaptive bikes for the schools at the William Floyd School District so the children can have easier access to them during the bi-monthly meetups at the middle school.

In her own words, “Empower, enjoy and embrace your children and give them the opportunity to open all the doors to inclusion sports. Spark their interest, motivate their minds, stimulate their hearts, and watch the smiles on their faces.”

“Debbie Metz represents the best of what New York State seeks to honor in this annual program and is why she is my 2024 “Women of Distinction” honoree,” said **NYS Senator Dean Murray, 3rd Senate District.**

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