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Legislator Anker Recognizes Rocky Point Student for Award Winning Essay



Legislator Anker joins the Rocky Point VFW and school administrators in presenting an honorary VFW jacket to essay winner TJ Strazzeri.

ROCKY POINT, NY; May 2014– On Thursday, May 8th, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker joined the Rocky Point Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Rocky Point School District in recognizing high school senior TJ Strazzeri for his award winning audio-essay.

TJ placed first in the county and second statewide in the Veterans of Foreign Wars *Voice of Democracy* scholarship competition. The competition requires students to record themselves speaking about a specific theme. This year's theme was "Why I am Optimistic about the Future of Our Nation". In recognition of his accomplishments, Rocky Point VFW Commander presented TJ with a check for a partial scholarship and a VFW member jacket.

"I am proud to present a Certificate of Recognition to TJ and congratulate him on his achievements," said Legislator Anker. "Students like TJ remind us of what it means to be a leader and he has set a wonderful example for his peers."

Since 1947, *Voice of Democracy* has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, more than 50,000 high school students nationwide compete for more than \$2.3 million in scholarships and incentives.