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The Heckscher Museum Honors Senator Carl L. Marcellino Announces \$500,000 Grant for Centennial Restoration



(L to R) Town of Huntington Councilman Ed Smyth; Town of Huntington Receiver of Taxes Jillian Guthman; Town of Huntington Supervisor Chad Lupinacci; New York State Senator James Gaughran; New York State Senator Carl Marcellino (1995-2018), Town of Huntington Town Clerk Jo-Ann Raia; and New York State Assemblyman Andrew Raia.

Huntington, NY -- The Heckscher Museum of Art paid tribute to New York State Senator Carl L. Marcellino for his long-time support of the Museum and its mission. Senator Marcellino served in the Senate from 1995 to 2018, representing the Towns of Huntington, Oyster Bay, and the city of Glen Cove.

During the event, New York State Senator James Gaughran remarked on Senator Marcellino's commitment in his service to Long Islanders and presented him with a Proclamation. Town of Huntington Supervisor Chad A. Lupinacci applauded Senator Marcellino's long-standing dedication to both the Town and the Museum, and called him a mentor.

The Museum is proud to announce it was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Dormitory Authority of New York (DASNY), thanks to the endorsement of Senator Marcellino. The grant is earmarked for the restoration of the exterior of the Museum's nationally historic building in time for its 2020 centennial celebration. The DASNY grant will allow for the repair and cleaning of the limestone exterior, and a new roof.

"Art is the manifestation of our imagination and our values as a society. Thankfully, we can reinforce these values each time we visit The Heckscher Museum of Art," noted Senator Carl L. Marcellino.

Throughout his public service, Marcellino advocated for the Museum's work in arts education. In addition, Senator Marcellino has been instrumental in preserving The Heckscher Museum building, opened in 1920 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places (1985). His appreciation of the Museum as a symbol of Long Island's cultural heritage resulted in funds for the 2007 interior restoration and safety upgrades.

The tribute to the Senator took place during a preview of ***Long Island's Best: Young Artists at the Heckscher Museum***, The prestigious juried exhibition for high school students across Suffolk



and Nassau Counties is on view through May 19. ***Long Island's Best*** features 80 of the best works of art, chosen from more than 359 students entries representing 57 schools.

(Lto R) Rico Ford, 2018 Award Winner for Long Island's Best and currently a freshman at the Fashion Institute of Technology; Michael Schantz, Executive Director of The Heckscher Museum; Stephanie Renna, Smithtown Christian School and 2019 Second Place Winner for Long Island's Best; and New York State Senator Carl Marcellino (1995-2018).