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## News Briefs, Autumn 2021/Winter 2022

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### 2022 NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame

In 2018, NYSILC created the NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame to recognize individuals who have made lifelong achievements which positively impact people with disabilities in society.

Areas of lifelong achievement include: improving public policy and programs/services, advancing new knowledge and/or concepts, eliminating barriers, and promoting a positive image for people with disabilities.

To date, we have inducted 18 disability champions into our Hall of Fame. NYSILC is happy to announce the newest class of inductees into the Hall of Fame for the class of 2022!

#### Class of 2022 Inductees

Bernard Carabello

Susan Dooha

Judith Heumann

Sally Johnston

Janice Lintz

Our 4th class of Hall of Famers will be officially inducted during a dinner ceremony scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the Albany Wolf Road Marriott. The ceremony will be a hybrid event, so those unable to attend can participate as well, via Zoom.

You can be a part of this year's celebration by sponsoring the event, becoming an honorary committee member, donating a board game or other prize for our raffle, and of course by attending the event in May.

If you have questions or to find out more, please go to <https://nysilc.org/hof> or email Amy at [awink@nysilc.org](mailto:awink@nysilc.org)/ call her at (518) 944-8604.

Thank you – we look forward to joining you in celebrating our New York State Disability Rights champions!

#### Council Members

##### Executive Committee

Chair: Douglas Usiak

Vice Chair: Kathryn Carroll, Esq.

Secretary: Chad Eldred

Treasurer: Aileen Martin

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Esq.

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Tedesco, ACCES-VR

#### CIL Chosen by CIL Directors

Aileen Martin

#### CIL Representatives

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#### Advocates

Richard Beadon

Kathryn Carroll, Esq.

Beata Karpinska-Prehn

Cliff Perez

Jan Lynch

Maria Samuels

Crystal Rivera

John Zick

#### Organizations Serving

##### Individuals w/Disabilities

Aaron Baier, MPA

Brodie Enoch

Keith Gurgui

Meghan Parker

Marcus Johnson

Chad Eldred

#### Parent/Guardian

vacant

#### Youth Representative

Vacant

#### Other Appropriate

Individuals

Luticha André Doucette  
Cynthia Alcozer  
Yaw Appiadu, MPH  
Benjamin Davis  
Stephanie Woodward  
Yesenia Torres  
Chad W. Underwood, MPA

**Native American  
Representative**  
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**Business**  
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# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

NYSILC has completed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training. Council members and staff have learned a lot about themselves and what they need to change to be more inclusive. NYSILC has created a DEI committee which will monitor and facilitate changes.

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## Contributions:

NYSILC acknowledges the following contributors for their generous donations (from July 1, 2021-February 3, 2022). Thank You!

## Current Council Members

Denise DiNoto, Beata Karpinska-Prehn, Jan Lynch, Doug Usiak

## Other Individuals

Marieta Austin, Anthony Mignone, Beth Mount, Kathleen Van De Loo

## Businesses and Organizations

Albany Marriot Hotel, Finger Lakes Independence Center (FLIC), Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL), Western New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL)

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## Upcoming events/activities:

- **Next NYSILC Full Council Meeting -Friday, May 13 2021** from 10 am to 1 pm at the Albany Wolf Road Marriott via Zoom. Please visit <https://nysilc.org/council/meetings-calendar> for details.
  - **SAVE THE DATE!** Our 4th Hall of Fame dinner and induction event will take place both in-person and virtually at the Albany Wolf Road Marriott on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Visit <https://nysilc.org/hof> for more details.
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## Interested in a Pat Figueroa Scholarship for youth/young adults with disabilities in New York?

Visit the following web page for details  
<https://www.nysilc.org/programs/pat-figueroa-program>.



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