Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Benita Zahn to be Honored

Awards to be presented March 8 at the 112th Annual Dinner

The Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce will bestow its highest honors at its 112th Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 8 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, when it recognizes Dr. R. Mark Sullivan, president of The College of Saint Rose and Benita Zahn, anchor and health reporter, NewsChannel 13.

"Mark Sullivan's vision, business acumen and ability to involve and inspire others have not only transformed the College of Saint Rose, but also Albany's Pine Hills neighborhood. Benita Zahn is much more than a news anchor; she is an anchor within our community. She is always there to support the Chamber and other initiatives to move our region forward," said Mark Eagan, president and CEO of the Chamber, "We salute their unswerving commitment and unparalleled civic leadership."

Dr. Sullivan will be awarded the Envoy Salute in recognition for his vision, leadership and impact on the economic vitality of the region. Dr. Sullivan is the eighth president of the College of Saint Rose, having assumed this office in August 1996. Throughout his tenure at Saint Rose, Dr. Sullivan has advocated and supported numerous partnerships and alliances with Albany and Capital Region organizations and institutions, receiving praise from Mayor Jennings as "a true partner in helping to make our community more vibrant."

"I truly am honored to receive the Envoy Salute. The Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber is blessed with champions who share the visions and values that strengthen our entire region. I am especially proud of the College's role in our greater community. Together, we make this a great place to live, work, educate and enjoy the bounties of life," said Dr. Sullivan.


Zahn will be presented the Arthur R. Kapner Spirit of the Chamber Award for her dedicated support of and service to the mission of the Chamber. Zahn brings news to viewers on the five- and six-o'clock news, and also is the health reporter, covering issues on wellness, medical breakthroughs and latest in health trends. A strong community advocate, Zahn generously donates her time to numerous organizations such as Kelly's Angels, Ronald McDonald House and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer. Run, to name a few.

"I am deeply honored to be recognized with such a meaningful award," said Zahn. "Arthur Kapner was a leader in our community who gave five decades of volunteer service to the Chamber. His commitment to the region and the work of the Chamber has helped our businesses grow and thrive in the Capital Region. I am truly humbled to follow the footsteps of such a great leader and those who have been honored before me."


The Chamber's Annual Dinner is the region's premiere business event attended by 1,000 Tech Valley business executives and civic leaders.

For more information on sponsorship tables and to register for the Annual Dinner, visit www.acchamber.org or contact the Chamber office at 518.431.1400.

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