

ArtsQuest Turn & Grind 'Brick Breaking'

By Sen. Lisa Boscola

BETHLEHEM - 'Brick Breaking' Another great day in Bethlehem was brought to us by our friends at ArtsQuest. There are not enough superlatives to describe what ArtsQuest has meant not just to Bethlehem, but the entire Lehigh Valley.

Standing beneath the iconic steel stacks, we're reminded that this ground has always been a place where big ideas become real. Steel once forged America's skyline here. Today, with ArtsQuest's Turn & Grind project, we're forging something just as vital: a future where creativity, innovation, and community opportunity are our raw materials.

Yesterday's groundbreaking was more than shovels and hard hats. It's jobs for our residents, classrooms for our kids, and stages for our artists. It's a home for makers and musicians, for entrepreneurs and educators—a place where the next generation can learn, create, and thrive without leaving the Valley they love.

None of this happens by accident. It takes vision, persistence, and partnership. To ArtsQuest and the SteelStacks team, to our local leaders, donors, unions, and builders: thank you for believing that the arts aren't a luxury—they're an engine. Thank you for proving that when we invest in culture, we invest in economic growth, in safer, more connected neighborhoods, and in the dignity of meaningful work.

'Brick Breaking' I am proud of the over \$8 million in state funding that has come over the years through different administrations and colleagues in the Legislature on both sides of the aisle. I see my friend Secretary Brown here and I am reminded of why the Lehigh Valley is so successful and that is because its elected officials are laser focused on improving the quality of life here and not playing partisan political games.

Bethlehem and so much of the Lehigh Valley look for projects that honor our past and lift our future. Together, we are turning and grinding possibility into progress and the end result will be a dynamic community space that will be yet another reason to visit this special place.



Supporting Our Mounted Police Force

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Senator Boscola Senator Boscola proudly supports the Bethlehem Mounted Police and was excited to hand over a check for \$50,000 in state funds to allow critical improvements for the Mounted

Patrol Unit. The grant provided necessary funding for the construction of a round pen—a dedicated training space which was designed to enhance the safety, readiness and performance of the mounted police horses and officers.

This round pen also provides a controlled environment for foundational training, conditioning, and skill development. The Mounted Police Unit plays a unique role in Bethlehem by offering a highly-visible (& approachable!!) presence at festivals, parades, parks, and simply while on patrol.

The 2026 Jonathan P. Antonioli Memorial Scholarship

By Kristin M. Harvey

PEN ARGYL - The 2026 Jonathan P. Antonioli Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Pen Argyl High School senior, Cayden Vishnesky. This scholarship is awarded to a student who most exemplifies characteristics for which Jonathan was known: kindness, selflessness, generosity, and the willingness to help others. Cayden has distinguished himself not only through academics and earning a place in the Honors Program, but also in leadership and community service. He was selected as captain for the varsity baseball, basketball and soccer teams, and led those teams with hard work and integrity. His compassion and desire to serve the community was the foundation of his dedication to the Buddy Club, the Special Olympics, Families First, Stuff the Bus and the Leo Club. Cayden has used his high school years to excel academically, and to provide support and be a source of encouragement to others.

Cayden Vishnesky will be attending East Stroudsburg University in the fall where he will major in Finance. The Antonioli family is honored to present this award in Jonathan's name to Cayden, and wishes him success in all of his future endeavors.



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