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### **DA McMahon Partners with Soroptimist International of Staten Island for “Dream It. Be It” Program to Provide Career Support for Young Women**

*\*\*Program provides teenage girls with access to professional role models, career education and resources to live their dreams.\*\**

Staten Island, N.Y. — Today, Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon announced the launch of the “Dream It. Be It” Program with Soroptimist International of Staten Island. "Dream It. Be It" is a career support program for young women that aims to equip them with the necessary tools to achieve education and career goals. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and resources to live their dreams. Career support includes help and assistance to pursue an occupation that will offer opportunities for long-term success.

**District Attorney Michael E. McMahon said**, “Equipping young women with the tools they need to succeed is essential for them to overcome different obstacles in their lives and find the pathway to a bright future. That is why I am proud to join our partners at Soroptimist International of Staten Island to announce the “Dream It. Be It” program, providing girls with education and career support to assist them in achieving their goals while staying safe and healthy. I encourage Staten Islanders to join us and take advantage of this helpful program, as we continue working tirelessly to always improve the lives of others.”

**Dawn Reid-Green, President elect, Soroptimist International of Staten Island said**, “We are really excited to partner with the Richmond County District Attorney’s office in offering this mentoring program to high school girls. We acknowledge that it takes a Village to help our children succeed and have a positive impact on their lives. This signature Soroptimist program and curriculum provides that support.”

The Soroptimist organization is an international volunteer society comprised of business and professional women who work to improve the lives of young women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Various members of the Soroptimist International of Staten Island have agreed to become mentors to the young girls in our community. As mentors, they will be providing girls with career support and advice on how to make their dreams a reality. The mentors, who come from a variety of professional backgrounds including law, teaching, finance, and business, will work directly with the young women to focus on their career interests and to provide first-hand insight

into each of their desired professions. The mentors will help to share some of the characteristics and methodologies that helped them to become successful.

The 7-week program is free and open to all Staten Island teenage girls looking to prepare for their professional future. The virtual sessions are set to start in the Spring.

To find out more or to register for the program email Jennifer Bollinger at [jb4587@yahoo.com](mailto:jb4587@yahoo.com) or Morgan Mazarella at [Morgan.Mazarella@rcda.nyc.gov](mailto:Morgan.Mazarella@rcda.nyc.gov)

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