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DA McMahon and Soroptimist International of Staten Island partner for “Dream It, Be It” for 2022 – A Program Empowering Young Women with Career Support

**A Program providing high school girls with access to professional role models, career mentoring and resources to live their dreams**

Staten Island, N.Y. — Today, Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon announced this year’s “Dream It, Be It” Program with Soroptimist International of Staten Island. "Dream It, Be It" is a career support program for high school young women that aims to equip them with the necessary tools to achieve education and career goals. It provides them with access to professional role models, career mentoring and community resources, empowering them 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, especially in today’s global economy, is essential for them to overcome obstacles in their lives to find the pathway to a brighter future. That is why I am proud to join our partners at Soroptimist International of Staten Island with the “Dream It, Be It” program, providing girls with the mentoring 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 important 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.”

A kickoff workshop will take place Saturday, May 7th, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm at O’Henry’s Publick House, 10 Minthorne Street, Staten Island. The workshop is free and open to all Staten Island teenage girls looking to prepare for their professional future, but you must register in advance. Lunch will be provided, and participants will be eligible to receive community service credit.

Registration for the workshop is available online at https://www.soroptimistsi.org/dream-it-be-it. The deadline is May 1st, 2022. To find out more or to register through a team member, email Jennifer Bollinger at jb4587@yahoo.com or Agnes McBeth at Agnes.McBeth@rcda.nyc.gov.