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Supporting Early Childhood Education

By Rep. Ann Flood

FORKS TWSP - It was such a joy to visit the Forks Childcare Center during the Week of the Young Child celebration with River Crossing YMCA. I had the opportunity to meet some incredible young learners, read to the children in the classroom, and see firsthand the impact of high quality, affordable child care in our community.

With more than 2,400 children cared for daily across the Lehigh Valley, our local YMCAs are not only shaping the next generation but also supporting working families and strengthening our economy. Thank you to the dedicated staff for everything you do. Our future is in great hands.



Meeting with Lafayette College Students



By Rep. Ann Flood

HARRISBURG - I had the pleasure of meeting with Lafayette College students during the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) Day on the Hill at the Capitol. This annual event brings students from independent colleges and universities across Pennsylvania to Harrisburg, where they advocate for their institutions and student aid funding.

Around 150 students participated in the rally last week, meeting with their legislators to discuss the importance of financial aid programs like the Pennsylvania State Grant, which helps make tuition at private colleges more affordable.

Rep. Robert Freeman and I enjoyed engaging with the Lafayette students, sharing our personal journeys into public service, and discussing the vital work we do for our communities. It's always inspiring to hear from the next generation of leaders, and I look forward to more meaningful exchanges like this in the future!

USA Today Names Bethlehem's Main Street the Best in America

By Laurie Monteforte

Bethlehem, PA - Bethlehem's historic Main Street beat out well-known locations like Salem, Massachusetts, Lake Placid, New York, and Cooperstown, New York to claim the "Best Main Street" crown in USA Today's 10Best Main Street competition. "Now the whole country knows what everyone who lives and works here already knows, Bethlehem is the best," said Kelly Ronalds, Director of Room Sales and Guest Experience for Historic Hotel Bethlehem.

The hotel's marketing team rallied a get-out-the vote effort. "Having won the USA Today Best Historic Hotel award four years in a row, our experts have a lot of experience with this and were very excited to support a contest honoring the entire community," said Historic Hotel Bethlehem Managing Partner Bruce Haines. Tammy Wendling, Senior VP of Bethlehem Initiatives for the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce said, "That's what a Main Street like ours stands for - community."



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