



SISU Empowering Others Announces 2025 Hispanic Heritage Celebration

A Night of Culture, Community, and Empowerment in the Lehigh Valley

By Isa Sanchez

BETHLEHEM, PA – August 13, 2025] — SISU Empowering Others, the nonprofit dedicated to uplifting underserved communities through culturally responsive wellness programs, mentorship, and advocacy, proudly announces its 2025 Hispanic Heritage Celebration. The event will take place Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Wind Creek Event Center – Monocacy Room, Bethlehem, PA.

This public event will celebrate the richness and diversity of Hispanic cultures through live music, dynamic dance performances, traditional cuisine, cultural exhibits, and inspiring speakers. Beyond celebration, this is a fundraising event to support SISU's life-changing programs serving vulnerable individuals, youth, and families across the Lehigh Valley.

Proceeds from the event will support SISU's M.A.T.H. Method initiatives:

- Mentorship – Guiding individuals toward education, career, and personal growth
- Advocacy – Elevating voices of the underserved to access vital resources
- Transportation – Removing barriers to employment, health-care, and education
- Housing – Assisting those in crisis with referrals and transitional resources

These programs serve individuals, youth, and families, particularly those who are vulnerable, homeless, formerly incarcerated, or living with HIV.



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Welcome Home to Troopers Perechinsky and Jenkins

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Last week, in a horrific act of violence, two Pennsylvania State Troopers were shot in the line of duty in Susquehanna County. This disturbing incident serves as a powerful reminder of the dangers our law enforcement officers face each and every day.

By the grace of God, Troopers William Jenkins and Joseph Perechinsky are now on the road to recovery after being discharged from the hospital earlier this week. Their strength, resilience, and courage speak volumes about the caliber of those who serve and protect our communities.

To Trooper Jenkins and Trooper Perechinsky – your bravery, sacrifice, and willingness to run toward danger in moments of crisis make you heroes in every sense of the word.



STATE BUDGET PASSED BY SENATE



Senate Advances Responsible Spending Plan to Fund Critical Needs

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Counties, school districts, hospitals and others would receive critical funding from the commonwealth immediately under a bill approved by the Senate.

As budget negotiations and policy discussions continue on a 2025-26 state budget, the Senate took action last night and approved a reasonable bill to provide immediate funding to counties, school districts, hospitals and others to ensure operations continue. If the House approves the legislation, the state can start disbursing \$47.6 billion without the need for any new taxes.

This plan takes a sensible approach while budget negotiations are still ongoing. It ensures vital funding flows to the people and organizations who need it most – from our schools to our hospitals – without burdening taxpayers.

Passage of SB 160 marks an important step forward in this year's budget process, putting people above politics as budget discussions continue. Many of the line items in the budget are not in dispute, so this is a responsible way to ensure that counties, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, social service providers and other entities receive immediate funding to meet their fiscal needs.