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Community...

## LeadingAge New York Selects Ted Axelrod as Trustee of the Year

Ted Axelrod, immediate past Chairman of the Board for Jewish Senior Life, was recently awarded the LeadingAge NY (LANY) Trustee of the Year award. LANY President, James W. Clyne Jr., traveled from Albany to present the award to Axelrod at their June board meeting.

Through Axelrod's board volunteerism with Jewish Senior Life, he has made a significant impact on the community, enabling Jewish Senior Life to transform care and redefine what home means for our community's elders.

Axelrod has volunteered for Jewish Senior Life in a board capacity for more than five years — but his volunteer work with the organization dates back to his childhood, where he volunteered alongside his mother, Shirley.

First elected to the board in 2010, Ted served in numerous roles across a variety of committees and task forces before becoming Chairman in 2014. Ted led a governance consolidation task force which combined five boards across the organization with fifty board members, into one board with thirty board members — significantly streamlining governance. This initiative enabled the organization to operate



more efficiently and serve the community more effectively.

While he was Chairman of the Board, Ted's leadership was instrumental in the advancement of a campus plan, transforming long term care by incorporating the Green House® model. More than 100 long-term care residents will live in small-home households — and the Jewish Home building will incorporate the Green House concept as well.

Ted co-leads the capital campaign supporting the campus plan along with the Board Chair of the Jewish Senior Life Foundation, Michael Haymes. "I'm proud to be in the same organization with Ted, volunteering together to create posi-

tive change for our elders," said Michael Haymes. "Ted knows what needs to be done, and is pursuing that path. He's respected for his ability to work with people and make things happen."

Says Ted, "Jewish Senior Life has always been a sanctuary for seniors. People turn to us for exceptional care. This Green House® initiative is about creating an even better environment, not only for our residents, but for our extremely committed staff and caretakers. They don't just care for people... they care about them." This transformation

continues our pursuit of the most sophisticated, most comprehensive care in our area... making life better and more meaningful for residents, staff and the whole community.

"Ted has made a monumental contribution of time and effort to Jewish Senior Life," says Michael King, President and CEO of Jewish Senior Life. "His contributions have advanced our mission — to enhance the quality of life, health, and well-being of older adults, their families, and others in our community of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds and our vision — to ensure our community's older adults lead meaningful lives with choice and dignity." ✦

## Nazareth President Braveman Receives National Award for Excellence in Experiential Education

Nazareth College President Daan Braveman is the recipient of the 2016 William M. Burke Presidential Award for Excellence in Experiential Education. Presented by the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE), it recognizes a sitting college president who has made significant contributions to experiential education and exemplifies Bill Burke's commitment to college students through support of experiential education on campus and the community. The award is funded by The Washington Center for Academic Internships and Seminars (TWC) in memory of TWC's founder William Burke.

"I was surprised and embarrassed when I received notice about this award. My embarrassment is that the Award really should go to the Nazareth College community," said Nazareth President Daan Braveman. "From the College's very inception, our genetic makeup has been to create opportunities for students, faculty and staff to serve the larger community through our civic engagement programs, intern-

ships, service learning and other experiential opportunities. And members of our college community seize these opportunities. Indeed, our core curriculum requires some such experiential learning experience and the College has received national recognition for its engagement with the larger community. So, this Award is really a tribute to our entire student body, our faculty and our staff."

Nominated by Nazareth's Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at Nazareth College Nuala Boyle, she described President Braveman's work of establishing experiential learning on the Nazareth College campus by integrating it into his campus strategic plan, along with strengthening community-campus partnerships and implementing a new core curriculum that requires all students to participate in experiential



learning experiences.

President Braveman will accept the award at the NSEE Conference Awards luncheon in late September. The Burke Award consists of a \$2,000 scholarship that will be awarded to a deserving student at Nazareth College who is involved in experiential learning. ✦