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Education

- University at Buffalo, MA
- State University of New York at Fredonia, NYS School District Administrator Certificate
- Siena College, BA

Biography

A former US congressman for the 27th Congressional District and former Erie Community College president, Jack has over 40 years of experience in higher education and helps clients navigate the intricate and often complex issues that higher education and other community leaders face.

Jack began his career in the education field in the Orchard Park Central school district while working on his MBA. After five years of teaching and coaching, he entered a PhD program at the University at Buffalo with plans to become a principal and superintendent. These plans were halted when Jack was encouraged to enter politics and government, leading to his election as the Town of Hamburg councilman and town supervisor. Jack credits his work in local government as the most important training he received for facing challenges in the US Congress.

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- College Connection Board
- Legislative Committee for New York Community College Association of Presidents, Co-Chair
- Governor Cuomo's Hurricane Sandy Task Force, Appointed Member

Representative Experience

- Successfully delivered six-year appropriation funding for the University at Buffalo Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research.
- Co-authored and successfully approved an increase in the federal minimum wage through the Fair Labor Standards Act with Sen. Edward Kennedy.

- Obtained federal correction for the loss of pension benefits for WNY Carpenters Union members.
- Successfully led efforts for President Trump to approve $5.5 million in the 2019 Labor-HHS Appropriations bill for Parkinson's Disease.
- Approved the addition of widows benefits for the Federal Railroad Retirement legislation.
- Co-authored updated legislation expanding and improving the Montgomery GI Bill with Rep. Sonny Montgomery.

Prior Experience

- Erie Community College, President
- Cassidy & Associates, President
- US House of Representatives, Congressman for the 27th Congressional District

Selected Community Activities

- Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Board of Directors Member
- AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, Board of Trustees, Audit Committee, and Executive Committee Member
- Erie County Medical Center, Governor-Appointed Board of Directors Member
- Read to Succeed Buffalo, Former Director
- Catholic Health of Western New York, Former Director

Selected Honors

- University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education, Distinguished Alumni Award, 2011
- *Buffalo Business First*, Most Influential Business Leaders Award, 2012
- Compeer Western New York, Vision Award
- AMVETS, National Silver Helmet Award, 1996

Selected Speaking Engagements

- White House Summit on Community Colleges, Invited by President Obama and Jill Biden
- University at Buffalo, "Role of the United States in the Peace Accord in Northern Ireland"

Selected Media

- *Buffalo News,* "Jack Quinn's Fight With Parkinson's Inspires Others – and Could Do Much More"
- *Buffalo News,* "'The Intervention' Convinces Jack Quinn to Stop Hiding His Parkinson's"
- *Buffalo News*, "Taking the Fight to Parkinson's Disease, One Jab at a Time"
- *Buffalo News*, "Jack Quinn Takes Parkinson's Fight National on Michael J. Fox Foundation Board"