

Zaleena Schooler Named Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year 2025/2026

New Hyde Park, NY — The Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce proudly recognizes Zaleena Schooler as its Business Person of the Year for 2025/2026, honoring her outstanding leadership, professional excellence, and unwavering commitment to the local business community.

Zaleena currently serves as Vice President Branch Manager at American Community Bank, bringing over a decade of experience in banking, branch operations, and relationship-driven financial services. Known for her hands-on leadership style and forward-thinking approach, she has earned the trust and respect of clients, colleagues, and community partners through her dedication to helping individuals and small businesses achieve their financial goals.

An active and highly engaged member of the Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, Zaleena presently serves as 3rd Vice President and will officially advance to the role of 1st Vice President on January 21st 2026. She is also a dedicated member of the Chamber's Events Committee, where she plays a key role in planning and supporting initiatives that promote member engagement and economic growth. Zaleena is especially known for personally welcoming new Chamber members, supporting grand openings, and offering guidance to help businesses thrive. In addition to her leadership roles, Zaleena has successfully secured grant funding for the NHP Chamber and continues to actively pursue additional grant opportunities to further support Chamber programs and strengthen resources for the local business community. Her efforts have helped expand the Chamber's ability to serve its members and foster sustainable community development.

Zaleena is also a passionate advocate for financial education. She regularly volunteers her time to lead financial literacy seminars for young adults, empowering them with the tools and knowledge needed to make informed financial decisions and build long-term stability.

Beyond her professional and civic achievements, Zaleena is a devoted wife and mother of 2, who places her family at the very center of her life. Deeply family-oriented, she believes that strong families are the foundation of strong communities and leads by example—bringing the love, care, and values she nurtures at home into her work and service throughout the business community.

Guided by integrity, compassion, and a genuine desire to make a positive impact, Zaleena Schooler continues to be a driving force for growth, opportunity, and connection within the Greater New Hyde Park community.