

Rick Gallant

Rick Gallant has been a teacher and a coach for the past thirty-eight years, the last eighteen in the Corning-Painted Post School District. In addition to that, he has been a sportswriter, and a business owner. Rick is running for Congress because he believes the current representative does not represent the interests of his constituents.

Rick comes from a family of teachers. His mom and dad were teachers, his wife, Amy, just retired as an elementary classroom and art teacher. He has two adult daughters, Nancy and Megan.

Rick believes that all people deserve a chance to succeed and prosper. He supports Medicare for all. Quality health care is a right. People should not have to choose between seeing a doctor and feeding their family.

Everyone that qualifies should have the opportunity to attend public in-state colleges, trade and technical colleges at no cost. He believes that those who wish to go other places should be able to get zero interest loans to do so.

Rick believes that a woman's reproductive choices are her own. She should have all possible options available. In addition, she should have access to pre-natal care, and post-natal care for no cost to her.

Rick believes that kids need to have every opportunity to succeed. They need supports if they learn differently. Kids need before and after school programs. We need to maintain free or reduced meal programs for kids. Kids also need to have the opportunity to see psychologists, social workers or guidance counselors in school.

Rick believes that we need to have an immigration system that welcomes those that want to come to America to give themselves or their families a chance for a better life. Kids that have been brought here through no choice of their own need a path to citizenship, and a chance to continue on the productive paths they have chosen.

Rick believes that jobs are created from the ground up, not the top down. We need to encourage the entrepreneurs who are starting businesses with a chance to make it by giving them incentives. We need to create jobs with money that fixes our roads, bridges, water, and sewer systems that will give our trained workers quality, union jobs.

Rick has been a union member for thirty-eight years. He currently serves on the New York State United Teachers board of directors, and represents almost one hundred fifty school districts in the New York 23rd. He knows the communities, knows the people, and knows what we need in the district.

Rick has the grounded, well-rounded experiences needed to represent us. He will not put corporate, or Washington interests ahead of ours. Elect a person of the people to represent the people.