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Suffolk County Legislators Rob Trotta and William Spencer Congratulate Paralympic Gold Winner Mikey Brannigan



Paralympic Gold Medal winner Mikey Brannigan is pictured wearing his gold medal next to his parents and with Legislators William Spencer (left) and Rob Trotta (right).

(Smithtown, NY)...East Northport resident and 2015 Northport High School graduate, Mikey Brannigan was recognized by Legislators Rob Trotta and William Spencer at the Suffolk County Legislature for winning the Paralympic gold medal in the 1500 meters for Team USA at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, where he won the race in 3:71.73. Brannigan, who is autistic, competed in the T20 category, which is designated for athletes with intellectual impairments.

When Mikey Brannigan first visited Legislator Trotta in 2015 he ran a mile in 4:03. He broke his 4-minute mile at the Sir Walter Miler meet this past August in North Carolina where he finished seventh in 3:57.58, becoming the first person with a T20 Paralympic classification to break the 4:00 time.

Mikey Brannigan was a star member of Northport's Cross Country Track team and was named the Health Education Student of the Month. He was also featured in the February 2015 issue of Sports Illustrated as its High School Athlete of the Month. He and other US Olympians rode a float during the 90th Macy Day Parade on Thanksgiving Day.

Legislator Trotta congratulated Mikey Brannigan on his winning the gold and for breaking the 4:00 minute mile. “I hope that your drive and determination will be emulated by young people and adults throughout the world. I am so proud of you,” said Legislator Rob Trotta.