

**LIFOCUS****■ Not For Profit Ones to Watch****JOANI MADARASH****Joani Madarash****Co-President, School-Business Partnerships  
of Long Island**

In her role with the Kings Park-based organization, Madarash works to link schools and businesses in Long Island with the goal of creating an educated workforce. Her organization sponsors and manages the FIRST Robotics Competition and FIRST Lego League events for local students. Madarash began her career providing vocational rehabilitation for individuals with disabilities. She went on to serve as professional development/events coordinator and marketing manager for the research and training division of Abilities! in Albertson, where she rose to the position of co-director of the Smeal Learning Center. Madarash is also president and founder of accessLinx, a Smithtown production and event management company.