

From ceremony, to work, to (delayed) celebration

Most Decision-Makers celebrate the signing of their SDMA with family and friends, often with a special cake, a toast, or a glass of something fizzy. That's even been the case during the pandemic, where most signing ceremonies have been held on Zoom. This last Tuesday, however, Roman did things a little differently. His wonderful ceremony was in the morning—with Roman's supporters, including his parents, siblings and friends—mostly remote, but all thrilled and proud (and some a little tearful), congratulating him on his accomplishments and pledging to support him in making his own decisions, as the thoughtful, capable adult he is.

But Roman is also an extremely responsible young adult, so at the conclusion of the formalities, he informed everyone that he had to leave for his job at Mario's Home Center, the lumberyard, equipment rental company started by his grandfather!



Roman's family live in semi-rural Columbia County and Roman is entrusted with many important duties which he takes very seriously (he's also a great forklift driver, as he displayed in one of our SDMNY videos), no less so even if it is a very special day. Roman assured everyone, however, that at the end of the work day, he would celebrate, and promised one of his supporters, Tarcisio, who was attending remotely from Brazil, that he'd have a drink (Angry Orchard cider) for him. We hear that he kept his promise at a dinner with his parents, but a much bigger celebration is planned for late May, when everyone is vaccinated, with family and supporters traveling from Syracuse, Bridgeport, CT., and even Brazil!

So, congratulations Roman, and your supporters, especially mom Danielle, dad Peter, brother and sisters and other supporters, and SDMNY's own Jennifer Ivery who was their terrific facilitator. You all truly deserve a celebration!