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**MATTITUCK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY
CULINARY ARTS AT SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Selden, NY – Selvin Salazar, of Mattituck-Cutchogue High School, was the winner of a culinary competition for high school students held on May 6, 2009 at Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts & Hospitality Center in Riverhead. As the winner of this competition, Mr. Salazar will receive a two-year Culinary Arts scholarship and book stipend (valued at \$8,000) to attend Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality degree program.

The High School Student Chef Competition, sponsored by Long Island Chef n'Bar-B-Que, was created to support student learning, foster excellence in culinary arts and increase overall awareness regarding the level of culinary talent present on Long Island. Mr. Salazar has been attending the Eastern Suffolk BOCES' H.B. Ward Technical & Academic Center in Riverhead and currently works as a cook at the Laurel Links Country Club in Laurel. He will receive his scholarship award at the upcoming Long Island Chef n'Bar-B-Que Competition to be held on June 15, 2009 at SCCC's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.

Twelve Suffolk County high school students participated in the competition. Each student worked from a modern culinary work station and was given a whole free-range chicken, a dozen russet potatoes and a packet of asparagus. From these basic ingredients each student created an imaginative meal ready to serve in one hour. Current students in the SCCC culinary program assisted the contestants, providing whatever spices and additional condiments were needed by the young chefs. The final products were judged by four local chefs for taste, appearance, creativity, culinary technique, use of ingredients and cleanliness of work station, with points awarded in each category.

Mr. Salazar's winning dish was composed of pan-seared chicken marinated with salt, pepper, rosemary and cilantro served with garlic mashed potatoes and grilled asparagus. Yeny Matute of Brentwood Ross High School took second place in the competition and Kaelin Shepley of Eastport South Manor High School, finished in third place. Ms. Shepley, who has been attending Eastern Suffolk BOCES' H.B. Ward Eastport Technical Center, also plans to attend Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center in the fall.

Boasting 28,000-square-feet of beautifully designed space, the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center at Suffolk County Community College is already widely recognized as the premier culinary instructional facility on Long Island.



Photo Caption: Selvin Salazar, representing Eastern Suffolk BOCES' H. B. Ward Technical and Academic Center in Riverhead, was the winner of a culinary competition for high school students held on May 6, 2009 at Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts & Hospitality Center in Riverhead.

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling more than 23,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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